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**28/29 MAY 2022**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR C**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Marian Tormey (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Joseph Abraham (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
		<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Easter Feria
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	The Visitation
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 1st</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Justin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Exposition and Mass (St. Charles Lwanga)
<b>Pentecost Sunday Year C</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
		<b>11.00 am</b>	

**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 7:55-60 The stoning of Stephen.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20 Come, Lord Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** John 17:20-26 Father, may they be completely one

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Jesus prays for us.... like Stephen, offer our lives to God**

Jesus is praying for us in today's Gospel. We are those who have come to believe in Him through the Word of the Apostles, handed on in His Church. Jesus showed the Apostles His glory, made known the Father's name and the love He has had for us from "before the foundation of the world." He revealed that He and the Father are one (see John 14:9). Jesus is the "first and the last" (see Isaiah 44:6), the root of David (see Isaiah 11:10; 2 Samuel 7:12), as today's Second Reading declares.

Listen for the echoes of the Crucifixion: Stephen, like Jesus, sees the Son of Man in glory and dies with words of forgiveness and self-offering on his lips (compare Acts 7:56-60; Matthew 26:64-65; Luke 23:24,46). Like Stephen, we, too, are to commend our spirits to the Father, to pray and offer our lives in love for our brethren, awaiting His coming in judgment. We renew our vows in every Mass, coming forward to receive the gift of His life. We answer His call by crying out a call of our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" And in our communion we answer our Lord's prayer: "That they may all be one, as You, Father are in Me and I in You."

### **CATHOLIC WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY**

Listening with the ear of the heart. The title of this year's message, "Listening with the ear of the heart," invites us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. The Pope, quoting St Paul, noted that "faith comes through hearing." For more check <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>

## **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS-Events at the Parish**

Our local Bishop joins us next Saturday 4 June, 2022 at 1pm to confirm 24 of the youth in our Parish. Please pray for all the candidates. First Holy Communion Masses on June 12 and 26 for children from St. Paul's school. Thank you to all the Parish Catechists and their assistants. Congratulations to all the candidates.

## **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>

## **THY KINGDOM COME**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer inviting Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. For further information see: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

## **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](mailto: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**

## **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.**