

PARISH OF ST JOHN'S WOOD

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THE WORD OF GOD

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This Sunday - 12th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

the leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1 Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

MARK 1:40-45 The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Next Sunday - 19th February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ISAIAH 43:18-19, 21-22, 24B-25

It is who must blot out everything
2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22 Jesus was never yes and no: with him it was always yes

MARK 2:1-12 The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.



Parish Church of Our Lady

54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA

Office open: Mon-Fri 10.30-1.30pm

Regular Mass Times

Sundays: (1800 Sat.);

0900; 1030; 12noon; 1800.

Weekdays: 10am; (Sat 11am)

Exposition & Benediction

Sat: 1130 to 12noon

Confessions

Sat: 1130 - noon; 1715 - 1745pm
and by arrangement

Chapel of Ease:

Our Lady, Queen of the World

25 St Edmund's Terrace, NW8 7PY

Mass Times: Mon, Weds - Fri: 0800

Exposition 0830-Noon; 1500-1700

Parish Team

Fr. Allen Morris (Rector)

Sr. Brigid Collins

Resident: Fr. Clement Mukuka

Ready for Lent?

Lent is early this year - and maybe it has not yet become to feature on our radar! However Tuesday 21st is Shrove Tuesday and that day we will be burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday. **If you have any old palms at home please do bring them to church and leave them in the basket outside the Sacristy - that way we can add them to the fire to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.**

On Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 22nd February, Mass will be celebrated in the parish church at 7am, 10am & 7pm (and at OLQW at 8am). At 0845 there is a service for children from St Edwards and St Josephs.

What will you do for Lent? Do please take one of the leaflets prepared for our parish (Sorry for the typo on page 1!) That gives a number of suggestions for how we might observe the traditional disciplines of fasting, prayer and charity. One of the particular things recommended as a Lenten exercise is the reading of the Scriptures. This can be done in many ways but one especially good way is by reading and praying with the Scriptures read at mass during the season. These are conveniently collected in the *Day by Day* booklet for Lent which costs £1.00 and is available at the entrance to the church.

During this Lent there is a particular encouragement for us to think about how faithfully we live our Christian lives, and take responsibility for who we are and what we have. Like most Lenten exercises this is something we ought always to take care of, but in Lent we take special care. This year the Archbishop has started to introduce a programme in which parish communities are asked to look again at how we live our Catholicism and exercise our co-responsibility for the mission of the Church. We are not likely to take part in this for another year or so, but this Lent we look at some of the issues by way of preparation. These issues can come under the title of *Stewardship* - taking care over the good use of the things we have, and making sure we try to live in a way that is respectful of others and their needs, as well as our own needs. During Lent there will be three sheets - one for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. As with previous parish sheets these can feed personal, private reflection, but are likely to be more fruitful if you get together with family or friends and look at them together.

Welcome Lunch for newcomers - Sunday 26th February.

If you are new to the parish you are warmly invited to the 12 noon Mass on 26th Feb and to a shared lunch after. All other members of the parish are warmly invited to the lunch also - but should bring plates of food to share with our new friends! **Parishioners who came to the very encouraging 121 meeting last Sunday, and are not already set to work with other groups, do put this event in your diary and come and have some fruitful conversations!**

Music at Mass Over the past six months there have been a number of initiatives tried to help support and develop the music making at our Sunday Masses at 9am and 12noon. I am sure we are all most grateful to our present singers and musicians, but there is need for additional help and support for them, and encouragement for the rest of us so that our worship can be fuller, richer and more worthy of us and of the Lord. So we are advertising for a music leader to assist at both of these masses, helping with the music and encouraging the singing. Full details are on our website and the Diocesan website. If you would like to hear more, please contact Fr Allen

PARISH

READINGS AND PRAYERS for the Mass of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time are on p 137 in the Parish Mass Book. The Order of Mass begins on page 6.

TEAS AFTER 9AM MASS courtesy of Michelle & Hermina. Next week Joanna, Johanna & Ruth D.

ALTAR SERVERS NO REHEARSALS this Friday due to Half Term.

