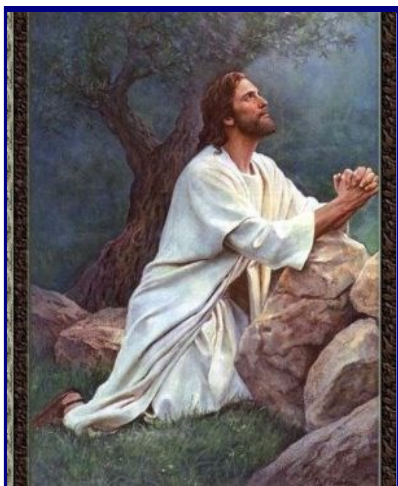


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7th Sunday of Easter 12th May 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th May	Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 12th May	7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Whelan family
		10.30am Jim Carson RIP

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday 18th May	Vigil: Pentecost Sunday	6.00pm Rita Mackey RIP
Sunday 19th May	Pentecost Sunday	8.30am People of the Parish
		10.30am Billy Byrne RIP

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

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

Liturgy of the Word: 12th May 2024

Entrance Antiphon: 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: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

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

Gospel Reflection from VIRC

In the discourse after the Last Supper, Christ intercedes for his Church. The master communicates to his disciples the paradoxical words they will have to live after his Ascension. They will be "in the world" but yet "not of the world". Christians are not to be tourists who pass through life without committing themselves to it. The gospel preaches no mystique of evasion. It commands Jesus' disciples to submit themselves to the law of his incarnation by taking on all that is human except sin and by refusing to ally themselves with evil and its kingdom of lies.

They will also be the butt of "the world's hatred" and yet "filled with joy". For the sinful world cannot but oppose the subversion of a gospel which proclaims that the things of this world will pass away and that we must put our hearts where true joys lie. This is an uncomfortable attitude. It is heroic even for those who know the secret of joy, the beatitude promised to those who strive in the name of Christ to liberate humanity at home, at work, in the city. They are "consecrated by means of truth" in order to transmit life as Christ does. We can be sent as apostles only if we embrace his cross. It is by offering ourselves with him as living victims, holy and pleasing to God, that we are plunged into profound communion in God. Jesus approached his own passion praying for each of us so that the paradox of the cross might bear fruit in us.

Fr John Warnaby RIP

Fr John's mother Nora, and all the Warnaby family would like to extend their thanks to the parish for showing them such love and support at this very difficult time. It really made a difference to them. Please keep Fr John and his family in your prayers.

Bishop Paul visiting

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Paul McAleenan. Bishop Paul will be here with us to celebrate all three Sunday Masses– 6pm Vigil on Saturday, Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am.

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers

Catholic Women's League Cake Sale

CWL will be holding a cake sale after all Masses next weekend 18th/19th May. Please bring some cash along to support them. I hear there are some Master Bakers amongst them! All proceeds will be donated to St Joseph's Pre-School, so please give as generously as you can.

100 Club

The 4th monthly draw will be on **Sunday 26th May** after 8:30am Mass .

Some players have just paid for the first three draws. If you would like to continue playing can you please let the office know. We will need your £15 for the next 3 draws *by Monday 20th May at the latest*. Bank transfer is preferable, or cash.



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

*****Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham *****Saturday 1st June 11am-4:30pm
See poster in the Narthex

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

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.

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.

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 group starting in October and full details can be found at <https://www.theascentuk.co.uk/brentwood>

Financials

Offertory for Sunday 5th May Loose £278.87 Envelopes £169.43 **Total £448.30**

Standing orders for May 2024 **Total £1,876**

Many thanks

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, Thomas Flynn, Geraldine Horwood and Phil Wallace.