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## 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	6 pm	Louise Barton RIP
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>		9 am	Hannah & Amy Connaughton
			11 am	Genowefa Smaga RIP
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	6 pm	Bernie Kieran's Birthday
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>		9 am	Jasmine Mathews RIP
			11 am	Genowefa Smaga RIP

**THANK YOU:** to our door stewards, who have attended each day the church is open to support parishioners and to sanitise the benches after Mass. Without such volunteering, we couldn't open our doors for public Mass at all. If you can offer to help then please do so. We cannot expect the good will of stewards to continue indefinitely. If we have a large pool of helpers to call on, the load is easier to manage, so please support us if you can.

**PLEASE NOTE** because of the rise in Covid-19 infections we are reducing the number of public Masses we celebrate during weekday. Please show extreme care when you attend public Masses.

**DURING LENT THIS YEAR** There will be no public celebration of the Stations of the Cross. However, a good selection of Stations of the Cross with excellent meditations can be found on line.



## CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021** – Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout 2020 and the unprecedented events of the year. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in four mission areas that are more critically needed than ever, as the Church supports those in need through the pandemic. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. This service has given additional counselling and support to couples facing challenges of sharing home and work-life space with each other and their children, and also gave guidance to engaged couples whose marriage plans were thwarted. **Youth and Evangelisation:** supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. As we emerge from the pandemic these services will be looking for more ways to engage our young people who have missed opportunities to engage in their faith and in the life of the

Church. **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. **Education Service:** supporting schools as they play an increasingly vital role in society. Over the past year, many of our schools have become true community hubs, witnessing to God's love for all. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and as people have lost their jobs and livelihoods, the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. The number of foodbanks throughout the Diocese quadrupled in 2021! Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need, and finding ways to meet their basic needs. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. You can use the envelope to make your donation or by using the QR code which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Or visit [CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk). Thank you for your generosity.

**WALK FOR WATER** Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent? Walk for Water is the only Lent challenge you need: 10,000 steps a day - done your way. Every day. For 40 days. Go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty. You don't have to get tied in a knot about how to do it: whether you hop it; skip it; slide it; run it; jump it; dance it; stamp it; stomp it. It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it. Sign up now, raise money and do something different to fight poverty. You can sponsor our Parishioners on: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/st-francis-de-sales-hampton-hill> Thanks!



**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. You will find donation envelopes in the Welcoming Area to return next weekend. There is also an option to make your donation by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

We are not registering children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year, for the time being.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** by appointment only.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you wish to book a Mass, please drop your intention envelope in the small brown box at the back of the church or through the presbytery letterbox.

**MASS READINGS:** Universalis – this online resource contains all the texts of the Church's liturgy, including the readings for Mass. [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**LIVE SERVICES AT THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

**ONLINE MASSES:** Church Services TV Provides live streaming for several churches, including ten Catholic churches in our diocese. [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** If you are unable to attend Mass because of measures taken by your diocese to halt the spread of the coronavirus or are otherwise homebound, consider making an act of Spiritual Communion: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**FURLOUGHED AGAIN** As England is now under further restrictions, our Parish Administrator is again back on furlough until April 2021. If you happen to email the office or leave a message, please be patient if a response is not immediately forthcoming.

**TEST AND TRACE** Please scan the NHS COVID-19 code poster. If you do not have the app, then we will need to continue to take your details manually.

**APOLOGIES:** our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

**IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL** please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records. The current Covid 19 restrictions mean that parish clergy are not permitted to visit the wards, however the Catholic hospital chaplain will visit you if requested, just ask the nurse in charge on the ward.

**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHOM WE ARE NOT REACHING?** Maybe an elderly person who lives alone and does not have the internet? Someone who is shielding with little family support who cannot get to Mass? Someone whom we can simply call to keep in touch? Please do get in touch with us if you feel there is someone who needs support. Thank you.

**SAFEGUARDING** If you've any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our parish safeguarding rep on: [hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk). You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 77989356 [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)

**THE COLLECTION** The collection basket will not be passed around. Instead there will be an exit collection by the door. However, we encourage everyone who can to donate by standing order or direct bank payment – as this minimises cash handling. There are several ways in which you can continue to give: **1.** Collection by the door; **2.** Use the existing parish donation webpage on the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/donate/> This has a Gift Aid option; **3.** You can set up a standing order with your bank or make a one-off bank transfer. If making a one-off transfer please use your name as reference for the payment (e.g. Mrs A Smith) The parish bank account details are: Bank account: **WRC DT St Francis de Sales Church Hampton Hill / Sort code: 40-05-20 / Account: 61095447**