



SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

1, NICOLL RD, LONDON, NW10 9AX.

Tel: 0208 965 4935 email: [willesden@rcdow.org.uk/](mailto:willesden@rcdow.org.uk)

Website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden>

Rector and Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Willis.

Assistant Priest: Fr William Johnstone.

Parish Secretary: Karen Toole: Safeguarding: Sylvia Vernon.

**PARISH
NEWSLETTER
28th January
2024
FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**

Lamp intentions this week:

Sacred Heart Lamp- Pat Willis

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 - Theresa Walls – RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 Leesha Charles

Shrine Lamp – The Sick in our Parish Community

Mass intentions from Saturday 28th January 2024

6pm: Lily Tomany – Anniversary

Sunday 9am: Pro Populo

11am: James & Bridget Doyle and family - Int.

5.30pm: Michael O'Beirne- Anniversary

Mon: 10am: Bertie & Sonnie O'Donoghue- CMB

7pm: Mary Horan- Anniversary

Tues 10am: M/S Malonga

7pm: Michael O'Sullivan -RIP

Wed: Savio Braganca _Int.

7pm: Patricia & Kevin Lambert – Int.

Thurs :10am: Desmond Leitao -Birthday Int.

7pm: Michael O'Sullivan -RIP

Fri: 10am: Patsy & Jimmy O'Donoghue – CMB

Midday :Pro Populo

7.30pm: Siobhan Cahill -Sick

Saturday 10am: Mary & Jimmy O'Donoghue -CMB

6pm: Mary & Kevin Gill- Int.

Sunday 9am: Pro Populo

11am: Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

5.30pm: Clare O'Beirne -Int

Masses & Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be booked online:

willesden@rcdow.org.uk or by phone 02089654935

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 3rd March 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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the shrine chapel on Tuesdays and Saturdays. It is a great opportunity to spend quality time with Our Lord present in the Holy Eucharist. Please do think about making this a regular commitment. Perhaps this could be a Lenten resolution this year. Pope Francis tells us that immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord. We cannot know Jesus without getting into the habit of adoring him.

Church law requires that there is always at least one person present when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. This means that we require a regular and committed group of people to keep Jesus company during these periods in the week. Is this something that you might consider doing? An hour or two during the week on a Tuesday or a Saturday would really help us to keep this wonderful devotion going in our parish.

The main thing is having people who can commit to a specific time and who can become part of the weekly rota. In recent months Tuesdays have been a particular problem when often there has been no one in the chapel. Saturday afternoons are also times when people are especially needed.

If this is something that you could help with then please add your name to the Sheets on the table at the back of church by the Green Notice Board. Obviously there are times when other things like holidays or an appointment means that it is not always possible to be here, but if you could **normally** be here, that's fine, and also why it is best to have 2 or 3 names for each half hour.... You can of course sign up to more than one half hour segment! This will then assist us in creating a rota of Eucharistic adorers. Remember the words of Jesus on the eve of his passion. Could you not watch with me one hour? It is such a small thing that he asks of us. But one which is crucial if he is to make his home in our hearts.

"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other,"

S. John Marie Vianney – the Cure D'Ars.

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on the 1st and 3rd 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 19th/20th January £1,027.18 Shrine Restoration £55.77 Organ Fund: £55.00 Crib £32.05

Funeral collection ML Shanghanoo for the Organ Fund £165.88

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

A NEW SVP Group for NW10 will be launched here on Wednesday 31st January, 6-7pm, in the Marian Hall. All interested in this important expression of our care for others in our community finding themselves in difficulty are welcome to attend, and hear of the new opportunities for practical assistance that are unfolding locally.

This weekend: Annual Mission Appeal. At all masses this weekend there will be a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Fathers, and we welcome Fr Pat O'Bierne to preach the Appeal.

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.

Sacramental Preparation dates:

First Communion: Sunday 28th January 2024 9.55am in the Marian Hall.

Confirmation Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 6pm in Marian Hall.

Adult Preparation for the Sacraments TODAY, Sunday 28th January at 3.45pm in the Presbytery

Lourdes Mass at Westminster Cathedral. On Saturday 10th February 2024, 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. To help plan for the administration of the Anointing of those who wish to receive the Sacrament, Parish Priests have to apply for tickets on behalf of their parishioners. If you wish to go to the Mass please let the Parish Office know which of the following tickets are requested, and contact details: Tickets are in three categories: Wheelchair users who require anointing; Walking sick who require anointing; Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

CANDLEMAS is the more commonly known name for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ/Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it concludes the Christmas Season. On 2nd February Masses will be offered at 10am, 12.45pm (Traditional Latin) and 7.30pm (Solemn). It is traditional to bring devotional candles to mass to be blessed.

The S. Blaise Blessing of Throats will be offered at the end of masses on the 3/4th February.

Help needed on the morning of the 3rd February to take down the trees and the Crib.

LENT is not very far away! Please begin to think about how you will keep the Fast. Remember, both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of both Fasting and Abstinence. As usual, we will have the opportunity of supporting Cafod, and Caritas, and the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated communally. This year there will be the opportunity of joining a **Lent Study Course** for 5 weeks, either on Thursday morning after the 10am Mass, or Thursday evening after the 7pm Mass

Masses on Ash Wednesday at 7am, 10am, 12.45pm (traditional Latin), and Solemn Mass at 7.30pm, all with the Imposition of Ashes.

4.30PM SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, CHORAL VESPERS & BENEDICTION