

18th February 2018

The Parishes of
Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton
St Aidan of Lindisfarne, East Acton

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mass Intentions.

Vigil Mass: Sat 17th Feb

7.00pm (Vigil): Rose Francis (A), Kathleen Donavan (RIP), Timothy Walsh (RIP) & Daniel Leonard (Int)

Sun 18th Feb: 1st Sunday of Lent

9.00am: Phylis Hickey (RIP), Liza Foynes (B'day), Tony Thompson (A) & Ana Duarte (A)

10.30am: Mary Tregidgo (RIP), Ramya (Health), Stephen Emmanuel Gonash (A) & Joan Marcal Rodrigues (RIP)

12.00pm: Kivin Hoare (A), James Keane (A), William Campbell (B'day), Gnana Ratnam & Family (Int) & Joseph Ryan (RIP)

6.00pm: Olivier Diomar (RIP), Fr. Fintan (Health), Winifred Sweeney & Family (Int) & Paddy Rooney (RIP)

Mon 19th Feb: Lent Feria

7.00am: Maggie Simeons (RIP), Souls in Purgatory John McGreevy (RIP)

10.00am: Funeral of late Mikail Muhammadi

Tue 20th Feb: Lent Feria

7.00am: Holy Souls & Sharkey Family

10.00am: Souls of Raimondo & Jenifer Fernandes, Santana Ofelia Faleiro (Health), Souls in Purgatory & Pat Thornton (B'day)

Wed 21st Feb: Lent Feria

10.00am: Georgina & Borris (Health), Santana Ofelia Faleiro (Thanksgiving), Jerrard Patrick O'Halloran (B'day) & Bernadette Flynn (Int)

7.00pm: Paddy Nolan (RIP), Eileen Haughley (RIP) & Pat Thornton (B'day)

Thurs 22nd Feb: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7.00am: Souls in Purgatory, Family of Late Fr. John Leahy (Int)

10.00 am: Bridie Byrne (B'day), Philip & George Oliver (RIP), Pat Thornton (B'day) & Mary Teresa Breen (RIP)

Fri 23rd Feb: Lent Feria

10.00am: Funeral of Late Ambrose William Lewis

7.00pm: Lucy Ryan (RIP), Bridie Flynn (A), Felix De Souza (RIP) & Cyril Duncan

Sat 24th Feb: Lent Feria

10.00am: Maggie Bambrick (RIP), Annie O'Grady (RIP)

12.00pm: Mary Duggan (A)

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Rose Francis, Ana Duarte, Stephen Emmanuel Gonash, James Keane, Lucy Ryan, Bridie Flynn, Mary Duggan, Adrian Moloney, Louis Wims, Maria Alice Noronha, Thomas Small, Tony Thompson, Kevin Hoare, Lesley Beale, Con Moore, John Rogers, Breda Roche and Jim Meere, Mary Duggan

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary & Jim Breen, Ambrose William Lewis, Ann McHale, Mikail Muhammadi, Joao Marcal Rodrigues, Joe Dawson, Tim Walsh, Margaret Theresa McBride, Janusz Wolski, Stephen McNicholas, John McGreevy, Pauline Morren and Mary Tregidgo.

We remember those that are sick in hospital, undergoing treatment or convalescing, including:

Johnie Ward, Sue Curtis, Jonah Price, Mo Bassan, Boris Lazard, Chelsea Stracey, Michelle Cronin, Lorna Tierney, Pamela Dunkinson, Miya-Jay Lewis, Sylvia Turini, Vanessa Lujan, Mary Murphy, Patrick Farrell, Fionn Anderssen, Borivoje Lazarevc, Pauline Kirrane, Jack Taggart, Seamus McGrath, Ann Morrissey, Eamon Shannahan (baby), Mary Rocks & Nicholas Walsh.

Collections

Last Sunday's collection was £2007.49 with approximately £600.00 in standing orders. Many Thanks as always for your generosity



Served by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts: Fr Bala, Fr Chris, Fr Derek, Fr Fergal, Fr Fintan and Fr Ultan with Deacon Tito Pereira.

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Sunday 18th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

The first reading – The word ‘covenant’, the biblical term for the warm relationship between God and his people, occurs five times in this short reading, reminding us that this season of Lent is all about the renewal of that relationship.

The second reading – We are reminded of the reality of our baptism at the beginning of Lent. At the close of Lent, we will renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil.

Gospel – In just a few lines, we see that there is no contradiction between the drama of temptation and the joyful proclamation of the Good News. This was the pattern of Jesus’ life, and we need not fear the tension between our brokenness and the life we’ve been called to live.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will take place every Friday at 3.00p.m.

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT. Thank you all.

