



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**  
**11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2024**  
**SIXTH**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp-** Pat Willis

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

**Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 –** Mary Howse -Anniversary

**Shrine Lamp –** The Sick in our Parish Community

### Mass intentions from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**6pm:** Nick & Eileen Harding- Int.

**Sunday 9am:** Harry Howse- Anniversary

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Alana Masterson- Int.

**Mon: 10am:** Ann Ryan -Int.

**7pm:** Mary Whelan - Anniversary

**Tues 10am:** Phyllis Oliveira -Sick Int.

**7pm:** Terence Breslin – Lately Dead

**Wed: 7am:** Pro Populo

**10am:** Helen Delaney -RIP

**12.45pm-** Holy Souls OLM

**7.30pm:** Pat Donnellan – Lately Dead

**Thurs :9am:** Susan Shackleton - Thanksgiving

**7pm:** Ronnie Riddle – Lately Dead

**Fri: 10am:** Johanna & Thomas Maher- Anniversary

**7pm:** Catherine Gordon -Anniversary

**Saturday 10am:** Brendan Beirne – RIP

**6pm:** Tim Regan – Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** Leena Cardoso - RIP

**11.15am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Maria O'Beirne -Int

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well. How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

*Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion. Amen.*

**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 & 11am Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.  
Come, and join us in the Marian Hall.*

*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 3rd/4th February £1,440.65 Shrine Restoration £128.94 Organ Fund: £16.70 Crib, (for the Catholic Children's Society) £90.33 *Many thanks to all who support the ministry and mission of our Parish.*

Mass on Thursday morning this week (15<sup>th</sup>) will be offered at 9am (NOT 10am) Thankyou.

**Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Communion:** Sunday (Today) 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9.55am in the Marian Hall.

**Confirmation :** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm in Marian Hall.

**Adult Preparation for the Sacraments** TODAY, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at **3.45pm** in the Presbytery.

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

**SYNODAL PATHWAY 2024.** The Diocese has asked all parish communities to host 2 Consultation Meetings before the early March. News of this and the resources have only arrived recently, so please excuse the lack of notice! We will be hosting the Consultation Meetings on Sundays the 18<sup>th</sup> February (next Sunday) and 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Marian Hall at 10.10am in the hope that it will be easier for people to stay on from the 9am Mass, or come early to the 11 am Mass... or of course drop in if you come on Saturday or Sunday evening. *To assist in this, the 11am Mass on these two Sundays will be slightly postponed until 11.15am.*

The questions we are asked to consider at the first meeting next Sunday are:

Q.1: How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to:

▷those who have never heard of Christ;

▷those who have ceased walking with Christ;

▷those with whom we worship Christ (those who go to church)?

Q.2: How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

*This is an opportunity for you to make your hopes known, and be fed into the Diocesan Submission for the next Meetings in Rome.*

**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY.**

**MASS WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES WILL BE OFFERED AT:  
7AM, 10AM, 12.45PM (Traditional Latin), and a Solemn Mass at 7.30pm.**

Please begin to think about how you will keep the Fast. Remember, both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of both **Fasting** (which means REDUCING our consumption) and **Abstinence** (which means REFRAINING FROM –Meat, sweets, drink, or entertainments) .

As usual, we will have the opportunity of supporting **Cafod, and Caritas**; envelopes are available at the rear of Church. Cafod Lent Fast Day is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, when we are asked to give the money saved from our Abstinence to Cafod's work amongst some of the poorest in the world in a second collection taken that weekend.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated communally on Wednesday and Friday mornings and Friday evenings after Mass.

**Lent Study Course "We are bold to say"**, which centres on the prayer Our Saviour taught us; the Our Father, will be offered on Thursday morning after the 10am Mass, or Thursday evening after the 7pm Mass.

***Cake Sale for HCPT, the Handicapped Childrens Pilgrimage Trust, after Sunday masses this weekend. Just in time for a treat before Lent begins!***