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Last Sunday's collection.£2137. Many Thanks. There are still loads of Planned Giving boxes of envelopes awaiting collection from the Parish Room. Only a fraction of parishioners are now fully participant in the Planned Giving scheme. The card donation machine in the Church Porch, which was obtaining some usage, has been recently vandalised. Thanks to all who continue to contribute so well.

This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, we listen to a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Next Sunday 2nd June we celebrate The Body and Blood of Christ(Corpus Christi).

Feasts this week. Monday. St Augustine of Canterbury. Wednesday. St Paul V1. Pope. Friday . The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday. St Justin , Martyr.

Feast of the Visitation. Friday 31st May. The month of May ends with the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though the visit of Mary to Elizabeth is recorded in Luke 1:39-56, it is the 13th century when the feast was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by St Bonaventure, the Seraphic Doctor. Pope Pius V placed the feast on the Roman Calendar in 1568.

After the angel Gabriel's visit and the annunciation, Mary went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. The greeting of Elizabeth and Mary's Magnificat place into an act of charity and life lived in faith of God's word and open to the Spirit a proclamation of a child to be born to Mary as Lord and how she is looked upon God's holy handmaid. The Scripture readings show Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant, bearing the saviour of the world.

Requiems. Thursday 6th June at 12 noon for Anthony Rock. Friday 7th June at 1.30pm for Brian Walsh. Your prayers for the repose of their souls and for their families in their loss.

Divine Mercy Retreat here at St Agnes Church on Saturday 8th June. 1- 4.30pm.

Gospel Notes. Matthew 28:16-20. It is time for Jesus to return to the Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for the future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life, leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Were there words spoken then that gave you direction for your future?

Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on their way knowing you would not be with them as in the past. When did the way you parted helped the other make their own way in life?

Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way. In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. He promised to be with them until the end of time. It is a promise he would fulfil through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is also given to us. What helps you to be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit with you on life's journey?

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Morning on Saturday 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To register attendance, contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

Appointment of Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster

Mgr Jim Curry, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington as Titular Bishop of Ramsbury and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, as announced on 22 April. The Episcopal Ordination will take place on Tuesday 18 June at 12noon in the Cathedral.