



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**  
**24th March**  
**2024**  
**PALM**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**THE PASSION**  
**OF THE LORD**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp:** Katherine, Princess of Wales

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

**Shrine Lamp-** Pat Willis

**Mass intentions from Saturday 23rd March 2024**

**6pm:** Conor McVeigh - RIP

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

**11am:** Pro Populo

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

**Mon: 10am:** O'Kelly family -Int.

**7pm:** November Dead List 2024.

**Tues. No morning Mass here. All are invited to the  
Chrism Mass at Westminster at 12noon**

**7pm:** Catherin Jacinta – Int.

**Wed: 10am:** John O'Neill- Sick Int.

**7pm:** Felicia Solarin – Birthday Int.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** The Only Mass on Holy Thursday is  
the **7.30pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER;**  
Dean Blankley - Anniversary.

### GOOD FRIDAY

11am Childrens Stations of the Cross

**3pm: SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE  
LORD**

7PM: Stations of the Cross & Veneration.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 1pm Blessing of Easter Foods

**7.30PM PASCHAL CEREMONIES, VIGIL, BAPTISM,  
CONFIRMATION AND FIRST MASS OF THE  
RESURRECTION:** Pro Populo

**EASTER SUNDAY 9am:** Private Int for good Health

**10am:** Michael O'Beirne -RIP (Traditional Latin Mass)

**11.15am: SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER DAY** Michael  
Dempsey - RIP

**5.30pm: No Mass (Traditional Latin Mass at 10am today).**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and  
SANCTUARY LAMPS *from next weekend!*

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES:**

*Please check the Card available from the back of  
church or at : [parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden)*

#### **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.*



Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.*

***Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life***

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (*Tractates on John 51.3-4*)

***Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honoured as the King of glory! AMEN.***

### ***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 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March £1,162.67 Shrine Restoration £69.77 Organ Fund: £35.00

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

### **Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Communion:** Childrens Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, 10.30am for 11am Service. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 9.55am.

**Confirmation:** Tuesdays 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm in the Marian Hall

**Adult Preparation for the Sacraments,** 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45pm in the Presbytery. 12 noon Practice Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> for Vigil.

**Parish Obituaries:** Mary O'Beirne RIP – Funeral arrangements to follow.

## **THIS IS HOLY WEEK...**

**Envelopes for Easter Lilies,** in remembrance of loved ones, to decorate the Shrine & High Altar with lilies during Easter are still available: Please return by Monday Evening (25<sup>th</sup>)!

**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>

**Church Cleaning** Extra Sessions of Church Cleaning take place on Thursday Morning (No morning Mass) between 10am and 12 noon, and on Holy Saturday Morning (Between 10am and 12 noon)

**Easter Offering** If you wish to make a customary gift to the Clergy at Easter for their personal use, please use an envelope with this intention written on it. All Collections at the Easter Masses go to the General Parish Account.

**The Holy Places Collection,** which is traditionally taken on Good Friday, is the main source of funds for the maintenance of the life around the Holy Places. The offerings collected are sent by the Commissars of the Holy Land to the Custody of the Holy Land

**Servers** Please remember the Practices: Holy Thursday 6.45pm before the 7.30pm Mass; Good Friday 2.15pm before the 3pm Solemn Liturgy; Holy Saturday 12 noon - 12.50pm in preparation for the 7.30pm Easter Vigil.

**Confessions.** This week there will be an extra opportunity for Confessions: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6pm

**Clocks.** Please remember that the **CLOCKS GO BACK** an hour on Holy Saturday Night: don't be caught out on Easter Day!

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

**New Boxes of PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** available after Masses: Please ask Fr Stephen.

**WELCOME to Fr Paulachan, Kochappilly CMI,** who is with us until the end of April. Fr Paulachan is a Carmelite of Mary Immaculate, the same Community who have the care of S. Joseph's Parish in Wembley, and who comes from Goa. Please make him welcome in our community.

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE MARIAN HALL AFTER THE 11AM MASS THIS WEEKEND---ALL WELCOME!**

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

**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.