

## CHA & CHATTER

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

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## 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](mailto:hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk). You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 77989356 [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hamptonhill@rcdow.org.uk) with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number).

## 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: **WRCDT – 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                       | £218.66 | Envelopes | £162.00   | Contactless | £122.00 |
| Standing Orders of Mar 2024 |         |           | £6,057.65 |             |         |

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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5TH MAY 2024

### FR SHAUN'S SUNDAY THOUGHT

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about love, emphasising the importance of remaining in his love and following his commandments. He doesn't just suggest but commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. This love isn't just a sentiment or emotion; it's an active, sacrificial love that seeks the well-being and salvation of others. In the context of the missionary discipleship that we are endeavouring to foster in this parish, this love isn't a passive feeling but a dynamic force that should drive our interactions and outreach efforts.

Missionary disciples are called to actively approach others with the same love and compassion that Jesus demonstrated during his ministry.

Jesus also highlights the intimate connection between himself and his disciples. He calls them friends, indicating a relationship of closeness and trust. This relationship isn't exclusive to the disciples present at that time but extends to all who believe in Jesus. Missionary discipleship, then, involves inviting others into this intimate relationship with Jesus, introducing them to the profound love and friendship that he offers.

The question of fruitfulness is also significant in the Gospel today. Jesus declares that he chose his disciples to bear fruit that will last. This fruitfulness isn't just about personal transformation but also about the spread of the Gospel. Missionary disciples are called to bear fruit in their own lives through spiritual growth and to contribute to the growth of God's kingdom by sharing the message of Jesus with others. It's a dual responsibility, both personal and communal, that forms the essence of missionary discipleship.

## MASS INTENTIONS

|  |                                   |   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| SUN 5TH<br>6.00 PM (SAT)<br>9.00 AM<br>11.00 AM  | <b>+SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>    | Sheldon Carrasco RIP<br>People of the Parish<br>Bernie O'Byrne RIP (Anniversary)                              |
| MON 6TH<br>9.30 AM                               | Easter Feria                      | NO MASS TODAY   |
| TUE 7TH<br>9.30 AM                               | Easter Feria                      | NO MASS TODAY   |
| WED 8TH<br>9.30 AM                               | Easter Feria                      | Anne Murphy RIP   |
| THU 9TH<br>9.30 AM<br>7.30 PM                    | <b>+THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> | John Gordon RIP (1st Anniversary)<br>Mary McGee (Intention)   |
| FRI 10TH<br>9.30 AM                              | Easter Feria                      | Neil PA McGee (Intention)   |
| SAT 11TH<br>9.30 AM                              | Easter Feria                      | Lynda Eileen Nelsy Ah-Nen RIP<br><i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> |
| SUN 12TH<br>6.00 PM (SAT)<br>9.00 AM<br>11.00 AM | <b>+SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  | People of the Parish<br>John Gordon RIP (Anniversary)<br>Marie O'Brien RIP (Anniversary)                      |

## FROM THE PARISH DIARY

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| SUN 5TH MAY  |  | Refreshments in the Hall after the 9am and 11am Mass   |
| MON 6TH MAY  |  |  |
| TUE 7TH MAY  | 7.00pm<br>7:00 – 7:50pm<br>8.00 – 9.15pm | Alpha – Hall<br>11 am Mass Folk Group rehearse (Church)<br>Choir rehearse (Choir loft) - <b>New members welcome for both</b> |
| WED 8TH MAY  | 6.30pm                                   | Alpha Team Training - Crypt  |
| THU 9TH MAY  |  |  |
| FRI 10TH MAY |  |  |
| SAT 11TH MAY | 4.45 pm                                  | First Holy Communion rehearsal -Church   |
| SUN 12TH MAY | 6.00 – 7.00pm                            | Refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Mass<br>Confirmation Class – Church  |

## PARISH NOTICES

### SUPPORTING OUR ALPHA MISSION

Our first season of Alpha, our chosen tool for placing evangelisation at the heart of our parish mission, is now well underway. 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*

### NAME TAG SUNDAY

This Sunday is Name Tag Sunday. Everyone is invited to wear their name as a sign of our desire to be a community known by name.

### WELCOMING YOUNG FAMILIES AT MASS

At a recent 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*

### WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Regular weekday Mass attendees are encouraged to check the Mass Intentions section of the Newsletter to see the changes to the Weekday Mass schedule for this week.

### 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.

### MARY CONNELLY RIP

With sadness we share the news of the death of Mary Connelly, a long time parishioner of this parish. Mary's body will be received in the church at 4.00 pm on Monday, 20th May and her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 21st May at 12.00 noon followed by burial at Teddington cemetery. We pray for the repose of Mary's soul and keep all of Mary's family, especially Patrick and Bried, in our prayers at this very sad time.

### MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

We would like to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. Thanks to your generosity we raised £3,714. Your help is a great support to us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you, but you are always in our prayers. If anyone missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk). God bless you all. *The Bethlehem Nativity Group.*

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