

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,545.22 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for July amounted to £3,274.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Returning to Mass. It is wonderful to see so many of you returning to Mass. The Sunday obligation remains suspended; therefore, we can come and celebrate Mass on any day of the week. In order to ease the numbers on Sundays, you are invited to come to Mass during the week if you can, rather than on Sunday as the Masses during the week usually have more space. This way we can ensure we have space to be able to welcome everyone particularly those who are working and families as the new school term starts. Thank you for your understanding.

Can you help? As the Coronavirus continues, so too does our responsibility to ensure that our church is a safe place for everyone. It would be wonderful if more parishioners could see their way to assisting with the stewarding and cleaning. If you are under 70 and not isolating or shielding, and would like to volunteer please notify the parish office either by telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2020. An email from Monsignor Roger regarding the celebration of First Holy Communion was sent to all First Holy Communion parents/guardians in July. Thank you to all those who responded and congratulations to all those who have now already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. If you have not yet responded to the email, or if you have, and not received an email acknowledgement confirming your date, please do let Kathleen in the parish office know. If you are choosing one of the September First Holy Communion Mass dates the cut-off date to respond is Tuesday 8 September 2020. If you are considering any other Mass dates in this parish please notify us of your choice of date remembering that the sacrament should be celebrated by 31 October 2020.

Simon Drake is the official photographer at the First Holy Communion Masses in September. He can be contacted on 07858 519 771 or 020 8384 0629, email: simondrake1967@gmail.com or visit the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk.

Mass Intentions. To have a Mass said for a loved one's intentions is beautiful way to pray. Whatever their need, maybe for the repose of their soul, maybe an anniversary, maybe in sickness, maybe a thanksgiving, maybe a birthday or a wedding there are many reasons to have a Mass offered. It is also a practical way to support the priests in our parish through the donation (suggested at £10) for each Mass. Mass intentions can be booked by telephoning the parish office on 020 8451 4677 or emailing at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. Donations can be placed in an envelope and posted through the inner presbytery door or made online at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/donate/>. Please consider praying for somebody in this uniquely Catholic way. Please note that the diary for 2021 is now available for Mass booking.

Sister Evelyn Gallagher RIP. Some of you may have noticed the beautiful flower arrangements on the sanctuary today. These were placed by the Sisters of Mercy in memory of Sister Evelyn

Gallagher whose funeral took place here on Wednesday. May she rest in the peace of our God of Mercy.

Newsletter. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Wednesday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Elfriede Singleton will take place on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 12 noon followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sunday Reflections for September, are kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, for 'The God Who Speaks' initiative. Please see below the reflection for Sunday 6 September. For more information on the 'The God Who Speaks' in Westminster please visit the website <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>. Also, see the updated website for further resources and ideas <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Meditate: If we have learnt something from the lockdown is that we belong to a community and we need each other. For many people the lack of interpersonal relationships has amounted to the toughest moment of the pandemic. Jesus reminds us that we belong to each other and that we have a responsibility for the others, since we are part of a community on the way to salvation. Act: Think of someone you may need to talk to in order to encourage them. At times this might seem very challenging because we need to say hard truths, but we are invited to do it with courtesy.

Catholic History Walks September 2020. All are welcome and there is no need to book, just turn up! A donation of £10 for each walk is suggested. Wear suitable shoes and clothes – we walk whatever the weather! Social distancing is maintained. For more information and a full list of the walks please visit www.catholichistorywalks.com. Catholic History Walks are organised by an independent Catholic voluntary group and the walks are led by Catholic writer Joanna Bogle.

Readings at Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7—9
- Psalm Response:** O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.
- Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 13:8—10
- Alleluia Verse:** Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
- Gospel:** Matthew 18:15—20