

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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5th Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th April	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Bridget & Thomas Gallagher RIP
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Bill Petch & Sid West RIP
Monday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena	7.00pm	<u>Requiem Mass Fr John Warnaby RIP</u>
Tuesday 30th April	Easter Feria	Noon	<u>Funeral Mass Fr John Warnaby RIP</u>
Thursday 2nd May	St Athanasius	Noon	Funeral of Thomas Flynn RIP
Saturday 4th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Paul Tissington RIP
Sunday 5th May	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Aileen Roberts RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

Liturgy of the Word: 28th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm 97 I John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

Gospel Reflection from VIRC

At the beginning of the second discourse after the Last Supper, Jesus says, "I am the true vine!" When he makes such an unprecedented remark, does he have in mind that vine carved in stone on the temple pediment to symbolize Israel? The image fits well within the context of the Last Supper, where Jesus has just given his disciples the wine of the new covenant prefigured at Cana. In any case, it would evoke in the hearts of the disciples the whole history of the relationship between God and the chosen people. Sign of blessing, symbol of the fruitful wife, the vine is present throughout the life of this people who are attached to the land. God could rightly expect fine grapes from the luxuriant vine uprooted from Egypt and planted in Canaan. He had lavished so much care on it! But he received only sour grapes in return. In the words of the prophets, the vine came to signify the sinful and degenerate Israel, unfaithful to the covenant and about to be punished for its perversity. Later hope is reborn for a magnificent vine, a purified and faithful people for whom the Lord would be the guardian, day and night. "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine-grower." Jesus at last fulfils the divine expectation which has so long been frustrated. He is, in his person, the true Israel, and his blood has brought forth a new vine on Calvary. Henceforth, none can bear fruit for God unless they are in Jesus, and Jesus in them, in a reciprocity of love which alone assures life its fruitfulness. "You in me...I in you": that is the refrain of this disclosure, the marvellous promise which the eucharist already begins to fulfil.

Offertory for Sunday 21st April

Loose £353.75
Envelopes £178.82
Total £532.57

Many thanks for your generosity

Funeral arrangements for Fr John Warnaby

Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's Church on **Monday 29th April** by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm.

On **Tuesday 30th April** the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Mehall Lowry giving the homily. A private cremation will follow at 2:30pm for family and close friends.

The car park has been reserved for Fr John's family and the visiting clergy. Please find a space on a nearby road.

Donations to Birmingham Hospice in memory of Fr John.

May the soul of Fr John, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Priest Training Fund –Thank you

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. **£201.40** has been raised. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish, by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Geraldine Horwood RIP

The funeral of the late Geraldine Horwood will be taking place at St Joseph's on Friday 10th May at 11am.

100 Club

The 3rd monthly draw will be on **Sunday 28th April** after 8:30am Mass

Run Nicholas Run!

Congratulations to parishioner Nicholas Birch who ran the London Marathon last Sunday 21st April in support of the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. This is a charity close to his heart as his older sister, Helen Birch died last March, age 24 after battling cancer for 7 years. It is not too late to support Nicholas by donating through the link. There is a poster on the rear noticeboard with a QR code for ease <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholas-birch5>

Planned Giving envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes are in the Narthex waiting for collection. It is not too late to change your method of giving to the Parish! **The most helpful and secure way of supporting the parish is donating by monthly standing order**, which reduces our volunteers' work in counting. If you do want to swap to Standing Order there are forms left out for you to complete and return to the parish office.



***** Our Lady of Willesden May Procession***** Sunday 12th May at 3pm
See poster in the Narthex

*****Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham *****Saturday 1st June

***** Corpus Christi Procession***** Sunday 2nd June from Warwick Street, London

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.
Pray for the recently deceased especially Fr John Warnaby and Geraldine Horwood