

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	744 Christ is the world's light
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Missa de Angelis
GOSPEL ACCL.	535 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	429 Great God of mercy
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	429 Healer of our every ill
RECESSIONAL	945 Now thank we all our God

**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.

**ITS YOUR SHOUT!**

Please fill in the questionnaire from the Social Committee and hand it in after Mass.

**LENT - SMALL PRAYER GROUP**

Our Small Prayer Group will meet weekly during Lent, beginning on **Thursday 15th February at 10:30am** in the Newman Room. Everyone is invited to come together during this 5 week course called, "We Dare to Say" that has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope.

If you cannot make our Lent Prayer Group on a Thursday morning, the same Prayer Group will run at **Willesden Green Parish on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.**

**ITALY PILGRIMAGE**

For those of you attending the pilgrimage to Italy, the next payment instalment is due on Monday 26th February.

**OUTSTANDING!**

We warmly congratulate the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant and Nursery School on achieving an **OUTSANDING** report in its recent Ofsted inspection.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

3rd February 2024 - 10th February 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 3rd	5pm	Lauretta (Birthday Intentions)
Sun 4th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Ilda Santos (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 5th	10am	Paul Dubrey (Anniversary)
Tues 6th	10am	Ken & Margot Peacock (Intentions)
Wed 7th	10am	John Murphy (Intentions)
Thur 8th	10am	Josephine Landeza RIP
Fri 9th	10am	Stamford Bottomley (Birthday Intentions)
Sat 10th	5pm	Marie Hurley (Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Paul Dubrey (Anniversary)
Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Our Lady	Rosemary Bottomley (Intentions)



**NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE**



The students are taking part in CAFOD's & SCIAF's "The Big Lent Walk" on Friday 8th March 2024, by walking the 12 iconic London Bridges. Please scan the QR code below or visit <http://tinyurl.com/LentWalkNCC> to donate! Your sponsorship can and will change lives.

Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

This year these are our focus areas for Lent: CAFOD is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia, SCIAF is focused on women and girls in Rwanda facing gender-based violence.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

<p><b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b></p> <p>5:30pm-6:30pm</p> 	<p>5th February</p> <p>"Ch 5: Glory to God" at St Mary Magdalen's School, Linacre Road, NW2 5BB</p>
 <p><b>CONFIRMATION</b></p> <p>6pm - 7pm</p> <p>The Newman Room</p>	<p>5th February</p> <p>"4. Jesus - more than a mere man"</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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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4th February 2024

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest  
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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**  
£411.20

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

**CONTACTLESS INCOME JANUARY**  
£558.68

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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The first time I went to Lourdes I was about 6 months old. My parents were having a holiday in the Pyrenees and I was being carted about in the back of the car in a drawer from a wardrobe which was acting as a carry-cot. Not surprisingly, I remember nothing of this visit, but it did make an impression on my parents - non-Catholics- and I'm afraid it wasn't a good one. Even in 1959 Lourdes was full of shops selling holy bric-a-brac, and the many cafes and hotels which are still there today. My parents could not see beyond this to the heart of Lourdes, and my mother reminded me of this when I took a pilgrimage from New Southgate parish in the Jumbulance.

Today's gospel, about the healing of Simon's mother in law brought Lourdes to my mind, which I was thinking about anyway as the feast comes next week. Fever was a very serious condition in the time of the New Testament. There were no drugs like aspirin or paracetamol to reduce it. You just had to let the illness take its course, and hope and pray that the fever would pass and the person would survive. In the gospel we witness Jesus entering the house and, being moved by compassion for this woman, he takes her by the hand and raises her up. The word spread quickly about Jesus' healing power and the whole city gathered at the door - imagine the noise the shouting and the chaos, bringing the sick and those in need of healing.

Pilgrims come in great numbers to Lourdes, and their pilgrimage mirrors the scene in the gospel. They are seeking a deeper connection with God and often carry with them the burden of illness. There can be great crowds in Lourdes. However, it also possible to find peace and prayer there - for example the Blessed Sacrament chapel. It is possible to meet the Lord in the sacrament of confession. Here the pilgrim can also encounter Jesus Christ.

I am told that the details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will soon be published. You might want to consider joining that pilgrimage. But know this too, we can encounter the healing touch of Jesus Christ here in NW10 in the Mass, in Confession and in one another.

Monsignor Roger

