



**SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY  
HAMPTON ON THAMES  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

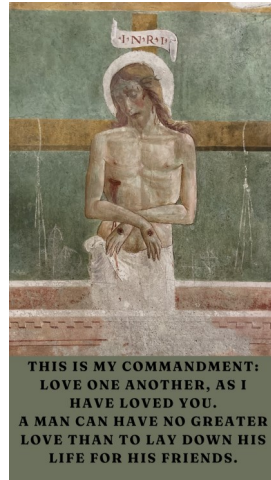


Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and let us pray for each other.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

- Sunday 5**  
6 pm  
8.30 am  
10.30 am  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Sheldon Carasco RIP  
For all the People of the Parish  
Simprosa Maceda RIP
- Monday 6**  
**Easter Feria**  
**NO MASS**
- Tuesday 7**  
\*10.00 am\*  
**Easter Feria**  
REQUIEM MASS FOR JEANNE MACEDO
- Weds 8**  
9.30 am  
**Easter Feria**  
Lorenzo Bahillo Ints
- Thursday 9**  
**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
9.30 am  
\*7.30pm\*  
Ann Macpherson RIP  
For the People of the Parish
- Friday 10**  
9.30 am  
**St John of Avila / St Damien of Molokai**  
Holy Souls
- Saturday 11**  
\*11.00 am\*  
6pm  
**Easter Feria**  
**FIRST COMMUNION MASS**  
Jimmy O'Riordan RIP
- Sunday 5**  
8.30 am  
10.30 am  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Sr Mary Coleman RIP  
For all the People of the Parish

*Blessed Sacrament Lamp this week is for Angela Thésée Birthday and Frances Cardovillis RIP*



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

**THIS THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.**

ASCENSION DAY FALLS 40 DAYS AFTER EASTER AND COMMEMORATES THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS TO HEAVEN. **IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9.30AM AND 7.30PM ON ASCENSION THURSDAY**

**TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS.**

On this day, many of our brothers and sisters are celebrating the feast of Easter as we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection we unite ourselves with them. Many Christians in the East are suffering terrible hardship we think particularly of the Christians in the Holy Land, especially in Gaza and also our brothers and sisters in Ukraine as well as other parts of the Middle East. As we pray for them, we pray particularly that they will have the gift of peace soon given to them

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We look forward to First Communion Day this Saturday and we ask that you pray particularly for the 17 children who will receive Our Blessed Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Next Sunday is White Sunday and it is our opportunity to give thanks for our children who have received their First Holy Communion this year.

**SEAMUS O'KANE RIP:** Please remember Seamus in your Prayers. He died quite unexpectedly on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Seamus was the Landlord the Railway Bell or 'the Dip'. Seamus' funeral will take place on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am here at St Theodore's. We commend Seamus to the Lord and offer our prayerful condolences to his family and many friends. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**JEANNE MACEDO RIP:** We also remember Jeanne in our prayers. Jeanne's funeral will take place on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am in St Theodore's followed by committal at Hanworth. We offer Jeanne's family and friends

our prayerful condolences. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**GIFT AID:** If you are a Gift Aider and are **no longer paying tax**, it is of the **utmost** importance that you inform the office of this **in writing as soon as possible**. We do not want anybody getting surprise bills from HMRC. New planned giving envelopes were ordered some time ago and are ready for collection. Please contact the Parish Office for further details

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:** We are aware that in our community there are men and women who, for one reason or another, did not receive Confirmation in their youth. If this is the case and you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to Fr Philip or Deacon Duncan. Confirmation, along with Baptism, is one of the Sacraments of Christian initiation and therefore is essential.

**CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT:** A huge thank you to all those who made the Curry and Quiz Night such a success. To the ladies who prepared the wonderful Food. The curry was absolutely delicious. To our quizmaster and his assistant for keeping us in order! To all those who helped in anyway to make the evening such an enjoyable event. A HUGE THANK YOU! A little over £500 was raised on the night. We look forward to the next event. 😊

**AGE CONCERN COFFEE MORNING:** Every last Thursday we look forward to welcoming our friends from Hello Hampton. Hello Hampton is a local group that works through Age UK Richmond that seeks to build community. St Theodore's Parish is a member of the Dementia Friendly Communities Richmond Network.

**Exceptional Parish Office opening hours this week:**  
Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00am - 2.00pm

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle for a special Intention, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £10 for the whole week.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER** should be received by the Parish Office in writing no later than 10am on Thursday.

**HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD:** Fr Patrick van der Vorst | 7 PM, Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 | St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London

Fr. Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative [www.Christian.Art](http://www.Christian.Art). Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available.

**DIOCESAN JOBS** for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL:**

In the week we received correspondence informing us of the serious situation that befalls the people of Sudan. For more details please click on or scan on the QR code.



