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**Parish Office opening times for Admin**

 **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday : 9:30am- 3:00pm.**

**Offertory Collections: 2014**

**Sunday 23rd February 2014**

**Envelopes**: £426.50

**Loose**: £363

**Standing Orders** £670.25 (Jan./Week)

*Your generosity* enable *us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!*

**JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?**

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office.

**PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)**

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

 **STANDING ORDER**

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you’re on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

 **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2014**  **Gift Aid?**  **It’s worth it!**

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon.

#### **The Voice of Eden Grove**

**Church of the**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**



**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9TH MARCH 2014**

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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|  **Sunday 9th March** ***FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT******Lenten Alms Collection*** | **(6.00pm:** **Sat. Vigil Mass)****8:30 AM****10:15 AM****12:00 PM** | **Agatha Xuerev – R.I.P****Ruby Morgan- R.I.P****Nicholas Gordon De Nobrega R.I.P – Anniversary****For the Parish** |
| **Monday 10th March**Lent Feria | 9:15am Mass 12:00 Noon-Funeral | Celia Donovan -R.I.PAnthony Mulvey R.I.P  |
| **Tuesday 11th March** | No Mass |  |
| **Wednesday 12th March** Lent Feria | 9:15am Mass | Marian & George (intentions) |
| **Thursday 13th March** Lent Feria | 9:15am Mass  | Thomas Murphy (Intentions) |
| **Friday 14th March**Lent fast day | 9:15am Mass 7:00pm Station of the cross  | Tess Maguire – R.I.P  |
| **Saturday 15th March****Group B (First Holy Communion Confessions)** | 11 – 12 noon **6:00pm:** **(Sat. Vigil Mass)**  | Confession or by appointment**Joseph Alfred David R.I.P.****First Anniv.** |
| **Sunday 16th March****Second Sunday of Lent***Next Week collection:* *CAFOD- Family fast day* | **8:30 AM****10:15 AM****12:00 PM** | **Arthur Genovese - R.I.P.****Agatha Xuerev – R.I.P****Bishop Adrian D’Dungu R.I.P****Justine and Josephine D’Dungu-R.I.P (Anniv)****Maria L Nakakeato – R.I.P** |

* ***Intentions***

 **‘THIRST FOR WILDERNESS’**

Our first stop on this Lenten journey is the ‘wilderness’. Why? We need to remove ourselves from our hectic lives in order to BE STILL, to STOP, to BREATH. It’s a bit like a stock take. What’s here? What’s here that shouldn’t be? What’s missing? And so we journey today with Jesus into de ‘wilderness’.

We should not be afraid of this. It is a ‘Spirit led’ wilderness; God is in control here. Lent call each of us to transform our lives and our relationship with those we love and cherish; our relationship with the planet; with the global community; our relationship with God.

This Lent we are asked to think especially about water. How we use water; how we can live in solidarity with those who have no access to clean water. This is an urgent call. The wars of the future will be fought over water and it is hard for us to imagine. This coming week, as we journey more deeply into the wilderness, focus on how you use water. How many times a day? How much? What is wasted? What is sheared? What do you use water for? Where water is concerned how you can serve God more fully? ([www.taptips.i.e](http://www.taptips.i.e))

Lent has begun! We won’t automatically wake up on Easter morning transformed. But we are building, transforming; working in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who thirst for justice in so many parts of the world. JMelett@intercom

 **GROWING IN FAITH MEETING on Monday 17th March at 7:30pm-**

 **As you may already know our parish is currently taking part in Growing in Faith Campaign. The success of this campaign will enable us to sustain the key pillars of our faith – local parish life; clergy and vocations; and social action through Caritas Westminster. You will have an opportunity to learn more about Growing in Faith over the coming weeks but as a next step, I would like to invite you to hear more about this initiative. Canon Stuart Wilson, Chair of Caritas Westminster will be joining us on this evening. This is a great opportunity to learn more about this campaign, how you can support it and answer any questions you may have. Fr. Gideon**

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 **LEARNING FOR EVERYONE**

 **At Vaughan House, Francis St. Westminster SW1P 1QN**

**HOW TO HAVE A NEW TEENAGER IN 5 DAYS** – A study evening for catechist, parents and everyone involved in the Confirmation programmes on how to teach teenagers and support their parents: specific approach, skills for groups & conflict management , faith developmental issues and parental responses to changes. **Tuesday 11th March 7:00pm-8:30pm .**

Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call: 020 7931 6078. See more info on the noticeboard.

