

HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	970 Be thou my vision
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	534 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	908 Blest are the pure in heart
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	663 Sweet sacrament divine
RECESSIONAL	721 How great thou art

Brent Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year

We are planning a wonderful opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Rome to mark this Holy Year 2025 - The Year of Hope. It will take place from 24th November - 28th November and will include visits to all 4 major basilicas of Rome (including St Peter's), a Papal Audience (depending on the Pope's schedule) also other important sites in the Eternal City. If this is your first visit to Rome or you've been many times this will be a great time of grace and fellowship. The cost (based on 2 people sharing) is £1,130 with some single rooms available for a supplement. Please visit www.pilgrimagepeople.org for further details, and quote BRENT01 when booking.

Closing date is 24th February 2025.

Our upcoming conference *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*, which will take place from Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025, at the Excel Centre in East London.

Further details about the programme, speakers, and tickets can be found on the event website: events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event

Jubilee Volunteering Fair

To celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteering (8th/9th March) Caritas Volunteer Service will host a Volunteering Fair on Saturday 8th March, from 3pm to 5pm in the Cathedral Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Parish projects are welcome to request a stall at this event but allocation will be on a first come first serve basis.

To find out more please visit

<https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/> or contact Volunteer Coordinator Elke Springett at cvs@rcdow.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS 16th February- 23rd February

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 15h	5pm	Jason & Clarissa (Ints)
Sun 16th	8am	People of The Parish
	10am	Teresa Barun (RIP)
	11.30am	Italian Mass
Mon 17th	10am	Anosa Naoom (RIP)
Tues 18th	10am	Oscar Santedicola (RIP)
Wed 19th	10am	Habib Dadiza (RIP)
Thur 20th	10am	Anouska Bush (RIP)
Fri 21st	10am	Mary Collard & Family (Ints)
Sat 22nd	5pm	John Serhal (Birthday Ints)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Fr Gerard Lebbink
Sacred Heart	Pastoral Care of the Sick
Our Lady	People of the Parish

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm

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.

Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Details of attendees are then sent by the parish to family@rcdow.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Nichols will take place from 25th July to 1st August using Sanctuary's theme for the Jubilee year 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. The booking platform will soon be open for Volunteer Helpers, Medics, Assisted Pilgrims, Clergy and others who wish to take part. A poster is attached. Parish and school groups to Lourdes are also encouraged to join. For more information go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office at elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7798 9173.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM

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16th February 2025

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Sunday Masses: (Sat 5pm) Sun 8am & 10am

Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am

Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment

Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
£525.53

CONTACTLESS INCOME DECEMBER
£815.50

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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Beatitudes or Woes

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26

Luke offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version of this sermon takes place on a plain, "a stretch of level ground." The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes adds the "woe to you's" quoted above, which are not found in Matthew's version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke's version of the "woes" are meant for those who are "uninstructed hearers" because they "must first be brought by terrors to good works." He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the "blessings," are meant for the "perfect" because they "need but be invited by rewards" rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts with the help of the Holy Spirit and of the Church will begin to detach from the desires identified in this sermon; so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in because 'your reward is great in heaven'. Although it will be great even here on earth because who has found God here is already blessed.

Bishop's visitation

We are looking forward to the formal visitation by Bishop John Sherrington to our parish **on the weekend of 15th & 16th February**. He will be celebrating and preaching at all Masses and I know you will make him very welcome.