



JESUS CHRIST YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

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Normal Mass Times

Saturday
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
8.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass
12.00pm Mass

Weekday Masses
See back of the newsletter
or church noticeboard

Holydays of Obligation
7.00pm Vigil Mass
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Confessions
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am
and 5.00 to 5.30pm
or by appointment

Baptisms
Weddings (6 months notice)
Contact the Parish Priest

Fifth Sunday of The Year
5th February 2012

1st Reading
Job 7:1-4; 6-7

The book of Job is a story with a moral. It is a book with a lesson to teach. It tells the story of a good-living, upright man, who was blessed by God with the possessions of this world as well as a large family. Satan, the enemy of man and God, tells God that Job's fidelity and uprightness will last only as long as the temporal blessings he has remain. And he asks God to put Job to the test. God does so but Job remains faithful and after a long period of mental and bodily suffering is finally given back to his family, and twice the possessions he has lost. The lesson the author intended to teach was that the belief prevalent among the Jews for centuries that God rewarded the good in this life and punished the wicked was not well-founded. The author shows that Job was not a sinner and yet he suffered much in this life: this was proof that this commonly held belief was wrong. The author did not solve the problem.

2nd Reading
Corinthians 9:16-19; 22-23

In this section of his letter St Paul is encouraging his Corinthian converts to be always ready to forego their own rights when the edification or the spiritual welfare of a neighbour is at stake...

...To emphasise this teaching, he tells them how he has given up rights and privileges, which he certainly could claim, in order to give himself fully and entirely to the spreading of the gospel among them and to be seen to be free from any personal interest or gain.

Gospel
Mark 1:29-39

Surely the people of Capernaum saw enough that first day of Christ's public ministry among them to make them realise that this man from Nazareth who had come amongst them was no ordinary preacher, no ordinary rabbi, no ordinary man. They saw that he preached as one having authority; they saw that by a simple command he cast out demons and removed all bodily ailments. Yet though they were astonished and amazed at his power, their worldly outlook did not let them rise above their own small interests. Our Lord did not blame them or criticise them, he knew and fully understood their slowness of mind in regard to things spiritual, and he knew also that they would eventually give themselves wholeheartedly to his kingdom.

NOTICES

Collection Details

29th January 2012

Planned £855

Loose £477

Feast Of Our Lady Of

Lourdes

World Day Of Prayer

To mark the day at the 10.00am Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. Anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament are welcome to do so.

First Holy Communion

The next meeting in the parish hall for all First Holy Communion Children is Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm.

Linzi Jay Holy Communion dresses are now available in store at: Schooldays, 94 High Street, Whitton O208 898 4881.

Please call for a brochure or to make an appointment".

Confirmation Meeting

The next meeting for all candidates only is Wednesday 29th February 2012 at 7.45pm .

We are desperately short of catechists.

Unfortunately we had no offers from the stewardship campaign.

The parish e-Newsletter is available electronically by email each week. If you would like to receive it, please email

info@stbridgets.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter too

<http://twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7>

A Tour Guide to our church can be found on the parish website. Please see Quick Links

Education Sunday

This Sunday 5th February is Education Sunday. Together with other churches we celebrate and pray for everyone involved in the work of education. This day has been celebrated for over 100 years by all Christian Churches. As Catholics we should be proud that our Catholic Schools and Colleges are some of the best in the country. We must continue to work and pray that we may cherish this great treasure for our children and young people and for the good of all society.

There is a retiring collection after each Mass for the Catholic Education Service.

Dublin Eucharistic Congress (10-17th June)

Archbishop Nichols will be leading a delegation from Westminster to the Dublin Congress from the Wednesday evening (13th June) till the Sunday (flying back on the Monday 18th June). If you wish to apply for a place on the Westminster pilgrimage with the Archbishop, please contact Gerald Daly at the Westminster Pilgrimage Office: geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk ; 020 7798 9173.

