Mass Times
27th May –2nd June 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 27TH-MAY	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BRIAN BERRY **(A) RIP** ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
TUES 28TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	WILLIAM JOHNS **RIP**
WED 29TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN **RIP** ST PAUL V1, POPE
THURS 30TH	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM**	JONI CULLEN **INTS**
FRIDAY 31ST	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 1ST	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST JUSTIN
SUNDAY 2ND CORPUS CHRISTI		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	HARRY BUTLER **(A) RIP** PAULINE HOPKINS **(RD) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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CAKES, CAKES, CAKES –This years Confirmation group sold cakes after the 9.30 Mass last weekend and raised an amazing £216.50. Thank you to all the confirmation group and parents for your hard work and to all the parishioners who so generously supported this effort.

AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH– We now have some new cards stocked at the back of church, including First Holy Communion, Confirmation, bereavement and birthday—please take a look. If there is anything you would like to see available for sale, please let the parish office know. We may be able to add to our next order.

VIGIL CANDLE AND SANCTUARY LAMP– if you would like to sponsor a 7 day candle in either the vigil lamp at Our Lady or the Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle for a special occasion, intention or in memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found at the back of church. Alternatively, let the parish office know the details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 29th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

FLOWER FESTIVAL– 7/8/9th JUNE St Matthew's Northwood will be holding a centenary flower festival, plus bric a brac and home made cakes, on the above dates. Please see poster on the blue notice board at the back of church for opening times

INTERMENT OF ASHES OF THE LATE PAULINE FITZGERALD –This will take place in the Garden of Remembrance on **Sunday 9th June,** after the 11.30 am mass.

SVP MEETING The next meeting will be **Sunday 9th June** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection will be **Tuesday 11th June.** The food bank have requested the following items which they are in particular need of: Pasta sauces, Jams/Spreads , Tinned fruit, Rice, Tinned/Mashed Potatoes, UHT milk, Tea/Coffee, long life juices.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION– Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament this year on **Saturday 22nd June** at 12 noon.

ST THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY— SUNDAY 23RD JUNE We are currently looking at how we can celebrate, taking into account those who have kindly offered support. In the meantime, please save the date and watch this space.

Save the date

SUNDAY 26TH MAY +THE MOST HOLY TRINITY +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
25TH/26TH MAY



6.00 PM MARIE MOLLOY **RIP**
9.30 AM GLORIA LEWIS **(RD) RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS
Teresa Collins, Betty O'Neill, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy and Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :
Mary Walsh, John Carey, Francisco Fernandez, Pradeep Wickremasinghe, Camilus Fernando

RECENTLEY DEPARTED: Paul Ellis RIP

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week,

in loving memory of
DANAPALAN SINGARWEL

on the occasion of his birthday

THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week
for the intentions of

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Dear Parishioners,

'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit…'

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, this Sunday's solemnity presents us with a mystery that is so deep and transcendent that we will spend eternity contemplating it. The Holy Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Blessed Trinity, no human description will ever fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of who God is. The Holy Trinity is not first a theological mystery we simply try to define, but a communion of divine persons we are invited to know and love. Theology is exceptionally useful and important, but it is to lead us into a deeper union of love with the great mystery of God. It is to open up this mystery for us that God sent his Son, who in turn taught us to see God the Father through him. Jesus showed us how to live human lives based in love for one another and for God. Ultimately he offered himself in our place on the Cross, to be a sacrifice of love to reconcile us with God. Then the Holy Spirit was sent by them both at Pentecost to animate our spiritual lives in the Church as we now live this way of Christianity in the world. Let us reflect, today, up-on the most Holy Trinity. As we do, let us say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of him. Each of us is baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity to share in God's life and to be fruitful members of the Church, bringing the Gospel into the world in which we live. Let us ask God to communicate to us his divine love and to open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of who he is. Let us try to humble ourselves before the great mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the mystery of God means that we accept how little we still know about him while we express our desire to always know and love him more. This constant, humble longing for God's truth and love will help us move closer and closer to the deeper relationship with him to which we are called.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL– This week the Cardinal has prepared a pastoral letter for parishes to read at each Mass. There is also a copy that can be found on our website under the NEWS heading.

100 CLUB—The May draw will take place this weekend with the winning numbers announced in the newsletter next weekend. There will then be one more draw in June before it will be time to renew your membership again. It will also be an opportunity for new members to join up for the first time or if you missed the deadline last year, to sign up again.

GROTTO UPDATE - Works have started and Maurice and his team have been working really hard, in all weathers and are making good progress. Watch this space for more updates.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR ABORTION LAW - contact your MP today Due to a delay in the debate, there is an unexpected opportunity to still be able to contact your MP, please see below.
Save lives and ask your MP to support pro-life amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that: lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, reinstate in-person consultations to help protect women and babies, bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities
To take action: You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments
The amendments will be debated on **4 June,** so please contact your MP NOW.