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13/14 MAY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Saturday	13th	5.00 pm		Nora Kelly BD
Sunday	14th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	15th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Ryan Barrett BD RIP
Tuesday	16th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	17th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Patricia Martin RIP
Thursday	18th	9.30 & 7:30	The Ascension of the Lord	
Friday	19th	9:00am	Benediction and Mass	Parents bereaved of their Children
Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A				
Saturday	20th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	21st	9 & 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 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 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Holy Spirit- the Advocate

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate," Jesus said; clearly, he himself is the first advocate. He is explicitly called that in 1 John 2:1, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the just one." Sadly, many Christians feel that Jesus too is their judge rather than their defence lawyer, spokesperson, mediator.... In the Scriptures the accuser is Satan, not Jesus! "The accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God" (Rev 12:10).

The other Advocate or Paraclete promised by Jesus is the Holy Spirit. He is a witness to Jesus; he will continue the work of Jesus, mediating the divine presence to the disciples; he will remind them of what Jesus taught them, he will continue to interpret Jesus to them. **Happy Easter Season to you all**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS- This Sunday

13 children from the Parish will receive first Holy Communion this Sunday at a special Mass at 1pm. Do keep the children in your prayers. Congratulations to all the children and thank you to the catechist, Pat Stevens, her assistant Pattie, and thank you to parents for your cooperation.

ASCENSION MASS TIMES; two Masses at the Parish at 9:30 am and 7:30pm and 2.00pm at St. Paul's Primary School.

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; cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk. 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 emailvolunteering@ageukherts.org.uk

WINDRUSH DAY 75TH CELEBRATION

A day of celebration will be held in Hoddesdon town on the 24th June from 12-7pm. It will be a Caribbean and African experience of music, song and dance. If you would like a stall please contact windrushhoddesdon2@gmail.com.

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 <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php>, 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: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php> . **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 <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

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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