

St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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6/7 MAY 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A CORONATION WEEKEND (FOR KING CHARLES III AND THE ROYAL FAMILY)

Saturday	6th	5.00 pm		King Charles III and
Sunday	7th	9.00 am		Royal Family Mary McHugh RIP Romeo Rodriques
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	8th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	9th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	10th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	John Connors RIP
Friday	12th	9:00am	Benediction and Mass	Hannah Taylor BD
		Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A		
Saturday	13th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	14th	9 & 11.00 an	n	
Sacrament of appointment	Reconcilia	tion: Saturday 4	:30-pm or telephone the pre	sbytery for an

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7 Under pressure, a solution is found to deal with new needs of the community **Second Reading**: 1 Peter 2:4-9 Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house **Gospel Reading**: John 14:1-12 We have a deep basis for inner peace, because Christ has prepared a place for us in the Father's house

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- God in Jesus has a gift for us

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him. The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his father's house, which has many rooms. So, there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading. **Happy Easter Season to you all**

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

We raised £372.68 through our second collection last weekend. Thank you for your donations.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our

priests. If you do not have a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit <u>www.rcdow.org.uk/donations</u>. **Thank you for your generosity**.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am Mass this weekend. First Communion cards are now available alongside the usual cards and gifts.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

The Parish appreciates the selfless efforts of volunteers in our Parish. It has become necessary to appeal to all parishioners to generously offer their time and talents in building our Parish Community. Variety is the spice of life! We need more readers at all the Masses, welcomers (who also serve as offertory collectors), collection money counters, **singers to boost the choir at the 11am Mass**, more people to join the parish councils, people with ICT skills and children and youth catechists. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Fr. Clement personally or email him; <u>cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk</u>. Thank you

HERTFORDSHIRE AGE UK

Hertfordshire Help the Aged are currently looking to recruit volunteers to help combat loneliness across the Hoddesdon & Broxbourne areas. To find out more, contact Age UK on 07525 070472 or <u>emailvolunteering@ageukherts.org.uk</u>

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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Caritas web page <u>https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php</u>, includes a pdf document (the brochure used at our conference in November) containing a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. Their development team remains available to offer advice and direct you to support for any parish projects you wish to develop to help your community at this time. Find their contact details here: <u>https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php</u>. **People who are in debt to their energy supplier** might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <u>https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/</u>

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Visit our Lady of Lourdes with the Diocese of Westminster on 21st – 28th July 2023. Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka for more information. 0207 798 9173; email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk; web rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

APPRECIATION

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

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