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Last week we met Tina English from Embracing Age. Tina set up the charity in 2014, with the aim of reaching out to older people, especially those in care homes. There are a number of care homes in our local area with many older residents, some of whom do not have any visitors. One of Tina's aims is for local churches to 'adopt' a local care home. Since the pandemic the number of volunteers has reduced

dramatically, and yet the need for visitors is even greater. Volunteers can give as much time as they would like, but even one hour a week to visit one resident would make a huge difference. Training is given to all volunteers. Tina would like to hear from anyone who is interested. Please look at the Embracing Age website to see how you might be able to help.

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CARJ)** celebrates its **40th Anniversary** on Saturday 25th May 2024 at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 6HU from 10.30 am. Mass is at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to attend this free event. **RSVP** to [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk)

**EMBRACING AGE QUIZ NIGHT**

Will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at St Stephen's Church, Twickenham, TW1 2PD. Doors open at 7:30pm for 8pm start. Bar and light refreshments available. Tickets £5.00 To book visit [embracingage.org.uk/concert](http://embracingage.org.uk/concert) or phone 07735 332584

**MASS FOR LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS** in honour of St Joseph the Worker at St George's Cathedral on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15. Please congregate outside Amigo Hall at 12 noon. Come in National Dress. Everyone is invited to the Mass.

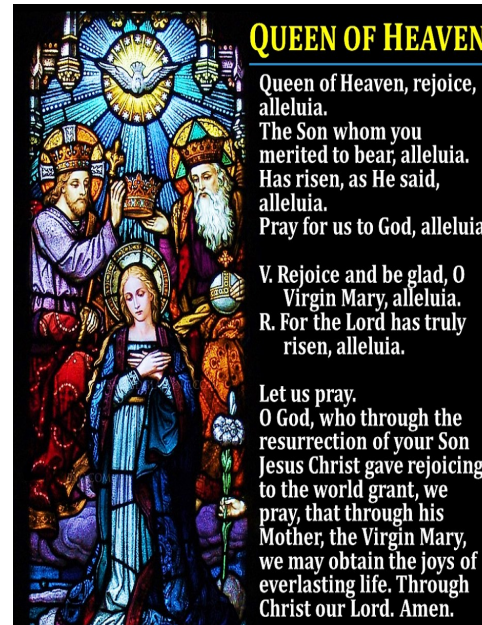
**SPONSOR A LOURDES WHEELCHAIR**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims during the pilgrimage. Each wheelchair costs £139. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, then please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: [elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk) or 0207 798 9173 for further details.

**Offertory Collection for week up to and including 28/04/2024:**

Envelopes: £319.20 Loose: £229.64  
 Contactless: £40.00 (£0.77 n fees)  
 Total: £588.07  
 Average MONTHLY Standing Orders: £2,001.00  
 (Thus average weekly on an annual basis = £461.77)

Thank You for your generosity



**QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
 The Son whom you merited 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 has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.  
 O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli laetare, Alleluia,  
 Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia,  
 Resurrexit, Sicut dixit, Alleluia.  
 Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Pope Francis, and in this Month of May** we join him in praying that that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. **For Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishop-elect Mgr. Jim Curry and all Bishops. For all in our Parish family especially those who are sick or housebound, those who care for them, those away from home, in Education, working away, on active service, or in Prison; for Peace in our World and especially for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and for peace in the Middle East. During Eastertide we pray for Victoria and all new members of the Church, the right use of media, the blessing of Human Work. For Priests and Deacons, Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious life. For our Schools and other Christian communities in our Parish. For the Servants of the Mother of God. For His Majesty the King and all who govern in his name. For all those who died recently, especially Seamus O'Kane, Jeanne Macedo and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no one to pray for them. We pray for Bishop-elect Bosco MacDonald who will be Ordained Bishop of Clifton this week and our First Holy Communion Children.**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE TO OUR PARISH: PRIMARY SCHOOLS:** St James School is our designated Parish School: St James, Twickenham: <https://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/> Mr. Beatty. Sacred Heart, Teddington: <https://www.sacredheartteddington.co.uk/> Mrs H Murphy, St Ignatius, Sunbury: <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/> Mrs O'Neill. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OUR DEANARY:** St Richard Reynolds Twickenham. Mr R Burke [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk) St Paul's Sunbury. Mr J. McNulty. [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ CONFESSIONS** Saturday 5.15pm—5.45pm or by appointment.  
**BAPTISMS** Please initially speak to Fr Philip after Sunday Mass. Adults wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith should also speak to Fr Philip.  
**WEDDINGS** For those couples wishing to get married here or elsewhere, it is important that you notify Fr Philip at least 6 months before your wedding date.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** On request. If you are about to undergo surgery or treatment, please do to hesitate to ask Fr Philip. If you are admitted to Hospital, please indicate that your details are to be passed to the R.C. Chaplain and that you would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit.  
**IF ANY ONE IS IN DANGER OF DEATH PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL FR PHILIP - 020 8979 3596 OR A NEIGHBOURING PARISH.**