 **‘A Journey of Hope with Mary’**

**Series of reflections to help deepen our faith, following the footsteps of Mary and Pope Francis. Mary at the Foot of the Cross- ‘Believe in the victory of love’ (Pope Francis) Friday 14th March 8:00pm at Notre Dame de France Church, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. All Welcome.**

 **THE CALIX SOCIETY**

Supports Catholics in recovery from addiction. Groups meet in different locations around London. For more information go to: [www.calixlondon.org.uk](http://www.calixlondon.org.uk)

  **RETROUVAILLE**

Helping couples find each other again. The next programme commences with a weekend on 28th-30th March 2014- we are already taking bookings for it- and full information can be found on [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or

Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk

 **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

**The way we adults receive Holy Communion teaches children how precious this gift is. Please be reminded that the Body of Christ should be consumed with reverence as soon as it is received and not take away.**

 **CHURCH CLEANING**

**We still have the same people cleaning every week. We need teams, so the commitment is once a month for about an hour. Please contact Fr. Gideon or the parish office.**

 **SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH**

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE. A

basic bible study programme for everyone interested, for all parishioners. Well known Bible scholars will be invited to talk on particular themes. No prior knowledge is required to attend the programme. The open information evening is on **Tuesday 18th February 7:00pm-8:30pm at Vaughan House Francis St. Westminster SW1P 1QN.**

**Please register at living** **faith@rcdow.org.uk** **or call: 020 7931 6078. See more info posted on the notice board.**

 **BAPTISM:** Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish priest or Sr. Naomi. Parents of the child must be **registered** members of the parish. At least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Catholic baptismal certificate and the child’s birth certificate. Parents and god parents need to attend some baptism preparation beforehand.

**Watch this space for information of the**

 **next parent’s and godparent’s meeting.**

 **MARRIAGE:**

**Six months’ notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. The parish which you are a resident has to do preparation and paperwork. Couples considering marriage should speak to the priest well in advance. Please send an email for an appointment: holloway@rcdow.org.uk**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013-14**

**Second Reconciliation** **(Group B) on** **Saturday 15th March at 10:00am.** Parents/guardians, please bring your children in good time.

The next parents’ meeting (without the children) will be on Wednesday, 30th April 7:00pm-8:00pm.

  **CONFIRMATION 2014**

The next candidates’ session will be on Thursday 20th March 7:00- 8:30pm. Please be prompt. Please take note of the Mass of Commitment on Saturday 22nd March at 6:00pm Mass.

 **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** (R.C.I.A.)Four adults attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on 8th March Please pray for them on their faith journey.

 **NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

**Please do not confused it with the old website’s address which is now defunct:**

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk)

**KOLBE’S GIFT**

**1st -5th October 2013 at Leicester Theatre**

See poster in porch. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or

phone the theatre box office on 08448 733433

 **RETROUVAILLE:**

Offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again.

The next programme starts on the 27th – 29th September 2013. Don’t miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 0797 388 0443 in complete confidence.

 **CONFIRMATION PHOTOS**

Photographs and CDs from Confirmation of June 15 2013 are now available. View albums and Order forms in the parish office. Also for further information you can contact photographer 07976 747 901 or email justinpip@yahoo.com

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)**

meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00 Noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

**We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.**

**For the sick and the housebound:**

Eileen Ely, Margaret Lonergan, Helen Bradley, Betty McMahon, Stephanie Enepi, Clive Bromhill, Agnes Alexander, John Breslin, Margaret Deignan, Michael Cole, Diana Johnson, Cedric Cowell, Alison McGoff, Michael Barber, Tanya Ba Obeid, Florence McGrath, Chris Eisen, Jim Spencer, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Erin Connor, Julia White, Edwina Toson, Elizabeth Young, Pascal Philgence, Jennifer Blundell, Pauline Hunt, Anne Nicolas, ***and******all who are sick and housebound in the parish.***

