

CHA & CHATTER

Next dates for Cha and Chatter are 16th and 30th May. In the hall from 2.30 - 4.00

DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK

Since we started collecting your donations for the Trussell Trust Food Bank, at St Michaels, in December you have kindly given 263Kg of food and toiletries. This will have made a difference for 70 adults and children locally. Thank you for your continuing support.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our parish safeguarding rep on: hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 77989356 safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Sat 25th May 2024 at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries for example 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) of Catholic Marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the parish office on hamptonhill@rcdow.org.uk with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number).

WORLD DAY FOR CHILDREN

Pope Francis, has established an annual World Day for Children which will be kept over the weekend of 25th and 26th May. In support of this the Holy Father has also published his first message for children, a copy of which is attached. Please share this with children and with those involved in working in schools, youth services and catechesis.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

To avoid cash handling etc, we request you to opt for Standing Order rather than the traditional way of loose plate offerings. Bank details are: **WRCDDT – St Francis de Sales Church Hampton Hill** Sort Code **40-05-20** Account Number **61095447** or <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/donate/> You can also make donations using the contactless payment devices, which are in the porch. Volunteers are available to assist, if need be. **GIFT AID:** If you are a UK tax payer, we strongly encourage you to Gift Aid your donation, as the government will top up your donation by 25 percent, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25. The parish relies heavily on this extra support which comes at no additional cost to you. This facility is also available on the contactless device, and we urge you to use it. To know about Gift Aid, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued financial support.

REGINA CAELI PRAYER

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTION

Loose	£262.56	Envelopes	£125.00	Contactless	£104.00
Standing Orders of Mar 2024			£6,057.65		

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28TH APRIL 2024

FR SHAUN'S THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to illustrate the intimate relationship between himself and his followers, emphasising the importance of abiding in him for spiritual nourishment and bearing fruit.

Jesus identifies himself as the true vine, while his disciples are the branches. This imagery underscores the idea of unity and dependence; just as branches draw their sustenance from the vine to bear fruit, disciples draw their spiritual nourishment and vitality from their connection to Christ.

The emphasis on abiding in Christ not only underscores the importance of maintaining a close, ongoing relationship with him but also offers a comforting reassurance. It's not merely about a one-time decision or superficial attachment but about a continuous, intimate communion with Christ through prayer, scripture, and obedience to his teachings, providing a secure foundation for our spiritual journey.

Jesus also speaks of the necessity of pruning, a process that involves removing dead or unfruitful branches to promote growth and fruitfulness in the remaining branches. This pruning process, though it may involve trials, challenges, or disciplines, is a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love. It shapes and refines our character as believers, ultimately leading to greater spiritual maturity and effectiveness in bearing fruit for God's kingdom, instilling a sense of hope and optimism in our hearts.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 28TH 6.00 PM (SAT) 9.00 AM 11.00 AM	+FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Albert Nunes RIP People of the Parish Special Intention
MON 29TH 9.30 AM	St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	Michael Spellisey RIP
TUE 30TH 9.30 AM	St Pius V, Pope	Fr Martin Griffin RIP
WED 1ST 9.30 AM	St Joseph the Worker	Michael Boyce RIP 26th Anniversary
THU 2ND 9.30 AM	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	NO MASS TODAY
FRI 3RD 9.30 AM	Ss Philip & James, Apostles	John & Helen MacDonald RIP
SAT 4TH 9.30 AM	The English Martyrs Feast	Jenny Brunt RIP <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
SUN 5TH 6.00 PM (SAT) 9.00 AM 11.00 AM	+SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sheldon Carrasco RIP People of the Parish Bernie O'Byrne RIP Anniversary

FROM THE PARISH DIARY

SUN 28TH APR	6.00 – 7.00pm	Refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Mass Confirmation Class – Church
MON 29TH APR	7.00pm	Alpha – Hall
TUE 30TH APR	7:00 – 7:50pm 8.00 – 9.15pm	11 am Mass Folk Group rehearse (Church) Choir rehearse (Choir loft) - New members welcome for both
WED 1ST MAY		
THU 2ND MAY		
FRI 3RD MAY		
SAT 4TH MAY		
SUN 5TH MAY		Refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Mass

PARISH NOTICES

SUPPORTING OUR ALPHA MISSION

This past Monday, we launched our first season of Alpha, our chosen tool for placing evangelisation at the heart of our parish mission. Thank you to our wonderful Alpha Team for making the launch such an amazing success and for providing such an incredible welcome to our Alpha guests. Please pray for the continued success and fruitfulness of our Alpha season. There are financial costs incurred by the parish in running Alpha; if you would like to financially support this important aspect of our parish mission, please do so by using the contactless *Dona* machines, on which you will find an option to make a donation in support of our Alpha ministry. Thank you. *Fr Shaun*

WELCOMING YOUNG FAMILIES AT MASS

At the 11.00 am Mass last Sunday, I spoke about the importance of offering radical hospitality to our families to bring their young children to Mass. If you were away last weekend, or if you attended one of the other Masses, I encourage you to take a moment to read what I had to say. You will find my words on the Home page of the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/> *Fr Shaun*

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, is visiting us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood in support of poor Christian families in the Holy Land.

ASCENSION DAY MASSES – THURSDAY 9TH MAY

The Masses for the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be at 9.30am and 7.30pm on the day itself. Please note that this year there will **NOT** be a Vigil Mass on the Wednesday.

BISHOP-ELECT JAMES CURRY

Pope Francis has appointed Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for our Diocese. Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: “I express my warmest thanks to Pope Francis for the appointment of Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for service in this Diocese. His appointment, I am sure, will be widely welcomed. I welcome it myself, with gratitude to him for his generous response. He brings to this role a long experience of life in the Diocese and the pastoral wisdom of many years of priestly ministry. Please keep Bishop-elect Curry in your prayers. Appointment as a bishop is a call to service in a new and demanding way. Let us accompany him with our prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination.” Mgr Curry is currently the parish priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street. Information about the Episcopal Ordination, to take place in Westminster Cathedral, on Tuesday, 18th June 2024.

REQUEST FOR WELCOMERS & READER - Sunday 11am mass

We are looking for three extra welcomers and one extra reader to join the rotas for the Sunday 11am mass, as we have recently lost a few helpers to other services.

Reader: You would be expected to read once every 4-6 weeks. One of our regular experienced readers, David Wright, would be happy to explain the requirements and mentor you.

Welcomer: You would be expected to be on duty to welcome the congregation to Mass approximately once a month and would be teamed with another experienced Welcomer to show you the duty. If you can help or would like more information, please email Alex Bemrose (who coordinates the ministers' rotas) at Alex.bemrose23@gmail.com. Thank you