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Sixth Sunday of EASTER 5th May 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)

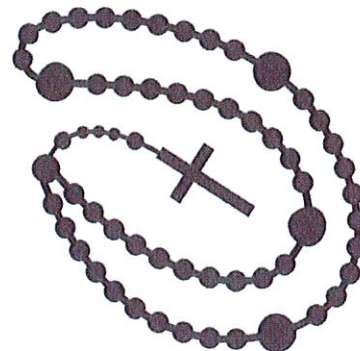
Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Sat 25th May 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral.
The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you wish to attend, send an email to clerkenwell@rcdow.org.uk with the details: names, wedding date, address, email address.

Preparation for Baptism

Consists of coming regularly to Sunday Mass and attending preparation classes.
I shall soon advertise some dates for preparation classes.

The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the **Rosary** at home. At the end you can say the following prayer:

*"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin"*



No weekday Mass: 6-11 May



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Do you suffer from **aporophobia**?



Aporophobia describes an attitude towards poverty and the poor which can go from disregard, contempt, disgust and rejection to fear and even to hate. It sounds 'strong language' but perhaps it is not so far from us.

Why do we find it so difficult to look at a poor person in the street? Why do we resist so much giving away money to the poor? Why are we so anxious when we walk out of the door without our phone, our cards, our wallet or bag? Why do we hate asking for help and depending on others so much?

Last Wednesday, May 1st, we kept the Fest of Joseph the Worker. Among the many invocations used to turn to Saint Joseph in prayer is '*Amator paupertatis*', which in Latin means "Lover of Poverty". Poverty is not simply lack of money or material means. Poverty is the state of 'being open', 'available', 'dependent'.

Joseph, the carpenter, was not rich, not a wealthy man, but to love poverty is something else. The visitation of the Angel of God, the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, made this poor man into a lover of poverty, attentive to the Voice of God, open to the Will of God, obedient to the History worked by God.

If you suffer from 'aporophobia' remember to pray the Litanies of St Joseph. Look up for the Litanies, pray them and ask for the grace to be cured from this terrible fear and so begin to love everyone and everything which makes us poorer.

fr. Ivano

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