



## SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER  
21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024**

**FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER /GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
SUNDAY**

### Lamp intentions this week:

**Sacred Heart Lamp:** King Charles

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

**Shrine Lamp 1** – Joncy Braganca

**Shrine Lamp 2** – Ann Delaney

### Mass intentions from Saturday 20th April 2024

**6pm:** Anne Fogarty -Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** Kevin Carberry - Anniversary

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Williams Families Private Int.

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

**7pm:** November Dead List 2024

**Tues 10am:** Paddy Joyce RIP – Lately Dead

**7pm:** November Dead List 2024

**Wed: 10am:** Mc Donald Family – Special Int.

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

**Thurs:10am:** Holy Souls OLM

**7pm:** November Dead List 2024

**Fri:10am:** Holy Souls OLM

**7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

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

**6pm:** Ellen Lyons - Anniversary

**Sunday 9am:** Zeferino Rodrigues - RIP

**11am:** Pro Populo

**5.30pm:** Thanksgiving to the Auxiliary Saints

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May 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 know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

### *Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls*

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

### *Do you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls you to himself?*

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Saviour of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Saviour he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

*Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence.*

### **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 from 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April £1,318.10 Shrine Restoration £136.20 Organ Fund £8.00

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

### **Sacramental Preparation dates:**

**First Communion:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 9.55am. **Confirmation:** Tuesdays 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm in the Marian Hall.

**Easter Lilies.** Many thanks to all who donated for Easter Lilies in memory of Loved Ones. The Dedications are displayed on the Green Notice board at the back of church, and the donations have enabled lilies to be placed at the Shrine and High Altars throughout Eastertide.

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



**SOLMUNITY OF S. GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. After the 10am Mass there will be Tea and Scones in the Marian Hall as we keep the Patronal Feast of England.**

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE MARIAN HALL AFTER THE 9AM MASS THIS SUNDAY---ALL WELCOME! (Also, after the 11am Mass next Sunday)**

**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.

**Priest Training Fund** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **49** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year **3** deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese.

The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.



*God our Father, You give us the Sacraments as signs and instruments of your love and mercy. Draw from amongst your disciples in the Diocese of Westminster men who are willing to generously serve your Church as priests, to minister to your people and to proclaim the Gospel to all. Through Christ our Lord Amen.*

**MAY PROCESSION, SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 3PM. POSTERS ADVERTISING THE PROCESSION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE REAR OF CHURCH: PLEASE ADVERTISE.**