

2ND MAY 2021
+5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioners,

I am the true vine

Perhaps for the gardeners amongst us the image from this week's Gospel will speak more clearly. A healthy plant shows in all its branches that it is flourishing. If it is a fruit tree then that also shows in the fruit that it provides. Jesus offers us this image to help us to see that it is through him, the true vine, that we discover a fruitful and healthy life. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus provides a new way for us to live in communion with God and with each other. Sin and death are removed and replaced with grace and love. Through God's mercy we become new creations and begin a life time's work of being cultivated and grafted on to the true vine of the risen life that Jesus has brought amongst us. Like any gardening work this takes vigilance and care. Our relationship with God is at the centre of it and we practice this through our prayer, our religious practice and our willingness to seek God's love and his will in our lives. Jesus promises us that if we do this then we remain part of the true vine. Like the grapes produced we are destined to be transformed into the heavenly wine that is to be part of the feast of heaven. Jesus gives his own blood to be the wine of sacrifice so that we can do this. He also warns that those who reject this way are like the dying branches that can only be pruned and discarded. Let us pray to be able to support one another to continuously dedicate ourselves to the joy of being part of God's vineyard and love one another so that all people can come to share in this great gift.

God bless you

Fr Martin

CHRIST AND THE CROWN OF THORNS PAINTING –Thank you to all who have contributed so far for the framing of the painting that is displayed in the Church. There will be another opportunity this weekend to donate. You will be able to place your donation in the contribution box in the narthex. Alternatively, you can also contribute by placing your offering in an envelope marked “Painting Frame” and leave in the Parish Office if you are unable to get to weekend Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 3.00pm

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event

– www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

First Holy Communion Dress required: Does anyone have a Second Hand, First Holy Communion dress that they could donate or loan? One is required for a child aged 8 -9 years. We can return to owner fully dry cleaned. If you are able to help, please contact Liz Duignan at the Parish Office 0208 866 6581 or email: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk

May Devotion to Our Lady will take place on **Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. It will include Holy Rosary and Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation. The Devotion will be livestreamed. Booking available seats, please visit parish.rcdow.org.uk/Willesden.

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to winners, 1st Prize: Michael Mwaura, 2nd Hilda Minoli, 3rd Patricia Wilby.

MASS INTENTIONS + 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK NG RIP A
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INTS OF DOHERTY FAMILY

MONDAY 3RD MAY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF CHANDRASENA FAMILY

TUESDAY 4TH MAY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM BARTLEY RODDY RIP A

WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JOSEPH FEALEY RIP A

THURSDAY 6TH MAY

10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 7TH MAY

09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS VINCENT FERNANDES

SATURDAY 8TH MAY

09:00 -11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM ETHEL MASSEY RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &
CONFESSIONS

+6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 9TH MAY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) KATHERINE GUY RIP A
09:30AM JOZEF & JADWIGA LELUJKA RIP A &
URSALA BALINKSKA RIP LD
11:30AM INTS OF PAUL MARSHALL

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Brian Berry, Ron Johnson, Katie Murchan, Vincent Fernandes, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently:

Kathleen Dunleavy, Kathleen Sullivan, Olive Law, Lourdes Desouza, Jeyrani John Pillai, Debbie Williams and Lynda Rodricks.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Charles Cizek, Francis Burns & Martin Baxter

First Holy Communion Masses: The masses on **Sunday 23rd & 30th May at 11.30am** will be exclusively for First Holy Communion candidates and their families. We appreciate this is a change to the normal schedule but it has been necessary due to restrictions still in place that we have had to work with. We appreciate the support of those affected for the families of our First Holy Communion children in helping them make this day as special as possible. Many thanks, Fr Martin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This week Bertie is very excited to show you something that grows in his garden. Don't forget to watch to find out what it is.

https://youtu.be/NJU0uvj_io

Priest Training fund, thank you. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to donate if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021 – Thank you

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which helps to fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities, strengthening and advancing the Catholic faith throughout the church, and putting faith into action. Thanks to your generosity we are able to continue this work throughout our Diocese. You can view two short films about the impact of your donations on the website CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk. Thank you.

The Migrants Mass will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark at St William of York Catholic Church, Lewisham. Owing to coronavirus restrictions, sadly only a small number of invited guests will be able to attend in person, but the Mass will be live-streamed online so that all can participate from their homes. The Mass is an annual celebration of the contribution made in the UK by all our migrant communities, held jointly by the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with support from London Citizens. <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>. There will be short video greetings screened from **11.20am before the start of the Mass at 11.30am**. Details can also be found on the Diocesan and Justice & Peace websites: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2021/04/19/annual-mass-for-migrants-saturday-1st-may-2021-11-20am-for-11-30am/>. We hope that many of you will be able to attend online and join us in prayer on that day, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Tuesday April 27th 6pm Meet outside St George's Cathedral, Southwark. We'll learn the story of this Cathedral and walk to the river and Archbishop's Park.

Saturday May 1st meet 3pm outside St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard Richmond. We'll learn the story of Richmond Palace and then walk along the river to Ham, and see Cardinal John Henry Newman's childhood home.

Sunday May 9th meet 3pm outside St George's Cathedral Southwark. We'll learn the story of this Cathedral and walk to the river and Archbishop's Park.

Tuesday May 18th meet 6.30pm (after 6pm Mass) at St Dominic's, Haverstock Hill, London NW5 4LB. We will learn the story of this Rosary Shrine and walk to Hampstead Heath, discovering links with Lord Mansfield and with General de Gaulle.

We will be obeying social distancing and crowd rules. It would be helpful if you could notify the Team Leader of your attendance. Contact us at: chwalkslondon@gmail.com

We'll be socially-distanced as we walk. A donation of £5.00 pp is suggested.

