

ENTRANCE	315 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	German Mass
GOSPEL ACCL.	184 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	909 Be still and know that I am God
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	858 God has chosen me
RECESSIONAL	849 Freely Freely

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Every Friday during lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 9:30am before the 10am Mass, instead of Exposition.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

For those of you that are unsure what a Planned Giving Envelope is, during the offertory at Mass, some people put in a small green envelope with money inside, instead of cash.

These weekly envelopes are allocated through the Parish Office, allowing us to claim Gift Aid on their cash offering each week, just like we can for those that donate via Standing Order.

The envelopes renew in April, which is fast approaching.

**Should you wish to terminate your Planned Giving Envelope or sign up to start donating in a way in which we can claim Gift Aid**, please speak to Chelsea in the Parish Office.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Chelsea the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **before Thursday 14th March.**

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

On Tuesday 20th February, we look forward to welcoming the pupils from Newman Catholic College to our 10am Mass.

**PLEASE TAKE A LENT LEAFLET HOME**

17th February 2024 – 24th February 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 17th	5pm	Henry & Mary Ann Hurley (Anniversary)
Sun 18th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Louis Charles Bading & Olivier Taika RIP
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 19th	10am	Christina Killian RIP
Tues 20th	10am	John Egan (1st Anniversary)
Wed 21st	10am	Jeanette Jackson RIP
Thu 22nd	10am	John Serhal (Birthday Intentions)
Fri 23rd	10am	Antonio Sanchez RIP
Sat 24th	5pm	Jeremiah, John & Bridget Lucey (Anniversaries)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	For the terminally ill – Pope's intention
Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Our Lady	Molly, Sheila & Michael Mullen RIP

**THE SYNODAL PROCESS CONTINUES...**

Following previous discussions globally, two main themes emerged: **Co-responsibility** and **Formation**.



This weekend and next, we will be thinking further about these two areas and how we can better organise ourselves for mission.

**These are some of the questions we will be discussing:**

- How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith?
- How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?
- What steps and formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?
  - How might we need to develop the way we are organised?

**You are also very welcome to send your responses to these questions to the parish office by Monday 26 February.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</p>  <p>5:30pm–6:30pm</p>	<p>19th February</p> <p>“Ch 3: Celebration, our rescue” at St Mary Magdalen’s School, Linacre Road, NW2 5BB</p>
 <p>CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6pm - 7pm</p> <p>The Newman Room</p>	<p>19th February</p> <p>“5. Why did Jesus have to die?”</p>

**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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

18th February 2024

**PARISH TEAM**

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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

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**LAST WEEKS OFFERING**  
£429.11

**JANUARY'S STANDING ORDERS**  
£3,656.50

**CONTACTLESS INCOME JANUARY**  
£558.68

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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As the old song almost says ‘Nothing says I love you quite like ash on your forehead’. As perhaps we all know, Ash Wednesday is almost the earliest it can be, and this year it coincides with Valentine’s Day. It was very good to see so many of you, including children and young people on half term, at the Ash Wednesday Masses. But maybe it was a day of rather mixed feelings. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (only one main meal) and abstinence (no meat). If you were planning a romantic evening, that might have made it a little less romantic than you’d hoped. So, how can we bring the two together?

Well, let’s look at the symbolism of the ash first of all. It is imposed on our heads to mark the first day of the solemn season of Lent – forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These ashes are a visible sign of our mortality – we are dust and to dust we shall return – but they should also make us reflect on our immortality, that through Jesus Christ we shall gain immortality, eternal life with God. When the ash is put on our forehead, it is placed in the form of a cross and this is a sign to us of God’s unfailing love for us – the ash on our forehead indeed does say ‘I love you’.

I suspect that those who sent a Valentine’s card were hoping that there would be some sort of response, even though it may have been sent without a name. Most of us have known at some time in our lives the agony of a love which has no response from the other person. The three duties of Lent – **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, should be our response to the love which God shows us - make these things the heart of your response to God this Lent.

v You might meditate on the stations of the cross; use more regularly a devotional app on you ‘phone; come to an extra weekday Mass if you’re able – come a bit earlier to Mass. As a family, make prayer before meals a true time of praying together.

v Fasting – it doesn’t seem so fashionable to say it these days, but yes Lent does mean giving up eating something you enjoy. It is such a simple way of uniting ourselves to the Redeemer. And, for some of us, it might mean giving up other things as well – no Pointless (again) for me for the next 40 days.

v If you can, set some money aside to help others, you are such a generous parish, and Lent is a way to affirm that generosity. There is the Cardinal’s Lent Appeal and also CAFOD.

May God bless us all as we start this holy season – the ash last Wednesday reminded us of his love for us on the cross, our Lenten resolutions are signs to God of our love for Him.

**Monsignor Roger**