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**PARISH
NEWSLETTER**
4th February
2024
FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME

Lamp intentions this week:

Sacred Heart Lamp- Pat Willis

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 - Theresa Walls – RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 Peter Willis - Birthday

Shrine Lamp – The Sick in our Parish Community

Mass intentions from Saturday 3RD February 2024

6pm: Mary & Kevin Gill -Int.

Sunday 9am: Pro Populo

11am: Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

5.30pm: Clare O'Beirne- Int.

Mon: 10am: Dave Falvey -CMB

11.55am S. Claudine's Catholic Secondary School Patronal Feast

7pm: Cathy Danaher & Toney -Int.

Tues 9.20am: John Murairmart & family -Int.

7pm: Andrew Michelle Family -Int.

Wed: Ian, Sam & Clodagh -Int.

7pm: Paul & Hayley – Int.

Thurs :10am: Kathleen Carter -RIP

7pm: Harriott DeSouza - Anniversary

Fri: 10am: Kevin, Patrick & Toney – Int.

7pm: Jimmy Hawkins & family – Int.

Saturday 10am: Breda O'Shea & family -Int.

6pm: Nick & Eileen Harding- Int.

Sunday 9am: Harry Howse- Anniversary

11am: Pro Populo

3pm: Meath Association

5.30pm: Alana Masterson -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.



Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (c. 347-420), reflects on this passage:

“Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in His presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering Himself to us ‘In the middle’ he says, ‘Among you he stands, whom you do not recognise’. The Kingdom of God is in your midst. Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Saviour. See how costly is the compassion of the Saviour”.

Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in your personal life, family, and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: APPEAL FOR ADORERS. 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.

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>

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Tuesday Morning will begin at **9.20am**, and is attended by a Class from Newman Catholic College.

Parish Offerings:

Weekend of 27th/28th January £1,385.16 Shrine Restoration £91.89 Organ Fund: £218.78 Crib, (for the Catholic Childrens Society) £35.65 Columban Fathers Mission Appeal: £628.76.

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

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"*

Sacramental Preparation dates:

First Communion: Sunday 11th February, 9.55am in the Marian Hall.

Confirmation : Attending **VESPERS this Sunday at 4.30pm** (4th February); Tuesday 20th January 2024 at 6pm in Marian Hall.

Adult Preparation for the Sacraments TODAY, Sunday 4th February at **3pm** 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 (NO COST) 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.

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

On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Cake Sale for HCPT, the Handicapped Childrens Pilgrimage Trust, after Sunday masses next weekend.

Meath Association Mass & AGM next Sunday, (11th) at 3pm in the Shrine Chapel, followed by AGM in the Marian Hall. All Meathians especially Welcome!

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**