



St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 22nd March 2020

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

NB. Although there is no public Mass, Fr Uche will still say daily Mass privately, and will offer it for the intentions already given. All the Intentions for the day will be offered at the one Mass.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	11.30am	Solemn Mass
	5.30pm	Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 23rd 7 & 10am Mass
Lenten Feria (St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop)

Tuesday 24th 7 & 10am Mass
Lenten Feria

Wednesday 25th 10am Mass
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD *

Thursday 26th 7 & 10am Mass
Lenten Feria

Friday 27th 7 & 10am Mass
Lenten Feria

Saturday 28th 10am Mass
Lenten Feria

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

M. Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

T. Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16

W. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 *

Th. Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

F. Wisdom 2:1,12-22;

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

S. Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52

Next Sun: Ezekiel 37:12-14;

Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

SHRINE LAMPS: Our Lady:

Mrs M Maharaj RIP - Anniversary
Sacred Heart Thanksgiving - Mark
St Joseph: World Health & Peace
St Therese / St John Fisher:
Amanda's 70th Birthday T'giving;
St Pius X: Archbishop Peter Smith RIP
St Thomas More / St Anthony:
Peggy Beard & Van de Wiel Family
Shrine Lamps are suspended until the Church re-opens. In the meantime we all continue to pray for each other & for those in need.

TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY

Amongst these difficult & challenging days, let us not forget to rejoice in the gift of motherhood this Sunday. Let's wish all mothers, grandmothers, & all women, a happy day and all God's Blessings for the future.

Archbishop's Letter re Corona Virus - Wednesday 18th March 2020

As you may have heard, with effect from the evening of Friday, 20 March 2020, the public celebration of the Liturgy and the Sacraments in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, have now been suspended until further notice. The Diocese and all Clergy and Parish Staff are doing their best to keep everyone informed and supported through this difficult time. There are plenty of resources on our website for you to use to enhance your spiritual life, and to keep in touch through prayer and meditation.

For those who have no internet access, please let us know and we will do our best to put hard copies of prayers etc through your door, if at all possible. Would carers, EM's who visit the housebound, and anyone who is putting their names on the list of volunteers helping the SVP - see below - please take hard copies of this bulletin tomorrow, or print one if possible, to give to people who need it. Please also circulate copies of a very useful leaflet called: 'Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion'.

**Agnes be working from home, from Monday 23rd March, but will still be contactable on 07488 241753 from 9.30am-12.30pm, or by emailing: newmalden@rcaos.org.uk. For spiritual help or advice,

Fr Uche can be contacted on the parish landline. *See back for useful links.*

Let us focus & reflect on the positive things in our life during the next few weeks; let us all unite in prayer to God, Our Lady, St Joseph & all the Saints, who will surely get us through this and make us stronger.

Supporting our fellow parishioners during the Covid-19 crisis

As the Covid-19 crisis deepens, many parishioners, including some of the most vulnerable members of our community, may need to self-isolate in the coming weeks. Now, more than ever, we need to offer practical and pastoral support to our fellow parishioners through what may be a difficult and lonely period.

Here at St Joseph's, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be coordinating our efforts to support those who need it. If you require support, or know someone who might benefit from extra support, please contact the Parish Office.

To ensure we comply with the relevant data protection laws, we would need consent from anyone requiring help for our group of volunteers to contact them.

We are also looking for more volunteers - if you could help with shopping or running errands, or by calling parishioners who find themselves alone during **Contact the Parish Secretary, Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am until 12.30pm on 07488 241753 or email: newmalden@rcaos.org.uk.**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: Sun (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish, 9.30 Anna Piliero RIP, 11.30 Isabella Keddy RIP, 5.30 Stephen, Catherine & Patrick O'Connor RIP; Mon. 7. Jo Underhay Birthday Blessings, 10. Special Intention; Tue. 7. Francesca's Birthday Blessings, 10. David Gibbons RIP; Wed. 10. Tina Coelho - T'giving for 90 years; Thurs. 7. Sr Kitty Sciberras RIP, 10. Kathleen Mullen RIP; Fri. 7. Sheila Goodwin RIP, 10. Teresa Wright RIP; Sat. 10. Graham Boulden RIP - 10th Anniv; Sun (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish, 9.30 Anna Piliero RIP, 11.30 Rowena Wittinbaker - T'Giving, 5.30 Mrs M Maharaj RIP.

St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

Fr Uche Njoku (Parish Priest): uchenjoku@rcaos.org.uk Deacon John-Simon Lawson: johnsimonlawson@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Mrs Agnes Vella Parish Treasurer & Finance Office Director of Music: Mr Peter Morrell

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Safeguarding Rep: Mr Andrew Stables: 020 8942 7942 Caretakers: Oliver Patton; John O'Hara (contact via the Parish Office)

****The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed - please see above for ways to contact Fr Uche & the Parish Secretary****

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RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

On 29th March 2020, the Bishops of England will formally rededicate our country as the Dowry of Mary. But why?

We might sometimes understand the word "dowry" to refer to a transaction, but in England a dowry was a gift given to a woman which would allow her to remain independent even if her husband died. It was in this sense of the word that **England was given to Our Lady**, first by an early English monarch and later in a tradition resurrected thanks to Pope Leo XIII and Cardinal Vaughan.

There is a tradition that the title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to St Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066). There is no doubt about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in medieval England, and the fame of Walsingham and other medieval English Shrines of Our Lady are a strong testimony to this devotion.

The first documentary evidence for the title was found in a painting which used to hang in the Hospice of St Thomas, which was the English Hospice for pilgrims in Rome, now the Venerable English College. It showed King Richard II (r. 1377-1399) and his consort Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381. They are praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: 'Dos tua pia haec est, quare leges, Maria' – This is your dowry, O Pious Virgin.

The re-dedication in 2020, unlike the dedication of King Richard II in 1381, will not be the gift of the country of England, but the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to the Mother of God, to seek her help in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation.

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office **only during office hours** - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk.

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: SVPNewMalden@gmail.com. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

CANDLES IN CHURCH: Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

USEFUL LINKS TO VISIT

Visit our diocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk for daily updates and advice. The letters from the Archbishop and the Bishops' Conference for England & Wales are also on our website: www.catholicnewmalDEN.org. National networks like EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com> and CatholicTV: <http://www.catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass> will make it possible for Catholics to participate in Holy Mass while homebound. Some chapels provide live streams of Eucharistic Adoration. Visit: <https://virtualadoration.home.blog>.

LENTEN CHARITIES 2020

NB. Sadly all our fund raising is suspended, along with everything else in the Parish at the moment. We will resume as soon as everything goes back to normal, please God.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

Caretakers: Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact the Parish Office.

Cleaners: As many of you may or may not know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

Youth Club Helpers: Our Youth Club is currently struggling to survive as there are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator urgently needed. Maura Davies, the current co-ordinator will be stepping down on Sunday 5th April. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes in the Parish Office.