

Parish News

Collection 21 August 2022 amounted to £1,354.36. Standing orders for August amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

Work in the Church. There will be work on the church tower this week removing four years' worth of pigeon debris. It will start after Mass on Wednesday and may continue into the weekend. **During this time the tower door and the lavatories will be closed.**

Sri Lankan Collection. Next weekend 10/11 September there will be a collection after all Masses as Sri Lanka is currently facing its worst economic crisis in its history. As inflation continues to spiral out of control and with shortages of food, fuel and medicine for the country's 22 million people, the government of Sri Lanka has appealed to the international community for assistance. The Sri Lankan Catholic Chaplaincy in the UK has organized a fundraiser to purchase essential medicines for hospitals in Sri Lanka. This charity project will end by the 15th of September and if you wish to contribute towards this worthy cause you are most welcome! You can give through the collection, or if you wish to gift aid and donate on line, here is the link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sri-lankan-chaplaincy/>

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A new rota has now been emailed to you. Paper copies are available upon request.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications. On Saturday 15 October from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and on Sunday 16 October from 4:30pm until 6:00pm, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for **Secondary and Sixth form applications only.** Monsignor Roger will see you on a first come, first served basis. Meetings will take place in the Sacristy, not Clergy House. Before your appointment please complete a CCP Application form, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for (top half of each certificate should be pre-completed). Both of these forms can be found on our parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/> Paper copies will also be available on the table at the back of the church.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. The dates that Monsignor Roger will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for these applications, will be announced after the October half-term.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023. All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above), and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above), will need to obtain an application form, which will be available after all Sunday Masses, from Monsignor Roger on the weekends of 1/2 October, 8/9 October, 15/16 October and 22/23 October. Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.

Fully completed forms must be returned with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and donation of £40 by 12 noon on Thursday 3 November 2022. Please place your application form,

together with the donation (if not paying online), in an envelope clearly marked 'First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2022', and your child's name, and post through the inner Presbytery door. Dates, times and venue of both First Holy Communion/Confirmation sessions and parent's meetings will be provided once all necessary arrangements have been confirmed.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for these sacraments to consider volunteering.

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2022. For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

The Relics of St Bernadette are coming to the United Kingdom. They will be in our Cathedral from 3 - 5 September and at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on 28 - 29 October. There will be a further Mass of Anointing in the presence of the relics on Saturday 29 October at 12noon at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. This will need to be booked online at <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> Please also use this link for information and to reserve a place at any location on the tour.

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give. For prayer resources please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Prayer-for-Pakistan-floods>

The Brent Irish Advice Service (BIAS) hold weekly Social Groups 'Active Ageing Club' at The Trades Hall, Cricklewood every Thursday 12 - 3:00pm. Entrance cost is £5.00. On the first Thursday of each month they have live music. BIAS will be opening a second group on Tuesday afternoons 12-3:00pm starting on 27 September at St Mary's & St Andrews church hall, on Dollis Hill Lane. For more information please telephone Carole Fox (Active Ageing Co-Ordinator) on 07754 111 020.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 4 September 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Vallin Fernandes	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	Ints
	10:30am	John Guckian	Anniv
	12 noon	John Savage	RIP
	6:30pm	Private Intention	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Anthony & Martin Togher	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Sr Lily Costello	Anniv
Wednesday	9:30am	Andrew Prindiville	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Jospen Mendonga	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Anne Bagnall	Anniv
Saturday	9:30am	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	RIP