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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am

Weekdays
Mass Monday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm

2nd Sunday of Lent

12/13 March 2022

Saturday 12th March

5.30pm For peace in our world

Sunday 13th March
2nd Sunday of Lent

8am The Holy Father's intentions

10am For the people of Ukraine

Monday 14th March

9.30am People of the Parish

Tuesday 15th March

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 16th March

NO LITURGY

Thursday 17th March
St Patrick, Bishop
Patron of Ireland

NO LITURGY

Friday 18th March

7pm For peace in Eastern Europe

Saturday 19th March
St Joseph, Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patron of the Diocese

5.30pm Shane Finn RIP
(Ann Marie Murphy)

Sunday 20th March
3rd Sunday of Lent

8am People of the Parish

10am For vocations to the
religious life

Scripture Reflection: Jesus is the ultimate fulfilment of scripture

Today's gospel comes shortly after Peter's declaration of faith when he tells Jesus that he believes he is indeed the Christ.

Jesus goes up a mountain to pray. As he prayed his appearance was altered and his clothes became dazzling white. The three disciples with him saw Jesus in his divine glory in a very powerful way, confirming Peter's earlier statement.

The Father states who Jesus is and what his mission is as he echoes the words he spoke when Jesus was baptised. On that occasion God spoke directly to Jesus, "You are my son", but this time he tells the disciples "This is my son, "and uses the words "Chosen one". He informs the disciples that even though Jesus must suffer they must listen to him and obey him.

The Transfiguration took place in the presence of Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. They spoke about the passion and death of Jesus and what he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem which is further proof that he is the ultimate fulfilment of scripture.

Peter, James and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory and to listen closely to him, Jesus wanted his followers to understand that his role of Messiah would involve suffering and death, but this would not be the final outcome of his mission. Jesus succeeded because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we follow in his footsteps. *(MR)*

Visiting Priests

We thank Fr. Guy Sawyer, Canon Brian O'Shea and Fr. Frank Waters for saying the Friday night and the 3 Sunday Masses and Monday morning. All 3 Priests are retired and formerly Parish Priests at Harrow on the Hill, Grays in Essex and Wealdstone. This weekend we welcome Fr. Frank Waters back to all our Masses.

Lenten 2022 Message – "Lent comes providentially to shake us from our lethargy" – Pope Francis

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal is this year to help people on the margins live a life of dignity. Envelopes are in the porch for such, plus many parishioners will have received details by post of the appeal with details

on Caritas Westminster (the Diocesan organisation that co-ordinates the various charitable support elements). The Church is opened half an hour before Masses and it is suggested that Parishioners avail themselves of that opportunity for devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

Ordination of Fr. Jonathan Goodall

This weekend saw the ordination of our new Parish Priest Jonathan Goodall at the Cathedral. We pray for our new Parish Priest and his wife on this, their very special journey, and that we, as a parish family, welcome and support them, and grow together in the strength and love of the Lord. Fr. Jonathan's first Mass at St William of York will be on the Feast of the Annunciation – 25th March.

St Patrick's Day Mass – invitation{s}

Each of the visiting local Parish Priests have extended an invitation to Parishioners to join in one of their St Patrick's Day services. Invites received from St Joseph's, Wealdstone – 10am, St John Fisher, North Harrow – 7pm and St George's, Sudbury – 9.30am. *La Fheile Padraig sona duit! Happy St. Patrick's Day to you.*

Covid Arrangements at the Church

It is intended that we maintain the wearing of face masks and observe safe distancing for the good of our whole congregational family. If you or a member of your family have tested positive for Covid, even if asymptomatic, please refrain from attending Church.

Farewell to Fr. Michael

Our delayed Parish farewell for Fr. Michael, which he has asked to be just a Parish celebration, will now take place in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday 20th March. It will, as previously indicated, be an informal and joyous event of finger food and light refreshments, where we can all express our gratitude to Fr Michael for his years with us. Please speak to one of the hall committee if you want to assist or to contribute to the catering.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14 May 2022 at 3pm

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by Tuesday 29 March.

Readers Rota

<u>12 March 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>13 March 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>13 March 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding Prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		
<u>19 March 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>20 March 8am</u>	Rose Okosi
<u>20 March 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding Prayers Robert Chandler		
<u>26 March 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>27 March 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>27 March 10am</u>	Readings Ray & Alex Kulanthai, Bidding Prayers Monika Tabarrok		

Counters Rota

<u>13 March</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>20 March</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>27 March</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>19 March</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah
<u>26 March</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
<u>2 April</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza