



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2024.**  
**SECOND**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT.**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp-** Pat Willis

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

**Shrine Lamp** – Titilayo Akinwomni-Pedro- Wedding Anni.

### Mass intentions from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**6pm:** Pro Populo

**Sunday 9am:** Francis Fernandes - RIP

**11am:** Abidimi & Titilayo Akinwomni -Pedro – Wedding Anniversary

**5.30pm:** Catherine Killian & Family – Int.

**Mon: 10am:** Holy Souls OLM

**7pm:** Derek Blankley- Anniversary

**Tues 10am:** All parents deceased - RIP

**7pm:** All brothers and sisters, sons and daughters deceased - RIP

**Wed: 10am:** Mary O'Beirne – Birthday Int.

**7pm:** Eddie Dudley RIP – Lately Dead

**Thurs :10am:** Deryck Smith

**7pm:** Bernie Sheanor – Sick Int.

**Fri: 10am:** Ann O'Kelly RIP – Lately Dead

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Saturday 10am:** November Dead 2024

**6pm:** Domingo Braganca - Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** James & Patrick McCormack - Anniversary

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Patricia & Gerry Deery – 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 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.*



*Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory.*

A message Fr Stephen:

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

By now many of you will be aware that during last Sunday night the church was burgled. Looking around at the moment, you might be hard pressed to see any evidence, but sadly, it happened. After some diversionary tactics as the church was closed after the evening mass the Burglar hid themselves in church, and later began their assault on our property, which was only discovered on opening the church on Monday morning. They tried to break into money boxes, they successfully broke into the Repository and stole about £110 in charity (not church) money, they forced the doors by the pulpit, and then broke into the Hall where they stole audio-visual equipment, but failed to gain access to the kitchen, though causing damage to locks, bolts and doors. The worst attack was on the Sacristy where they took some time to break in; the lock buckled but held, and in the end they smashed their way through double panels in the door to gain access, and then rifled through all the drawers and cupboards. At present we do not think that they took anything more other than a row of church chairs from the Holy Souls Chapel! Of course, as things are cleared up we may find some other items missing, but it seems that their haul was not of much value in material terms to them. Much more expensive in terms of material value and time putting right is the damage caused which will run into thousands of pounds. After dealing with Police, Scene of Crime Officers, the Diocesan authorities, Insurance Company and the locksmith to make things secure, we now look forward to a Diocesan Surveyor visiting on Tuesday and Loss Adjuster on Thursday before we know the next actions to restore both that which has been damaged, and that which has been stolen. We will also be considering extra security measures to protect the church building, property, and community.

Many thanks for the kind expressions of concern and solidarity... and keep vigilant! *Fr Stephen.*

**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 Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. And the 11am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*** ***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 17th/18th February £1,182.17 Shrine Restoration £101.77 Organ Fund: £85.00

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

**Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Holy Communion.** Today, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9.55am in the Marian Hall.

**Confirmation:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 6pm in the Marian Hall.

**Adult Preparation for the Sacraments**, 3.45pm today (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>) in the Presbytery, & **3PM** next Sunday.

**SYNODAL PATHWAY 2024.** The Diocese has asked all parish communities to host 2 Consultation Meetings before early March. The second meeting takes place next Sunday, 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 will be slightly postponed until 11.15am.***

The questions we are asked to consider at the first meeting this weekend (Sunday) are:

**Q.3:** What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively? **Q.4:** What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

## **THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT**

**Almsgiving.** As usual, we have the opportunity of supporting **Cafod, and Caritas**; envelopes are available at the rear of Church.

**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.

## **PARISH LENTEN MOTTO: MERCIFUL, NOT MISERABLE!**

**Annual Mass for Matrimony** The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**SVP 4 NW10** The new Society of S. Vincent de Paul Conference for our area are holding an either or Session: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm in the Marian Hall. All interested are welcome.

**Warm Welcome Space. From Thursday 11.30am -2.30pm in the Marian Hall.**

**Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

**NEXT SUNDAY: CHORAL VESPERS & BENEDICTION AT 4.30PM**