

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1,257.49 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for August amounted to £3,066.00. Thank you for your generosity.

NHS COVID-19 App/QR code. Since churches have been allowed to open for public Masses in July, Test and Trace has been used to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Those who enter the church have been asked for their names and contact details or contact card number as they enter the church. From this weekend, we will introduce another way to register your visit, using the *NHS COVID-19* app available on [App Store](#) for iOS devices and [Google Play](#) for Android devices.

Once the app is installed on your device, you can scan the QR code you will see displayed as you enter the church using the app. Your visit to the church will be recorded and you will get alerted if you've visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus. Anyone aged 16 or over who lives in England or Wales can use the *NHS COVID-19* app. For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

First Holy Communion 2020. Congratulations to all our children who received their First Holy Communion on the 12,19 and 26 September. Please pray for them and their families now that they have made this big step in their lives as Catholic Christians. Our thanks must go to the catechists who have accompanied the children on this journey of faith.

Links to the photographs taken at the First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 12 and 19 September 2020 has been emailed to those parents. A link for the photographs for the First Holy Communion Mass on the 26 September will be sent early next week. If you have not received the email please let the parish office know. All orders and payments for photographs should be made online directly with Simon Drake Photography.

Registration for First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2021 is now available. All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above) and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above) next year (2021) will need to register [online](#). Please visit the parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/> and click the tab on the left hand side marked First Holy Communion or Confirmation application 2021. Please print off the application form, complete and return via email to willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. All donations where possible should be made online at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/donate/> if you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and we will arrange to post a form to you. Forms must be submitted no later than 12 noon on Friday 16 October 2020.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications. On Saturday 17 October and Sunday 18 October from 2:00pm until 4:00pm Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice form for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for some years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Monsignor Roger will see you on a first come first served basis.

Appointments will take place in the Sacristy so please come into the church at the step free access door by the Grotto, not Clergy House, and take a seat. Please bring with you a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for. The form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese of Westminster website at rcdow.org.uk or at the following link: <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/certificate-of-catholic-practice-1.pdf> Please complete the top half of each form before your appointment. Masks should be worn and please ensure you bring your own pen. Thank you.

St Mary Magdalen parish Prayer Group has raised £400.00 and sent the money to *Sisters of Charity* of St Vincent De Paul, Mill Hill. The money is being spent by the Sisters to help support their missionary work in the Atse school in Ethiopia. Thank you to all members and supporters for their very generous support.

Parish Office. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Parish Office will be closed to personal callers until further notice. If you have an enquiry please either telephone 020 8451 4677 or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. The parish office is open Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Catherine Papp will take place on Friday 2 October 2020 at 2:30pm followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 3:45pm

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

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12-15 November 2020 telephone or text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email: retemberrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Readings at Mass

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25—28

Psalm Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2:1—11

Alleluia Verse: If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28—32