



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> January**  
**2024**  
**SECOND**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp-** Pat Willis

**Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 -** Theresa Walls – RIP

**Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2** PEACE

**Shrine Lamp –** Jane - sick

### Mass intentions from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**6pm:** Mick Lyons – Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** Matt Carr – Anniversary

**11am:** Ronald DeSouza - Anniversary

**5.30pm:** Pro Populo

**Mon: 10am:** Aurea - RIP

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Tues 10am:** Roger & Diana – Int.

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Wed:10am:** Dixie Chapman - RIP

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Thurs :9.45am:** Eulogy

**10am:** Funeral Mass Marie Shanganhoo RIP

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Fri: 10am:** Mary Dixon - Anniversary

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Saturday 10am:** Adam & Anna Werminski -Int.

**6pm:** Paddy O'Callaghan – Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** John & Cathleen McCormack -Anniversary

**11am:** Eileen Cahillane – Anniversary

**5.30pm:** Pro Populo

**Masses & Sanctuary Lamp intentions** can be booked online:

[willesden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesden@rcdow.org.uk) or by phone 02089654935 MASS

INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

and SANCTUARY LAMPS *from next weekend!*

### *USUAL MASS TIMES:*

*Saturday 6pm (Anticipated said Mass for Sunday)*

*SUNDAY 9am (simple said: Livestreamed)*

*11am (Solemn Mass with Choir)*

*5.30pm – (Traditional Latin)*

*Monday to Saturday 10am, & Monday-Friday 7pm*

*(No evening Mass on Bank Holidays)*

*Confessions: Tue 6.15-6.45pm & Sat.10.30-11.30am & 5-5.45pm.*



### "Come and see"

is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

When we find something of great value it's natural to want to share the good news of our discovery with our family, friends, and neighbours. When Andrew met Jesus and discovered that he was truly the Messiah, he immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news. Andrew brought his brother to meet Jesus so he could "come and see" for himself. When Jesus saw Simon approaching he immediately reached out to Simon in the same way he had done for Andrew earlier. Jesus looked at Simon and revealed that he knew who Simon was and where he came from even before Simon had set his eyes on Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name which signified that God had a personal call and mission for him. Jesus gave Simon the name "Cephas" which is the Aramaic word for "rock". Cephas is translated as Peter (*Petros* in Greek and *Petrus* in Latin) which also literally means "rock".

To call someone a "rock" was one of the greatest compliments in the ancient world. The rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was - the *Anointed One (Messiah and Christ)* and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

*Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will in all things.*

*Refreshments after the 9am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Come, and join us*

*Sponsor an Organ Pipe as a gift.* Beautiful Cards available that pay for a pipe to be restored in the Organ. £25 per Pipe, with a card you can give at a token. Available from the Repository or Parish Office.

**ONLINE:**

*Children's Liturgy:* <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

*Livestream Mass:* <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden> or the *Willesden Shrine* Facebook Page. 9am Sunday.

*Sign up to e-alerts from the Parish* to receive news, updates and the weekly Newsletter directly to your email!

Go to the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden>

**Parish Offerings:**

Weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January £1,358.83 Shrine Restoration £76.04 Organ Fund: £25.00. Crib £97.11

*Many thanks to all who support the ministry and mission of our Parish.*

**GAS ENGINEERS IN CHURCH ON Monday and Tuesday of this week**, hopefully completing the extension of the heating system to the Shrine Chapel and the Sacristy. Masses will be celebrated in the Marian Hall, and the church will be closed to enable them to do this work.

**Welcome on Pilgrimage** On Wednesday afternoon we welcome a group of 100 students and staff from the La Sainte Union Catholic School in Highgate; they will arrive at 1pm and Mass will be offered at 2pm.

**27<sup>th</sup> January, Annual Mission Appeal.** At masses on the weekend of the 26/27<sup>th</sup> there will be a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Fathers by Fr Pat O'Bierne.

**Warm Welcome Space.** We have all experienced the bitterly cold weather at the end of November, and we should soon be opening the Warm Welcome space which we offered last year. Westminster Caritas have doubled the grant they gave the parish last year to assist with heating the Marian Hall, but we need the resource of people to help host the Space. As last year we propose to offer two 3 hour sessions a week, on Thursdays and Saturdays, and at least to offer a warm space, companionship, and refreshment. There may be some other resources to offer too.... But in the first place we need volunteers (it doesn't have to be every week). If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheets available today, and the coordinating group will soon contact you. *"Whatever you do to one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you do for me"*.

**Crib Offerings,** As usual, will be given to the Catholic Childrens Society for their work with vulnerable families.

**The Repository** has in stock: Calendars and diaries. Also Rosaries, Prayer leaflets, and Medals including Our Lady of Willesden, and also the Organ Fund *Gift of a Pipe* Cards.

**Parish Obits: Marie Shanganhoo RIP:** 9.45am Eulogy and 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, followed by Committal at S. Mary's Cemetery.

**Parish Poor Box.** As the year ends the Parish Finance Committee has allocated the following donations from the balance of your generous donations to the Poor Box this last year. On your behalf, a donation of £500 has been made to each of the following Charities: Aid to the Church in Need, Good Counsel Network, Cardinal Hume Centre, The Passage, Acton Homeless Concern.

**Fire Warden Training.** The Diocese requires that each parish has a number of Fire Wardens to assist in the evacuation of the church buildings if such a need arises during times of worship. An updated training session will be held at S. Mary Magdalen's, Willesden Green on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at from 7 – 8 pm for local parishes. It would be good if we could have at least 2 volunteers from every weekend Mass to attend. Please sign up on the Green Notice Board at the back of church if you are able to attend. Thankyou.

**Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Communion:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.55am in the Marian Hall.

**Confirmation** Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 6pm in Marian Hall.

**Adult Preparation for the Sacraments** Initial Meeting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm in the Presbytery (please let Fr Stephen or Fr William know if you wish to attend, or even if you cannot, but would like to be prepared for the Sacraments)

***FR STEPHEN & FR WILLIAM THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GIFTS AND GREETINGS, AND WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR***