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**27/28 APRIL 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Salvatore & Caterina Difrancesco RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00am</b>		Francis Edisinghe BD RIP Baby Phoenix RIP & Family Dr. Ato Quarshie 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Catherine of Siena	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 1st</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Easter Feria	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Benediction & Mass (St. Philip & James)	Agnes Gallagher (int.)
<b>6th Sun of Easter Year B</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, **Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, 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 including **Fr Tim Brady RIP** and for **Salvatore & Caterina Difrancesco, Francis Edisinghe, Ato Quarshie** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas introduces Paul the convert to the church in Jerusalem

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24 To live as God intends, we must above all love one another

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-8 The image of Vine and Branches, on Christ's closeness to his disciples

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- More than just a code to guide us

A celebrity was asked on a T.V. religious programme about the place of religion on his life, and if he could easily do without it, and he answered, "Yes, maybe, but then it is always a guide to help one keep in line." For him religion was a code to help him regulate his conduct. People of that mindset often want religion to be mummified, like a static signpost in their lives. But, if it means anything, Christianity must be a living, a vibrant force in one's life. Not only does Christ live on in the community of believers, but through them, he carries on his mission of ministering to people in need of his mercy and love.

In those who spread the words of the gospel to others, whether in the mission fields, in the parish, in our schools, we have the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper, "That they may know the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." **Happy Easter season to you all.**

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND-APPRECIATION

We realised **£430.90 last weekend**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of

whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/25**

The current boxes of envelopes ran out on March 31. The new boxes with envelopes starting on April 7 are available for collection at the back of the church. Your number on your new envelopes remains the same as last year. The box will also have your name and postcode on it to help identify it. If you have problems collecting the box, please let us know and we can arrange delivery. New envelope givers will also find their boxes of envelopes at the back of the church. We are very grateful for the steady income Envelope and Standing Order Planned Givers donate to the parish.

### **THE SANTA MARTA GROUP**

Was established in 2014 by Pope Francis to combat human trafficking and modern slavery. SMG is now delivering 'Awareness and Guidance for Communities' to encourage local action and to prevent human trafficking and modern slavery taking place in our midst. On Thursday 2nd May 2024 the Santa Marta Group will hold a meeting at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph 1, King Edward's Road, Ware, SG12 7EJ from 6.45pm – 9.30pm. Kevin Hyland, the UK's first Independent anti-slavery Commissioner and currently chief advisor to the Santa Marta Group will lead the meeting. All are welcome to come to learn more about the prevalence of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities and the steps we can take to prevent it.

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am Mass. Cards and presents available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation etc

### **PARKING**

Please park only on church property to avoid blocking residents' driveways. The road is narrow so even parking opposite a driveway can cause problems. There is extra parking available at Holly Lodge on Church Lane at weekends. When parking in the church carpark, please park so that the maximum numbers of cars can fit in. Please note that the parking space in front of the flats, adjacent to the church, is private land and for residents of the flats only.

### **DIOCESAN JOBS**

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

### **BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK**

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

### **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your Easter cards, presents and the continuous support to the Parish, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

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