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6th Sunday of Easter : 22nd May 2022 (Year C)

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MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday 21st May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd May	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Maurice Rodrigo
		10.30am	Antonio Gomindez RIP
Tuesday 24th May	Easter feria	7.00pm	Ivy Andrews RIP
Wednesday 25th May	St Bede	9.15am	Kathleen Andrews Ints
Thursday 26th May	Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)	9.15am	Carlos Borg
		7.00pm	John Buckley RIP
Friday 27th May	St Augustine	9.15am	Kim Alley RIP
Saturday 28th May	Vigil : 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Pat Leonard RIP
CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John			

Liturgy of the Word: 22nd May 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him" Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 96, Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20, John 17: 20-26

"It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves. . . ." (Acts 15:28)

Fr John writes: The apostles at Pentecost, by the power of the Holy Spirit were transformed into fearless proclaimers of the Gospel. Jesus in his farewell address to his disciples promised that the Holy Spirit would be sent to guide them into all truth (John 16). The Spirit would fulfil Jesus' promise to be with his followers until the end of the world.

In Acts, Peter and the apostles under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit found themselves able to work miracles, to preach powerfully and to convert. As we see in our first reading today, they were so confident that the Spirit was directly at work in them that they considered their decision made on the requirements for gentile converts, had divine authority.

The Spirit continued to sustain the early Church through persecution and the number of believers grew as they saw the powerful witness of martyrdom. The Holy Spirit is always at work in the mission of the Church, guiding the Pope and Bishops, successors of Peter and the apostles. The same Spirit has guided the Councils of the Church down the ages and inspired its great theologians and thinkers from Athanasius and Augustine down to Oscar Romero. The Spirit has inspired holy women and men to bear witness to the Good News by consecrating their lives to works of charity for the poor and vulnerable. The Spirit empowers the Church's mission to promote peace and social justice, to foster good stewardship of the world's resources.

Each one of us baptised by water and the Spirit, sealed by the sacrament of confirmation, are charged with the Church's missionary work.

Come Holy Spirit and like the first apostles, fill our hearts with the fire of your zeal, wisdom and love. Show us what you want us to do and strengthen our commitment to spread the Gospel.

Funeral arrangements for **CANON PHILIP CROSS RIP**

His mortal remains will be received at St Bede's, Croxley Green (185 Baldwins Lane WD3 3LL) on Monday 30 May at 4.45pm and there will be a Requiem Mass at 7.30pm. **Booking is required for the Requiem Mass** - croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk or phone 01923 445163

12th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 4 June 2022

Coach departs from Westminster Cathedral at 7am (£25 return) Contact Caroline 07960 466377
Coach departs from Ealing Broadway at 6.45am (£32 return) Contact Millie 07957 594646
See the poster at the back of the church for the full programme of events

Eucharistic Octave The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from **11th to 19th June**. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at www.catholiclondon.org or at the poster at the back of church.

Vacancy for Parish Administrator at St Helen's, North Watford

Part-time VACANCY for PARISH ADMINISTRATOR (10-12 hours per week.) Full details of the position and application process are available on the Westminster job site at www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk Please apply directly to the Diocese and NOT through the parish. **Closing date for applications: Mon 30th May**

Thy Kingdom Come

Churches Together in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire invite you to join us in prayer on **26th May at 7.30 pm** at Bunyan Meeting, Bedford. MK40 3EU. The short service includes speaker Ruth Robb of Azaela, a Luton based charity supporting victim of human trafficking, and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet other organisations, including the SVP, serving communities in Herts and Beds. For more information contact facilitator@cthers.org.uk



The paradox of abundance. Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called **Fix the Food System**. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.



Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline

Catholic Listeners is a new confidential helpline specifically created to listen to the troubled or concerned- especially those wishing to reconnect with their faith. Operating 3 days a week from 4-7pm on Monday, Tuesday & Friday. You'll find compassionate, confidential, experienced, dedicated, non-judgemental listeners.

Calls are FREE to the helpline 0800 448 0704 or email Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Young Adults Retreat: 'See All Things New'

The Jesuits in Britain invite young adults in their 20s and 30s to join them to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. Two times are offered for a retreat: online from 27th July to 1st August 2022, residential retreat at St Beuno's, from 28th July to 1st August 2022. Information is available at <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events/see-all-things-new-a-retreat-for-youngadults-in-their-20s-and-30s>.

St Michaels Catholic Grammar School -

Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023. These are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5 to sit the entrance tests for year 7 entry to St Michael's in September 2023. Applications, the **deadline for which is 5th July 2022** can be made through the online system available on our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24>



Offertory for Sunday 15th May

Envelopes £ 220.27
Loose Plate £ 209.90
Total £ 430.17

Thank you

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan, Carlos Borg and Bernadette Cruickshank.