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## St. Paul's, Harefield

Mass daily at 9.15am ... Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday Masses ... 9.00am and 11.00am  
Holy Hour Monday ... 9.45am - 10.45am  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ... Friday 8.30am, Saturday 8.30am  
Rosary each weekday morning after Mass ... Confessions 6.00pm Saturday  
Online Morning Prayer 8.00am Online Night Prayer 9.00pm

Please note: this church is live-streamed 24 hours per day

## Seventh Sunday of Easter ... 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### Mass intentions

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Leo Gallagher
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Doreen Allan R.I.P.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	11.00am	Mary Martin
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.15am	Sharon and Tony Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.15am	Private intention
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Holy souls
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Private intention
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Robert Fuller R.I.P.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Edmond O'Brien R.I.P.

### CATHOLIC WORKER FARM / MARY HOUSE



**CATHOLIC WORKER FARM OPEN DAY – June 10th from 3pm onwards.** The farm accommodates 19 refugee women and children. There will be an international buffet, live performances and a house tour. It's totally free! Bring your friends and family. For more information, check out their website [www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org](http://www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org) or call them at 01923777201. Their address is Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD39XJ.

The Catholic Worker Farm/Mary House

A MINIBUS TO THE EVENT WILL LEAVE FROM SAINT PAUL'S AT 3.00pm ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Return fare £10.00. Please sign up on sheet in church entrance.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISH CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNIONS AT 11.00am MASS on SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY



## Laudato Si' summary – What is Laudato Si'?

Laudato Si' is an encyclical of Pope Francis published in May 2015. It focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth. The encyclical's subtitle, "Care for Our Common Home," reinforces these key themes.

[An encyclical](#) is a public letter from the Pope developing Catholic teaching on a topic often in light of current events. Laudato Si' is addressed to "every living person on this planet" (LS 3). Hence, it is offered as part of an ongoing dialogue within the [Catholic Church and between Catholics](#) and the wider world.

## How does Laudato Si' relate to past Catholic teaching?

Pope Francis is not the first pope to address environmental issues. Pope St. John Paul II taught on numerous occasions about a duty of stewardship toward nature. For example, in his 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, John Paul II wrote about nature as a gift from God and the need for humans to cooperate with God in promoting the rightly ordered flourishing of the environment (CA 37). Further, *Centesimus Annus* outlined a connection between natural ecology and "human ecology" (CA 38), anticipating the concept of integral ecology in Laudato Si'. Pope Benedict echoed these same teachings during his papacy, for example, in his 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (see CV 48-52).

As outlined in Laudato Si', its vision of an integrated approach to concern for all people and the environment has roots in Scripture and the history of Catholic thought, in particular in the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, tracing back to the late 19th century. Further, Catholic scholars and activists have been outspoken on the connection between social and environmental issues for many years.

What is unique about Laudato Si' is how Pope Francis develops and expands on these themes at length in a highly prominent way, devoting an entire encyclical to the topic at a time when the wider world is also becoming actively engaged in the pursuit of environmental sustainability.

[Laudato Si' Week 2023: Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity. \(laudatosiweek.org\)](https://laudatosiweek.org)

## THE JOSHUA TREE TALKS

Friday 26th May 2023 at 7pm

**HATS OFF TO FAITH**

(A woman's journey through life and the many 'hats' she wears)

A talk presented by Olivia Soares

[The May issue of the St Paul's monthly parish magazine](#)  
[A MONTHLY MISCELLANY is available:](#)

[A-MONTHLY-MISCELLANY-May-2023-1.pdf \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

[Carpet for the new extension floor area](#)

Total donations as of week ending 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023: **£1,635.16.**

**The 7-Day sanctuary candle and the 7-day candle for Our Lady's Chapel are sponsored this coming week by Luke family.**