



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDSEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER  
17th March  
2024  
FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT.  
PASSIONTIDE**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp:** Brid Hassett – Int.

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

**Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2** Catechumens & Candidates

**Shrine Lamp-** Pat Willis

### Mass intentions from Saturday 16th March 2024

**6pm:** Peggy & Johnny McEntaggart -  
Anniversary

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

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Dora Breen - RIP

**Mon: 10am:** Patrick Ross - RIP

**7pm:** Maureen Dike – Birthday Int.

**Tues 10am:** November Dead List 2024

**7pm:** Mary Ward RIP – Lately Dead

**Wed: 10am:** Austin – Special Int.

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Thurs :10am:** Michael Long -Anniversary  
12.45pm: Pro Populo

**7pm:** Catherine & Jacinta – Int.

**Fri: 10am:** Francesca Robertson RIP – Lately Dead

**7pm:** Sally Wilton – Special Int.

**Saturday 10am:** Teresa Graham – Special Int.

**6pm:** Conor McVeigh- RIP

**Sunday 9am:** John Harkin -RIP

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Michael O'Beirne -RIP

**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 29<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.*



How does God bring us into an inseparable bond of love and unity with himself? God is a covenant-maker who draws men and women to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. God established a covenant with his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt and brought them to his holy mountain at Sinai. "I will be your God, and you will be my people". But his people time and again broke covenant with him and did not follow his ways (Jeremiah 31:32) - "each did what was right in his or her own eyes" (Judges 17:26 and 21:25). God, nonetheless, continued to send his prophets to draw his people back.

When the prophet Jeremiah was sent to the exiles to offer them a message of hope and restoration, he spoke of a new covenant that would surpass the previous covenant which God had made. God intended to establish a new and everlasting covenant that would wipe away the sins of his people and open the way to God's throne of mercy and grace (his undeserved favour and blessing). This new covenant would be sealed with the blood of the perfect sacrifice that Jesus would offer to the Father when he died upon the cross to atone for our sins. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist prophetically pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, was sent from the Father in heaven to become a man for our sake so he could as man offer the one perfect sacrifice that would unite us with God and give us everlasting life.

Shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, Jesus announced to his disciples that the "hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (John 12:23). The Son of Man is a prophetic title for the Messiah recorded in the prophecy of Daniel. In Jesus' time the Jewish people were looking for a Messiah who would set them free from the oppressive rule of Rome. Jesus came to set people free from the worst oppression of all - the tyranny of endless slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Jesus came to bring us into a new covenant relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life.

## **THIS WEEK: IN CHURCH:**

Weekdays, **Rosary** in the Shrine at 10.30am.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesdays & Saturdays between the masses.

**Coffee and Bible Study:** Thursday after 10am and 7pm Mass (evening sessions only during Lent).

**Stations of the Cross:** after 10am Mass on Wednesday, and 10 and 7pm Masses on Fridays (Lent).

**Legion of Mary:** Sundays, 12.30pm – 2pm in the Presbytery.

**Church Cleaning:** Wed 8.30am-10am.

## **DURING THE MONTH:**

**Choral Vespers & Benediction** on the First Sunday at 4.30pm (Not May & October when Processions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

**Coffee in the Marian Hall** after 9am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, and after the 11am Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Ghanaian Catholic Association:** First Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.

**Nigerian Catholic Association:** Third Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.

**1,000 Hail Mary's:** First Saturdays, after 10am Mass, in the Shrine Chapel.

**SVP4NW10.** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm in the Marian Hall.

## **ONLINE:**

**Children's Liturgy:** Each week a short Liturgy for both Children, and Little ones. <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 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March £1,347.74 Shrine Restoration £96.31 Organ Fund: £25.00

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

## **Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Communion:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Practice for Good Friday Family Stations, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.55am.

**Confirmation:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Marian Hall

**Adult Preparation for the Sacraments,** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45pm in the Presbytery

## **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. Envelopes can be placed in the Collection Basket at and weekend Mass during Lent.

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

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

**Envelopes for Easter Lilies,** in remembrance of loved ones, to decorate the Shrine & High Altar with lilies during Easter will be available next weekend.

Additionally, there will be a **second collection for Easter Flowers** at all masses this weekend.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER CARDS** with times of the Holy Week and Easter Masses and Liturgies are available from the back of Church, and on the Webpage: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden>

**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).

**New Boxes of PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES available after Masses this weekend.**

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

**S. Patrick's Day.** As the 17<sup>th</sup> March falls this year on a Sunday, it's Liturgical Celebration is transferred to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> when both masses will be celebrated in honour of S. Patrick. Irish Coffee will be served in the Marian Hall after the 10am Mass!

**S. Joseph's Day.** There will be an extra Mass at 12.45pm celebrated in the Traditional Latin Form. This year S. Joseph's School will celebrate their Patronal Feast with an afternoon Mass in School.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To our Parish Primary School. S. Joseph's Goodson Road. We can now announce that, as a result of the recent Ofsted Inspection, the School once more has been judged to be OUTSTANDING in all areas of it's provision.

**2 & 3 Year Old Nursery Places - St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School**

Applications for admission to **Nursery Class** at **St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Goodson Road, London NW10 9LS** are invited for children aged 2 and 3 years old. If you are a working parent you may be eligible to 15 free hours per week from the term after your child turns 2 years old. Some will be eligible for 30 free hours (working parents) from the term after their child turns 3 years old. Please call to the school for an application pack and details on how to apply.

**The Legion of Mary** invites all to their Acies Ceremony next Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> March) at 12 noon, with Consecration to Our Lady, Prayers and hymns. See Poster in the Porch for further details.

**On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, 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](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)