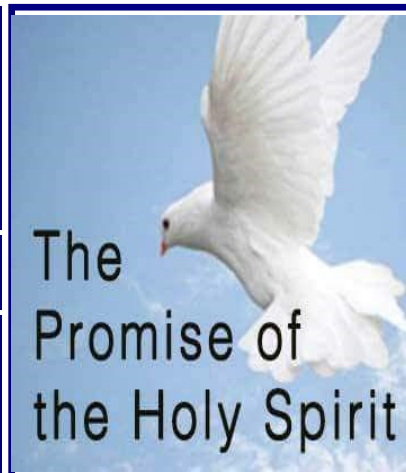


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6th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 14th May 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	First Communion children & families
Sunday 14th May	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Helen Birch RIP
Tuesday 16th May	Easter feria	7.00pm	Tony Hewitt
Wednesday 17th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Private Intention
Thursday 18th May	The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)	9.15am	Pupils & Staff of St Joseph's School
		7.00pm	Confirmation candidates
Friday 19th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Terence Paterson RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 20th May	Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Richard Pugh RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 14th May 2023

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: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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 1:12-14 Psalm 26 I Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11

From the very beginning of creation God said: *it is not good that man should be alone* (Genesis 2:18). We were created in love for love - to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparably united in a community of unbreakable love.

St John Henry Newman said: *We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature.* Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bond of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for humankind. In Jesus we see the fulness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being.

Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts: the Holy Spirit to be with us and in us. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is the giver of life - the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains us forever. The Holy Spirit also guides us in the way of truth, wisdom, and goodness. We can never stop learning, because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love.

Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. That is why a Christian need not fear or be troubled by anything. The love of Christ brings joy and consolation even in the midst of our trials and difficulties. St Paul tells us: *"I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8)

Thursday is the Solemnity of the **Ascension of the Lord**. It is a *Holyday of Obligation*.
Mass will be at **9.15am and 7pm**.

Catholic Worker Farm Open Day

The open day is on **Saturday 10th June from 3pm onwards**. The farm accommodates 19 refugee women and children. There will be an international buffet, live performances and a house tour. It's totally free! Bring your friends and family. For more information, check out www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org or call 01923 777201. Address: Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD39XJ.

"Sinners Called to Holiness" Prayer for a Pilgrim Church

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will guide us in reflection on the Universal Call to Holiness and the place of prayer in Vatican II.

15 June 2023 at 11am-3pm @ London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH

Free event (donations welcome). Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrimchurch-tickets-629250403897>. See poster at the back of Church

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on *6 - 9 July 2023* or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on *13-15 October 2023*, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster

There is a printed list of the current vacancies on the noticeboard near the Door of Mercy. Please take a look as there is a great range of jobs from Parish Administrator to Door Manager. Plus a range of locations across the Diocese. The list is also updated weekly and available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>



As the new tax year is upon us, don't forget to let us know if your tax circumstances have changed & you need to amend your Gift Aid Status. If you don't already give by Gift Aid and you find that you could, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration today. **It doesn't cost you anything** and means *we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 that you donate*. You just have to be a UK taxpayer who pays enough tax to cover the amount of gift aid that is claimed back.

Planned giving envelopes

There are several boxes still to be collected from the back bench in church. It's still not too late to swap the way you give to the parish! **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting .

If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order please contact the Parish office.



Offertory for Sunday 7th May 2023

Envelopes £ 164.60

Loose £ 312.16

Total £ 476.76

Many thanks

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster.