



NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.'



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony

This year, it will take place on Saturday 17th May at 2:30 pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. All are welcome. Please email the parish office these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Thought for the week

How very pleasing it is to me, that idea I have heard from you more than once, that one must have a great heart, and that Christians offend the Lord by making it narrow. Truly nothing is so vast that it does not seem narrow and restrictive to the heart of a true disciple. Charity expects great things, and therefore so does the Institute of Charity; and these great things can come only if we greatly develop our charitable activity. The outside world also expects much, and expends great energy; but it is not the energy of charity. The Institute expects immense activity, but in the charity of Christ.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Today's Readings

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 103(102). Response: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious"]; 1 Cor 15: 43-49; Luke 6: 27-38.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Goller Missa Brevis
Bruckner Locus iste
Bruckner Tantum ergo
Credo III, Ave Regina caelorum, Domine salvam fac
Organ voluntary: Brahms Schmücke dich

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be next Sunday (2 March) after the 11 am Mass. All welcome. We also welcome donations towards coffee and cake. All moneys collected will go to support CAFOD programmes overseas.

Ash Wednesday: 5 March

Ash Wednesday Masses, with distribution of ashes: 1 pm; 6:30 pm (Sung Latin).

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Jubile Indulgence

Diocesan Jubilee Churches:

- Westminster Cathedral
- St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
- St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
- Corpus Christi, Coven Garden
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
- Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

For more information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, visit:
<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

Conference: Baptism Reimagined – Preparing for a Lifetime in Christ'

Baptism is transformative, it is the gateway to Christ. Come and join a national conversation about how baptism is understood in the life of the Church today, how to reawaken a baptismal mindset in our families and parishes and how might we spread the light of hope today. Keynote talk will be given by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem with workshops run by seasoned catechists and clergy from around the country Friday 9 May 2025 for Clergy and Saturday 10 May 2025 for All at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Archdiocese of Southwark. Further information about the conference, and how to register can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/baptism-reimagined>

Mass for Bereaved Parents

A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 5th April at 2 pm by Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are welcome to attend.

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

Collections

9 am: -- 11 am: --
Contactless: --
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to £330.19.

The Westminster Way

'A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full.'

(Spes non confundit 5)

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, one of our diocesan initiatives is to invite you to travel in the steps of the martyrs and saints, who are 'Beacons of Hope', beginning at Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral. Go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/> for detailed information.

Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat

Led by Fr Marinko Šakota OFM on Friday 7 March to Sunday 9 March 2025 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London. Fr Marinko was the parish priest in Medjugorje from 2013 to 2022 having served there as an assistant priest from 2010 to 2013. The retreat is residential but there are places for day participants. For more information and to book please contact Paul Spencer at pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com or on 07710567183 before 31/1/25.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Franciscus

Mass Intentions

Sun 23rd February
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Librito Velasco RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 24th February
Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Tue 25th February
Feria
1.00 pm
Gladys Thompson RIP

Wed 26th February
Feria
1.00 pm
Barbara Hunt GE

Thu 27th February
Feria
1.00 pm
Niall Patrick Kelly RIP

Fri 28th February
Feria
1.00 pm
Martin Hummel RIP

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