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JANUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

26 JANUARY 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Mass Times

Monday—Thursday:

9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
(includes Children's Liturgy),
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Friday:

One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):

7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

All over the world, many Catholics will be bringing their bible to Mass today. This is in response to the Holy Father asking us to observe today as The Sunday of the Word of God. Also, those who read at Mass will be blessed in this special ministry. The Pope wishes to remind us of the central place which the Word of God must have in our lives—it's not just for the 'professionals', it is for all of us to read and pray through.

You may feel a bit daunted by the Bible. It may bring back memories of boring RE lessons at school (they have changed a lot since the older ones among were schoolchildren). You may not know where to begin. May I may make a couple of suggestions? The first is do not start at the Book of Genesis and make your way through to the end. This was lies confusion. Instead perhaps read though a couple of the readings at Sunday Mass either alone or with the family.

There are many resources to help us read the Bible. You might like to subscribe to: Bible Alive (www.biblealivepublishing.co.uk) or to My Day By Day telephone 01782 213000. Either, or both, of these will help you read the bible confidently and prayerfully.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Patrick Lyons,

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Michael Redmond, Michael O'Shea, Francis Maguire

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Carr, Edward & Ann Ryan, Michie Dempsey

Those Baptised: Joshua George Edwards

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,924.14 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £3,501.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Ashford Place. The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place this weekend.

'The Sunday of the Word of God' 25/26 January. Today has been designated by Pope Francis to be 'The Sunday of the Word of God' an initiative that the Pope has entrusted to the whole Church so that "the Christian community may concentrate on the great value that the Word of God occupies in its daily existence" (Aperuit illis 2). To mark this special day, please bring the bibles that you use at home to Mass so that they can be blessed during Mass. Readers – please note – You will be re-commissioned during the Masses on 25/26 January for your ministry of reader.

Readers. We would like to invite all Readers—existing and new, to come to a meeting on Saturday 8 February at 3:00pm in the church. This is a repeat of the session which was held in December and for anyone who was unable to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to gain a deeper understanding of this very important role. We very much hope you can be there.

Lent Study Group will commence on Saturday 29 February 2020 and the following Saturdays thereafter on the following dates: 7,14,21,28 March and 4 April. The Lent Study Group will meet in the annexe at 3:30pm—4:30pm. There are still a few places available, please spread the word and ask anyone interested to contact the parish office.

Newsletter. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm— 8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Tuesday	8:00pm	Finance Committee—Presbytery

Readings at Mass

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10—13. 17

Alleluia Verse: Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12 23

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Patrick Lyons

will take place on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 12:30pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Scripture Road Show. All are invited to Westminster Cathedral from 30 January until 1 February to explore the Year of the Word in the 'Tents of Meeting' which will be set up in the side chapels, and view specially commissioned artwork around the theme of 'The God Who Speaks.' Resources, activities and presentations will suit all ages, groups welcome. For further details please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

St. Roses Chapel and Prayer Garden 160, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2 6BH, invite you to Adoration and Reflection every Thursday evening from 7:00pm—8:00pm. Please come and join for the Year of the Word 2020. On Sunday 2 February, The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, there will also be a prayer service for peace at the outdoor crib from 3:00pm—3:45pm. Please come and pray together for peace."

Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on Saturday 8 February at 2:00pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome. If you or someone you know plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let the parish office know by Friday 24 January 2020.

Journeying with the Bible. Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD are running a series of talks for the Year of the Word on the bible. The dates and topics are: 'Who speaks to the Bible? To whom does he speak?' on 28 January. 'Where does the Bible come from and when did it take place?' on 11 February. 'How do we know it really happened?' on 25 February. All will take place at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN from 7:00pm—8:30pm. Suggested donation is £5. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille* or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 28, 29 Feb and 1 March 2020 telephone/ text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.