NEXT RECTOR'S 'OPEN SURGERY' Mondays 13th Feb, 5-30-6.30pm, and 20th Feb, 1-2pm

JOURNEY OF FAITH Next meeting is Monday @ 7.30pm, in the Jubilee Room. Bring a copy of the Gospel of Mark

PARENTS & TODDLERS; YOUTH MERCY ASSOCIATES; OVER 50s GROUP Half Term break.

MASS AT ADA COURT Weds @ 5pm

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

THE FEBRUARY INTENTION

For those who lack the basics in life, and especially fresh water

DAILY PRAYER

Begin each morning by praying 'Jesus I offer my day to you' - then live your prayer as best you can.

Find time towards the end of the day to review the day and give thanks and say sorry.

See leaflet at entrance of church.

100 Days for Sport and Peace

From June to August this year the eyes of the world will be on London as we prepare for the 2012 Olympic games. The Olympic spirit is firmly rooted in a sense of the community of nations and a desire for peace and harmony. There is much in this which finds its echo in the gospel.

During the build up to the Olympics, with your help, our parish will be alive and active, celebrating the gifts we share in, and praying and working for peace. There are a number of events already planned.

A week for Peace As already announced during the week of 23-30th June our parish hosts the Church's Olympics Peace Icon. There will be a range of events during this week including an Interfaith Concert; Masses with children from local Catholic Schools, a time of prayer with Christians of other traditions, and lots of time for private and personal prayer for peace.

Parish Sports Afternoon with family sports like 3-legged and egg & spoon races, a 100 metres run, and 5 a side football competition. This is being coordinated by Anna Fischelt for Sun June 24. We need help (Adults and children aged 11+) to organise the sports, provide First Aid cover (!), look after refreshments etc. If you would like to help please contact Anna on afischelt@yahoo.co.uk



THANK YOU to Bingo Club for donation of £300 to hall refurbishment fund

OTHER

CONFIDENT AND CATHOLIC: A VISION FOR THE CHURCH. Talks for Lent. Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave. Tuesdays 28th Feb - 27th Mar. Notice in porch.

JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE see www.rcdow.org.uk/jobs.

ARCHBISHOP'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Westminster Cathedral Sat 26th May at 3pm. If you are celebrating your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2012 you are warmly invited to this mass. If you qualify please give you details *in writing* to Fr Allen - husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number if no email.)

INTERESTED IN THE OLYMPICS? Aged 18+? Would you like to be involved in outreach work during the Olympic Games? The Joshua Camp is hosting and training hundreds of Catholics from around the world to serve at the Games. If you would like to serve or perhaps even participate in a leadership role pl contact Sr. Emma of Youth Support Team: sremmanolan@rcdow.org.uk. www.thejoshuacamp.com

TEN TEN THEATRE, A Catholic theatre company, are looking for more professional actors to join their company. If you are an actor / actress and interested in learning more about the company, please visit www.tententheatre.co.uk



ChurchAlive!

Over the weekends of 17th and 24th June, and 1st, 8th and 15th July we will be celebrating the Church Alive in different parts of the world. We have the Church in India and the Church in Iraq already on-board with a couple of volunteers. It would be good to have celebrations focussed also on the Church in African and South America and also Australia.

What does it involve?

- Well, there would be a shared parish lunch after the Sunday Mass - and it would be good for the meal to have a flavour of the region.
- At each Mass we might hear a reading in one of the native languages from the region
- And perhaps we could together learn a song from the area.
- We would also like to hear about the life of the Church there- the joys and sorrows.
- And we would arrange a retiring collection to support a local charity

To do all this well we need to get together a group of 8-10 people for each weekend. We already have the coordinators for India, Iraq and Africa - but they need help.

If you are interested in helping please see Fr Allen, sign up outside the sacristy or come to an open meeting on this Sunday, 12th February, at 4.30pm

CAFOD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Lent Family Fast Day Would you be available on Thursday 23rd February to come and staple CAFOD gift aid envelopes on to the newsletter ready for the following Sunday? If so please see Fr Allen.

CAFOD
just one world

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of those who have died . Please pray also for those who are ill, including Maureen Cronin, Margaret Daly Javier Cuevas, Eileen Farnham and John Balfe.