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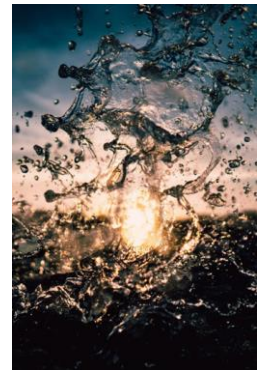
18th April 2021

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER year B

Happy Easter! Christ is risen!

It might be an effect of serving every day in a parish, but it strikes me this year to see how much our liturgy focuses on baptism during the time of Lent and Easter. I have to confess that baptising is one of my greatest joys as a newly ordained priest.

We have been reflecting on how to handle baptism preparation in our parish since last October. Most enquiries regard new-born babies whose parents are not regular church-goers, although they identify themselves as parishioners of Christ the King. Baptism preparation, obviously, does not aim at instructing the baby to be christened! It aims at transmitting a sense of belonging. For that reason, we decided to extend the Course over three sessions, and to open it to as many parents as possible. Godparents are welcome to join the third session so that they feel involved too.



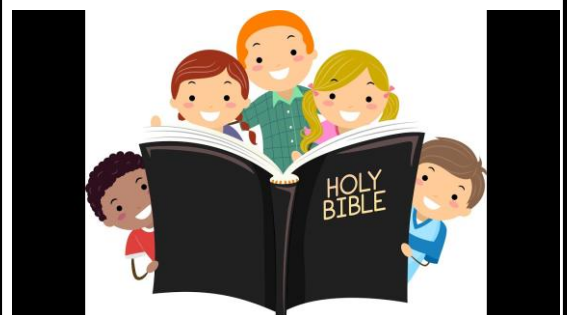
The Course also aims at exploring the treasure of being Christian parents. I am glad to have Moushmi & Manish Mark on board with me, as they can share an experience that I do not have! The attendees told us that sharing their own experiences and listening to that of the others has been really supportive and uplifting. It makes baptism a joyful and meaningful event for them.

Three parents have already asked to join the Baptism Course next month. It is important that this Course can become a part of our parish culture and that we advertise or encourage parents who could have hesitation. Our parish community definitely wants to be supportive of young parents whose life is often very challenging in contemporary society.

Fr Jean-Sébastien Laurent

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are pleased that we are able to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word from Sunday 25th April at the 11am Mass. Anyone who is keen to be involved with this ministry of breaking open God's Word to the children please speak to Fr Christophe or Giulia.



BIBLE STUDY FOR EASTERTIDE

A new Bible study series based on the readings for Sunday Mass **will begin 22 April and continue for 5 weeks until Pentecost** - i.e. Thursday evenings, until 20 May at 8 pm. Meetings will be on Zoom so you can participate from your own home. The series will be led by Deacon Ted Wood. To register and receive a Zoom link for meetings, please contact the parish



PRAYER GROUP ZOOM

We have cancelled our meeting on Saturday 17th April as it is the date of Prince Philip's funeral. RIP. We meet next at 2.30 pm on Saturday 24th April the speaker will be Charles Whitehead, head of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal at the Vatican for many years, who had regular meetings with the Pope. Link from peterkrau@aol.com

NET FOR GOD PRAYER GROUP

To meet one evening per week to praise and listen to the Word of God. **Every Tuesday evening online (Facebook) at 8pm**, people from all walks of life come together to pray, practice charisms and listen to the Word of God.



PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday 25th April, is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. Donation leaflets are available in the entrance hall. Please take one and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

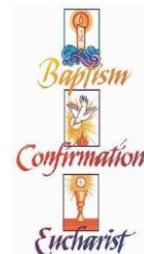
Boxes of PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for 2021 - 2022 will be available for collection in the entrance hall at all Masses this weekend.



SACRAMENTS 2021/22

Baptism Preparation

Want your baby christened? Registrations are open to join the next Baptism Course: 3 sessions on Sundays, 10-11am. 9th, 16th May and 6th June. Contact the parish secretary or Fr Jean-Sébastien, jslaurent@rcdow.org.uk.



First Holy Communion Preparation

On Sunday 25th April we begin the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Session will begin at 9.45am until 12 noon including Mass at 11am. We are very happy to welcome the children and parents back to church.

BT CLUB "Spring Sharing Project"

Now that warmer weather is here attention turns to the great outdoors and we would like to invite all parishioners to share their tips and ideas on gardening and growing. If you have any photos of your garden or allotment successes, they will be most welcome also. The idea is to collate the information and share with others. Please get your "Green Fingers" at the ready and email cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk or send to the parish office. Thank you



OPENING OF THE CHURCH TIMETABLE

Mass at 11am (except Tuesday)

Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2pm
 Saturday – 10.30am – 1pm **5.30pm Mass**
 Sunday – **9am Mass & 11am Mass**
Confession & Adoration 6-7pm



- Please wear a face mask, this should cover your mouth and nose.
- For communion, there will be only one line. Then people will separate for the two communion stations at the front. Keeping a safe distance.
- In order to lessen the congestion at the exits, people should start to leave the church during the closing song after the priests have left.
- Please do not mingle inside or outside the church.
- Library will be locked for the time being.
- Please don't attend church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

Sunday 18 April	THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19. Ps. 4:2. 4. 7. 9. 1 Jn. 2:1-5. Lk. 24:35-48.	Thursday 22 April	Easter Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65:8-9. 16-17. 20. Jn. 6:44-51.
Monday 19 April	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr Mass:11.00am Readings: Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118:23-24. 26-27. 29-30. Jn. 6:22-29.	Friday 23 April	ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England Mass: 11.00am Readings: Apoc. 12:10-12. Ps. 125. Jn. 15:18-21.
Tuesday 20 April	Easter Feria NO MASS Readings: Acts 7:51 – 8:1. Ps. 30:3-4. 6-8. 17. 21. Jn. 6:30-35.	Saturday 24 April	Easter Feria Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115:12-17. Jn. 6:60-69.
Wednesday 21 April	Easter Feria Mass:11.00am Readings: Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65:1-7. Jn. 6:35-40.	Sunday 25 April	FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 4:8-12. Ps. 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. 1 Jn. 3:1-2. Jn. 10:11-18.