Lenten Talk: As part of our preparation for Lent for the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Aidan, Fr. Derek will be giving a series of Short Lenten talks in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes on three consecutive Thursdays in Lent. **The second talk will take place on 22nd February and the last talk will be on 1st March.** Each talk will begin at 7.30pm and will finish at 8.30pm. It would be great to see people from both parishes come to Acton.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: All parishioners are invited to the AGM of the Parish which will take place in the hall on Tuesday 6th March at 7.00pm. All are welcomed.

CAFOD: 24th/25th Second Collection. Family Fast Day – Friday 23rd February. Please give generously. This Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don’t have enough to eat. Can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million. In light of recent reports CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – This will take place on Saturday 3rd March at 2.00pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: This year’s Confirmation group are taking part in a sponsored walk to Westminster Cathedral in February. They are raising funds for Acton Homeless Concern, in memory of Fr. John Leahy ssc. To help support the youngsters and make a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ololconfirmation2018 or bring your donation into parish office. Fr Ultan ssc will also do this walk and say mass with the young

people in the Cathedral in memory of Fr John, and he too has set up a just giving page. Please do support any of the candidates, Fr Ultan or the catechists in aid of this worthy parish outreach.

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018:

Every three years the Church brings together the largest international gathering of families in the world. Ireland will have the joy of hosting the next World Meeting of the Families on behalf of Pope Francis. Please see notice board for more information. Please participate.

Faith Reflection: A one off afternoon of faith reflection – led by Fr. Derek – will also be held on Saturday 10th March in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes from 4.30-6.30pm. This afternoon will be repeated on Sunday 11th March in St. Aidan’s hall from 3.00-5.00pm.

Christian Mindfulness: There will be 2 sessions on Christian Mindfulness in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton during Lent. Christian Mindfulness (part 1) on Wednesday 7th March and Christian Mindfulness (part 2) on Wednesday 14th March. Both will be from 7pm to 9pm with a short tea/coffee break.

Mindfulness has become very popular as a tool for reducing stress. Christian Mindfulness, whilst sharing some aspects with this secular approach, has a long tradition in the Christian Church and is fundamentally linked to prayer and one’s relationship to God. During these 2 sessions we will look at Christian Mindfulness as seen by the saints and how it is different from other kinds of Mindfulness and how to practice it in our daily lives as an aid to prayer.

The sessions will be led by Fr. Michael Heap a member of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) based in Ealing.

Sacred Hearts Lay Association meeting for February are invited to attend Fr. Derek’s second talk in Lent on Thursday 22nd February from 7.30 – 8.30pm

Lentern Reflections: Nice simple reflections can be found for each day Dynamic Catholic series Best Lent Ever info@dynamiccatholic.com.

Walsingham Men’s Retreat: Finding God in daily Life - Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March 2018. Tel.01328 821293 or email on DowryHouse@walsingham.org.uk. See Notice Board for more information.

Film & Coffee morning on February 6th – much enjoyed by all who came, generously contributed £105.41p to ssc Foreign Missions. Thank you everybody.

ANNUAL PIONEER LENTEN PLEDGE: Would you or members of your family and friends consider taking the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Non-Pioneers are invited to make the Lent Pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining on line or by contacting your local Pioneer Centre Representative - Pearl Norton - Tel:07790673277.

Tea and Coffee: after 9.00am and 10.30am Mass.

If you are interested in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life with the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts please check out our Facebook page at 'Sacred Hearts Ireland England' or via email at ssccdublin@sacredhearts.ie

More Hearts Needed



BAPTISM: The next preparation dates are 5th and 12th March 2018 with the welcoming ceremony on 11th March. Baptism Information is available at the back of the Church.

PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU 2020: The world-famous Passion Play to Oberammergau in 2020. It is a once in a life time event and as it is only performed once every 10 years it is extremely difficult to the much sought after ticket. The small Bavarian village of Oberammergau was hit by the great plague and many lives were lost. The villagers made a solemn vow that, if the lives of the villagers were spared the whole village would perform a play every ten years depicting the story of the passion of Christ. Miraculously the Plague did not claim any more lives and true to their vow the villagers enacted the play every 10 years and have done so since 1634. I know 2020 seems a long way off but as I have a chance of some tickets, which need to be booked now. If you are interested in going please sign the interested list in the porch. It would be October 2020.

As a Lenten preparation, Fr. Michael Heap, MAfr, will be leading 2 sessions in Christian Mindfulness.

Often Mindfulness is seen as non-Christian, yet Christian Mindfulness has been practised throughout the history of the Church. We will look at this Christian prayer and spirituality, with a practical introduction to the Jesus Prayer, Lectio Divina, Ignatian Meditation and Centering Prayer. Christian Mindfulness, Parts 1 and 2, will be held in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes in Acton, 7-9 pm. on Wednesday 7th and 14th March 2018. There will be a short break for tea and coffee.

All are welcome to this moment of quiet and awareness.

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