 **Anniversaries**:

Kevin O’Brien, Nicholas Gordon De Nobrega ,Eddie Gorman, Peter Price, Margaret Lonergan, Michael Ginty, Bill Devereux, John O’Rourke, John Danquah, Ann Rainsford, Bill Nevin,

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** Anthony Mulvey, Madeleine Allen, Monica Devereux, Celia Donovan, Mary Noolan, Peter Sheridan, Jeanette Caruana, Kathleen Rainsford, Kitty Magner, Derrick Dick, Mary Hefferman, Maureen Bellemy, Alf Dorrington, Peter Augustine, Rita Burdis, John McCormack, Joseph McRedmond, Sean Enright, Brian Wright, Roy Lundy, Lisa McKenna, Michael Joseph L’Estrange, Nancy Doyle, Joseph David, Claire Campbell, Mark Griffin, Tony Rooney, John Murphy,

 “*Eternal rest* grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**MILLERS CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS**

 Essex Rd.N1 020 7226 3886

 **MUSINGS**

There are two equally unhelpful approaches to recognising who we are and where we have come from. One emphasises that we are mere dust (and so should not ‘get notions’, a favourite Irish phrase!)Another, more recently in favour, is that we are nothing less than star-dust (which apparently constitutes about 93% of our mass!) and our potential is limitless. True humility (from the Latin *humus,* meaning ‘earth’) is more properly ‘grounded’ in reality. And yet, too often in the past we have denied our potential and that others out of a false sense of humility, which really served no-one. @intercom

 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

 APRIL 2014- APRIL 2015

Please collect your box of envelopes at the back of the church. The names on the boxes are arranged in alphabetical order .

**This Friday 14 March is CAFOD Lent Fast Day -** CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please collect a Fast Day envelope and prayer card after Mass, and consider fasting and praying in solidarity this Friday. Please return the Fast Day envelope with your donation for next weekend’s 17th March CAFOD collection.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)**

Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

 **A DAY WITH MARY**

Our Lady of Muswell, Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1PN on Saturday 22nd March, from 10:00am – 4:15pm

 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

 Every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm

**ANNUAL CRIB APPEAL**

 ***For the Catholic Children Society***

***(Westminster).* Offerings left at the crib will be given to Catholic Children Society. The CCS works with children and families at risk in the diocese through their Family Centres and Child Therapy Service. Please be generous in your response.**

 **CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS**

1st: R. Villar - £400.

2nd: J. Neary- £300

3rd: Y.Romero- £200

4th: C. Ugoala- £100

Bottle of Wine or Tequilla each: F.J. Byrne, E. Lombe, R. Navato, M. Escobar, A. Oscar, C. Cox. Congratulations to all the winners! The Christmas Draw 2013 netted £1,110, which will all go to furnishing our community centre when it is finished. Thank you for all your support.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS**

To mark the start of a new year, everyone is invited to coffee after 10:15am and 12:00noon Mass on Sunday 5th January 2014. Sr Naomi is looking for some volunteers to help with this. Please leave your name and number at the presbytery office if you can help out**.**

 **ConnectEd**

**(Delivered by Catholic Children Society)**

Therapeutic Services for Children &Families – provide professional, easy to access and confidential therapy support for Children, young people and their families.

Services are free for low income. Contact ConnectEd North to find out how they can helpon: tel. **020 8883 7826**

 **Or See poster in porch for more info.**

**“DAY FOR LIFE”**

In a special message to Catholics across Britain and Ireland for the annual Day for Life, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end.

In his message, he says that all life has inestimable value ‘even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.’

He has promised his prayers that ‘Day for Life will help to ensure that human life always receives the protection that it is due.’

Over half-a-million leaflets have been sent to parishes in England and Wales in readiness for Day for Life – Sunday, 28 July.

The theme of the Day is ‘Care for Life – It’s Worth It’ taken from a homily preached by Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005 during a Mass in honour of the protector of Pregnant Women, Saint Raymond Nonnatus.

Within this homily, the now Pope Francis said:

“All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth… to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing… So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.”

This year’s Day for Life focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers; care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families.

One of its key aims is to build an environment of compassion and care that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances.

**Message from Pope Francis to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales**

“Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimate value of all human life.

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

**COLLECTION BOX for the**