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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR C

Saturday	21st	5.00 pm		Molly + James Gallagher RIP
Sunday	22nd	9.00 am		Annie+Austin McGreal RIP
		11.00 am		People of the Parish
Monday	23rd	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Restituto + Gavina RIP
Tuesday	24th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Helen Carey
Wednesday	25th	9.30 am	St. Bede	Elizabeth O'Callaghan RIP
Thursday	26th	9:30am&7.30pm	Ascension Masses	
Friday	27th	9:00	Exposition and Mass (St. Augustine of Canterbury)	
Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C				
Saturday	28th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	29th	9.00 am		
		11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Mary Hynes, Gina, Maria Keith, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway, Jane and Marcianne Caltaux. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Mary Bernard and Danuta Halsey, We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven. **Gospel Reading.** John 14:23-29 A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Council of Jerusalem

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation. The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us." And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

ASCENSION DAY MASSES

The Ascension of the Lord is coming Thursday 26, May 2022. You are all invited to Mass in the morning at 9:30am and an evening Mass at 7.30pm. You are all welcome.

12th NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 4th June, The Catholic National Shrine Basilica of our Lady of Walsingham, Houghton St Giles, Norfolk, NR22 6AL. Please see <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/walsingham>

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

A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although it is not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com. They are here to listen 0800 448 0704.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- **Face coverings must be worn** by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time. Let us be each other's keeper. **We pray the rosary each morning before Mass for an end to wars especially in Ukraine- Join us**

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER QUARTERLY MEETING OF DIOCESAN HOMELESS PROJECTS - Thursday 26 May, 3:30-5:00pm-Online Join our growing community of volunteers and professionals who want to see the end of homelessness. Find out more and sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-westminster-quarterly-meeting-of-diocesan-homeless-projects-tickets-251110527347?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND COST OF LIVING/COST OF LIVING HUB

The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub, which helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub> **One-stop information for people in Herts.** Useful links and resources for people living in Herts [Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living](#)

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Planning for the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th July 2022 is well under way! The Grotto has in fact been open since spring 2020 and awaits the return of international groups of faithful pilgrims and rest assured, Our Lady is abundant in patience. Please remember to tick 'Yes' or 'No', and to read and sign the Privacy Statement before returning the form, and note, the completion of the Expression of Interest Form does not constitute a commitment to make a booking. An online link can be found via: <https://forms.rcdow.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-2022-expression-of-interest/> on the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimages webpage.

APPRECIATION:

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and to all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. God bless you. **Happy Easter to you all.**