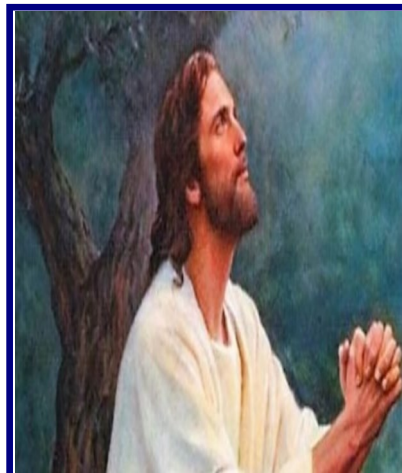


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**7th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 21st May 2023**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 20th May	Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Richard Pugh RIP
Sunday 21st May	7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Maurice Rodrigo RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd May	Easter feria	7.00pm	Bill Byrne RIP
Wednesday 24th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Christine Winters RIP
Thursday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable	9.15am	Helen Birch RIP
Friday 26th May	St Philip Neri	9.15am	Charlotte Hayes Ints followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 27th May	Vigil: Pentecost Sunday	Noon	First Holy Communion Mass
		6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Liturgy of the Word: 21st May 2023  
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I am sure I will see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103 I Corinthians 12: 3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

In these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church offers for our meditation the 17th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. Jesus raises his eyes to heaven and we are privileged eavesdroppers on the prayer he makes to the Father. This has been called the High Priestly prayer. Jesus, the greatest intermediary between God and humanity, prays for his beloved followers. In the light of the mystery of the Ascension, Jesus' prayer points towards our heavenly destiny, and as we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we hope to build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus is glorified when he ascends to his Father's right hand, after his resurrection from the dead. Jesus asks that, through our union with him, through our belonging to him, we may be caught up into that glory.

The Holy Spirit is the glory of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit dwelling within us shares with us the glory of the Trinity. By the Holy Spirit even on earth we share the divine life. The Holy Spirit promises us that we will enter the life of the world to come.

To know God; to glorify God; to enter God's own glory; to receive eternal life, divine life; to participate in the mutual love of the Trinity: this is Heaven. It is also the meaning of the Christian life on earth. Through faith, hope and love all the baptized are called to build the kingdom on earth in a way that points to the peace and joy of heaven. This is the meaning of the Church's liturgy, and supremely of the Mass in which we are united with Jesus' timeless sacrifice and are joined by all the powers of heaven as this world and the next, in one voice cry out, holy, holy, holy!

### So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for the ASCENT.

theASCENT is a three year discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the Brentwood location **starting in October** and full details can be found at [www.theascentuk.co.uk](http://www.theascentuk.co.uk)



### 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](http://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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



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### 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 14th May 2023

Envelopes £ 194.37

Loose £ 337.30

**Total £ 531.67**

### April 2023

**Standing Orders £1,957**

**Online donations £159**

*Many thanks*

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