Those who wish to make their own arrangements and join the Westminster delegation as and when you can, book through the conference website: www.iec2012.ie by credit card.

The Shelter Project

Is now 3 weeks in with 9 weeks to go. Churches in Hounslow, Brentford, Chiswick and Isleworth are offering 15 homeless guests shelter, breakfast, dinner, warmth, safety and emotional solace for six nights of the week. From January to the end of March. Each church involved opens its doors to the appreciative gentlemen from 8pm to 8am. We at St Bridget's are volunteering time, specific items and expertise. This coincides with **Action Week 2012** to break the barriers that trap people in poverty and homelessness. Churches and community projects can break these barriers. They can challenge prejudice, enable excluded people to live full lives, and build a fairer world.

Father Stewart's Thought for the Week

Are Struggles & Trials Always Bad?

Coming back from retreat I'm always struck by the sheer "busyness" of people's lives. For many of course this is exacerbated by what we call, "the struggles and trials of life". For some, it seems to be one thing after another and so the cry goes out "Why? Why is life like this?" There are of course lots of reasons – but all struggles are not necessarily bad.

There's a story of a boy who found a chrysalis with an opening in it. The boy could see a butterfly struggling to come out. He decided to help the process along and so split the chrysalis, freeing the butterfly. The butterfly had a swollen body and shrivelled wings. He waited and waited for the body to contract, the wings and open and fly ... but nothing happened! The butterfly could never fly. What the boy did not know, is that it is the struggle required for the butterfly to get of the chrysalis. That is nature's way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings, which will eventually strengthen the body to fly.

Trials or struggles, are sometimes those things which we simply have to go through in life to get to where we want to be. We try to find short cuts... but they aren't there. We simply have to go through the process. This is just as true of studying for something or going through the awful pain of bereavement or any sense of loss. By going through struggles and trials, we can learn how better to cope with them in the future. We develop our life skills as well as our experience. In all this too, we learn things through our difficulties and struggles, which will help us to be more understanding of others whom we observe experiencing similar trials; we might even be able to help.

One thing is certain, if we didn't have struggles and trials, then like the butterfly we will not grow and we certainly won't fly!

Please note the addition of "Memorial Square" to the church address:

Our Lady of Sorrows and St Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church, Memorial Square, 112 Twickenham Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 6DL

NOTICES

Across Heston & Isleworth

Would like to sincerely thank all those who attended or supported in any way towards the success of the recent St Brigit's night celebration. It was a tremendous success and we have had so much positive feedback. I think we hit a record for the number of crosses made and I would guess it was well above 100 with one young lady seen leaving the hall with no less than 7 she had made for family and friends. In total £2,440 was raised all going towards our Lourdes Pilgrimage on 19th July. Sincere thanks to all.

Tuesday Special Needs Club (Church Hall)

The helpers at the Tuesday club would like to say a big thank you, to the parishioners who have spared the time to drop in to the club recently, to help. If you have an hour or two to spare on a Tuesday night and would like to put them to very good use, please feel free to drop into the club, you will be made very welcome. We are open from 7-9pm every Tuesday.

A Retreat Weekend for Young Adults

Opportunity for prayer, input and discussion:

Date: Feb 10th – 12th

Where: Katherine House, Salford

Cost: Donation only

More information and a booking form available from Sr Mary Anne FCJ

aryannefcj@gmail.com or Sr Rachel FCJ rduffyfcj@yahoo.co.uk

Tel 0151 733 5475

Young Adults in the West

Bishop Alan Hopes invites all young adults ages 16-35 to join him at St Lawrence's Church, 9 The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF on Sunday 12th February for Mass at 6pm followed by food, faith-sharing and a chance to put him in the hot-seat. This will be a great opportunity to look back on World Youth Day in Madrid last summer and to look forward to Brazil 2013. For more information or to offer help contact St Lawrence's at feltham@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 020 8890 2367 or see www.saintlawrences.org.uk.

Job vacancies

(See Posters on the Westminster notice board in the porch)

Music Leader-Our Lady's church, St Johns Wood

An experienced Music Leader is required at St Johns Wood to develop musical participation at two Sunday morning Masses and for other special masses as specified in the Church calendar.

The successful candidate will have experience of singing and leading congregational singing together with experience of Roman Catholic liturgical and musical practice and possess a thorough knowledge and appreciation of traditional and contemporary Catholic music.

Salary: Negotiable according to experience.

Closing date: 27th February 2012

For a full job description and application pack, please visit our website at www.rcdow.org.uk or apply in writing to: juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk

Regular Groups & Events

Monday

Friendship Club of Older People

Next meets 6th February

Legion Of Mary

Now meet every Monday at 7.30pm

Tuesday

Tuesday Club for Youth/Adults with Special Needs

Next meets 7th February

Wednesday

Thursday

Gentle Seated Exercises For Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 - 3.00pm

Friday

'Mini Mary's Music Mayhem'

£1.50/child, £2.50 max
Friday 9.15 – 10.15am

Little Angels Toddler Group

Every Friday at 1.30pm

Sunday

Refreshments after 10.00am Mass

Sunday Breakfast next weekend in the Parish Hall after 8.00am Mass

Events are held in the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

FEAST DAYS, MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES OF MASSES

Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 4 th February	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Royson Phillips R.I.P (Anniv) & Flora Ziregbe (Birthday)
Sunday 5 th February	Fifth Sunday Of The Year	8.00am	
		10.00am	The People Of The Parish
		12.00noon	Mary Beirne R.I.P
Monday 6 th February	SS Paul Miki & Companions	7.00pm	Kathleen Higgins R.I.P (Anniv)
Tuesday 7 th February	Feria	9.00am	Suzanne Millen R.I.P (2 nd Anniv) & Terence Mc Govern R.D
Wednesday 8 th February	Feria	9.00am	Bernie O'Donaghue R.I.P
Thursday 9 th February	Feria	9.00am	Tom Mc Grane (Intentions)
Friday 10 th February	St Scholastica	7.00pm	Deborah Patricia West R.D
Saturday 11 th February	Our Lady Of Lourdes	10.00am	All who are sick
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	

Sick: Ann Sheenan, Blaise Ribet, Eddie Cook, Gerald Kausar, Marcus Bos, Julie Collins, Tillie Fleming, Irene Fisher, Kirsty Grainger, Maria Grima James Roy, Jill McIntyre, Joyce Ennis, David Mc Lafferty, Gara Malone, Anne Kelleher, Christiana Ziregbe, Michael Ziregbe, Yolanda Abayle, Jim Harrington, Jill Harrington, John Okonjo, Kiana Gooding, Julie Egoh, Edna & Garry Garrod, Tom Ambrose, Rosemary McLeod, Pat Morrissey, Billy Morrissey, Mary Benton, Phil Corby, Bernadette Mc Loughlin, Emma Hennessey, Tony Treacy, Marie Seymour, Rosemary Casey, Ciara Malone, Breda Connolly, Maria Zehetner, Angela Spencer, Pat Edwards, Mai Kelt, Sheila Dodd, Onyeka Okonjo, Sue Young, Pauline Williams, Terry Sharpe, Bernard Frewin, Tony Higginson, Arthur Conaghan, Wynn Harper, Loretta De'Silva, Jill Martin, Ann Cordroy, Bridie, John, Terry Murphy, Alsion Lewis, Peggy Convery, Angela Convery, Bob Stainton, Margaret Mullin, Simon Allad, Mrs Allad, Marie Aiyadoria, Emma Hennessey, Mabel D'Cruz, Giselle Armitage, Maureen Pierce, Mary Moore, James Roy, Florence Harwood, Luigia De Nardo, Ronnie Lillywhite, Brian Scott

The Recently Deceased: Eileen Kelly, Barney Conaghan, Mick Smith, John Butler

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ted Kennelly, Sadie Burns, John Francis Madden

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace



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