SUNDAY 18TH MAY + 5TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM WALTER O'NEIL **(A) RIP**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM HOLLY NICHOLAS **INTS**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Sharon Evans**,** Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Marie Hardy.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Brian Berry, Aldo Minoli.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the intentions of

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THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

BRIAN BERRY
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.'

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus give us the defining commandment which expresses our lives as Christians: *'I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.'* Jesus does this in the context of speaking of his coming death and glorification. As Jesus anticipates his great sacrifice of himself on the Cross he says: *'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.'* From an earthly perspective, it is unlikely that anyone would consider their death as the moment when God is glorified. However, from a heavenly and eternal perspective, Jesus' death is the greatest glorification he could offer to the Father because in this he gives the supreme example and gift of his love for us. As we continue to celebrate Eastertide, we look through the death and Resurrection of Jesus to identify the fruit of his suffering. In Jesus, we see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now live forever with his glorified and resurrected body in heaven. Jesus will carry the marks in his hands, feet and side forever and those marks will also glorify the Father forever. The Resurrection of Jesus changes everything, especially death. For this reason, we can continually seek to enter into this mystery of love so that we can love God with all our hearts and seek to love each other as he has loved us through Jesus. When we look at our own life, we are also invited to see the cross that life has given to us. Through Jesus our own cross can now also become the gateway to God's eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love the sinner but not the sin, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we can see ours. The beginning of a new pontificate, as we have now in the era of Pope Leo XIV, is an opportunity for renewal in the Church and in our desire to live these mysteries in our lives. Pope Leo's first message to the world was that *'God loves everyone'.* Let us reflect, today, upon this great love of God, and see it as a calling to give of ourselves sacrificially out of love. Jesus made his own death glorious because he offered it in love for everyone. To the extent that we can be open to the grace to follow this same way, we will help to bring the glorious love of God into our lives and our world.

God Bless You, Fr Martin

CAFOD This weekend we welcome a speaker from CAFOD at all the masses who will be telling us about their work, particularly in this Jubilee year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION We pray for all our younger parishioners who receive their Frist Holy Communion this weekend. We thank the catechists and all those who have been involved in preparing them for this Holy Sacrament, alongside family and friends. We thank the flower team, musicians and servers who have contributed to the occasion.

CAKE SALE– Thank you to all who supported the cake sale last week organised by the confirmation candidates, catechists and families. The total amount taken is yet to be finalised, but it was approximately £150.00, which is to go to Mary's Meals.

COFFEE MORNING AND FLOWER DEMONSTRATION -this Tuesday, **20th May at 11am** as a prelude to the Flower Festival that will be held in our church over the weekend of 20th to 22nd June. Tickets available from Madaline and Bernard Luckhurst costing £10, which will also entitle you to free entry (worth £5) to the flower festival itself.

Mass Times
Monday 19th May to Sunday 25th May

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 19TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CATHERINE DAVIS **(L/D) RIP**
TUES 20TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LEONARD YOUNG **INTS** ST BERNARDINE
WED 21ST-MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FIONA O'CONNELL **INTS** ST CHRISTOPHER
THURS 22ND MAY	10 AM TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRIDAY 23RD-MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARLENE McINTOSH **(L/D) RIP**
SATUR-DAY 24TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANNETTE BROWN **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 25TH MAY		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	JIM AND EILEEN POWLEY **RIP** TOM LYNSKEY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 6TH SUNDAY EASTER

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SPUC– There is a current vacancy for a full time receptionist at the headquarters of SPUC in Kennington. If you would like to find out more about the post and working for the organisation, please go to www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam. Closing date **23rd May 2025.**

DATES/EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE—The relic image of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, will be at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Osbourne Road Uxbridge from **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May.** Various masses, adoration, the Rosary, a talk, veneration and intercessions will take place over the weekend. For more details, please see the poster.

TRAINING IN THE USE OF DEFRIBILLATORS Prompt use of defibrillators can increase survival rates to over 50% in cases of cardiac arrest. There are over 100,000 defribillator machines now available around the country but most of us would not know how to use them. St John Ambulance are running a free 1 hour training session hosted by St Matthew's RC church, 32 Hallowell Road, Northwood on **Saturday 24th May at 10am.** If you are interested, please contact Terry—TP.Sullivan@outlook.com. For Information, the closest machine to our church is at St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road.

SVP Will meet next on **Sunday 25th May** after the 9.30 mass at 10.45 in the Library.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 28th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and half an hour of discussion on latest literature produced by the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation.

FOODBANK–The next foodbank collection will be on the **2nd June.** Thank you for your continued support.

JUBILEE FOR COUPLES Hosted by St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip, **8th June at 3pm** as part of the year of Jubilee celebrations**.** Praise, Reflection and Adoration, followed by Holy Mass, finishing with a Reception in the Parish Hall Confessions available throughout. See poster in the narthex.

SVP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, organised by the SVP, has been advertised as Sunday 1st June. This date has been altered to **SUNDAY 6th JULY**—If you are interested in going, please let the Par ce know.

LIVE *STREAMING* *–For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.*

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