

Parish News

Collection of 14 March 2021 amounted to £1,355.92. Standing orders for February amounted to £3,393.00. Thank you.

Lent Stations of the Cross, on Fridays, during Lent. Log on to *YouTube* at : [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#)

Holy Week and Easter Week programmes are available as you leave church today and posted onto our website. All of the Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses, and the Good Friday Liturgies will be simplified and adapted in line with the pandemic restrictions.

Please note that the Good Friday liturgies on 2 April at 12 noon and 3:00pm and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday 3 April at 8:00pm are fully booked. Please do not attend these services unless you have a confirmed booking.

All other Masses/events in the programme **do not require booking** and seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis.' The church will open 30 minutes before each event. When arriving, **please enter at the tower door of the church.** We do however understand that some will need to use the step-free access.

Masses will be live streamed from the parish as indicated on the programme. Services at Westminster Cathedral are also live-streamed online at: <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>. This year the Bishops' Conference discourages Altars of Repose in individual churches, and so the Cardinal has provided a diocesan online resource this year. From 8:00pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021, everyone in our diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane at: <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

Mgr Roger, Fr Mark and Fr Ruwan wish you and your loved ones a most happy and holy Easter. May God bless you all.

Easter Offering. The offering on Easter Sunday, as on Christmas Day, is one of the main sources of income, for priests in the parish. For those who support the parish by using the Planned Giving envelopes, you will find an 'Easter offering envelope', in your envelope box. Parishioners who support the parish in other ways, may wish to use one of the Easter envelopes, that will be found on the tables in the church. Those presently not attending public Mass, may wish to drop their Easter Offering into the presbytery letter box. Your support is much appreciated.

Holy Places Collection. There will be a collection for the Holy Places after the liturgies on Good Friday. Cardinal Sandri has written a letter to all bishops regarding this year's Holy Places of Palestine Collection which is to be taken on Good Friday in all churches in England and Wales (and worldwide). A report from the Congregation regarding the support given to the Christian Communities in the Middle East can be found on the parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2021/> which will help you to understand the scope and extent of the work supported by this collection. Please continue to pray for the suffering Church in these lands.

Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year 2021/2022 for existing users are available for collection from the Sacristy **after** Mass today. They will be given to you by a member of our Finance Committee. The new envelopes should be used commencing Sunday 11 April 2021. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and *Gift Aid* your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

St Joseph—A MAN OF THE GOSPEL. Our 33 days of prayer with St Joseph begin on Tuesday. To launch this time of reflection Monsignor Roger has recorded a *YouTube* welcome message: <https://youtu.be/M-FZKmCvRHA> (available from Monday 29 March). There are still a few places remaining, if you wish to take part, contact Francis Thomas, our seminarian on placement, by emailing: willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk or collect a book from the sacristy after any Mass. St Joseph, pray for us.

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen



Diocesan News

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless. It is raising funds through the Big Give until Wednesday 31 March to support 'No Night Out' a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work can be found at: www.passage.org.uk.

'Double your Donation, Double your impact.' This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be a company, individual or trust) gave £10, online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For information telephone Andrew Hollingsworth on 020 7592 1886 or email at: andrew.h@passage.org.uk. You can donate at: <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

CAFOD. Workshop online event takes place on Saturday 10 April from 11:00am until 12:30pm. 2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Book at: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/MP-meeting-training>