



Diocese of Westminster

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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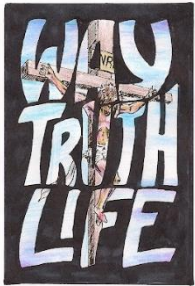
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7 MAY 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter



The gospel for this Sunday offers comfort, guidance, and encouragement to us. This passage is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples before his crucifixion, and it contains some of the most beautiful and profound words that Jesus ever spoke. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." No matter what challenges we may face in life, we can always find peace and comfort in our faith. We are called to trust in God and in Jesus, and to hold fast to that trust no matter what happens. Our ultimate home is with God in heaven. We are

called to strive for this heavenly home, to live our lives in a way that will allow us to be with God forever. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the path that we must follow if we want to be close to God. He is the truth that we must seek, and the life that we must live if we want to experience the fullness of God's love. We are called to continue Jesus' work in the world. We are called to love others, to serve others, and to bring God's light into the darkness of the world. Jesus describes himself as "the way, the truth, and the life." Through these words, he not only identifies himself as the one who can connect us to the Father, but also as a window into the community of the Trinity. His life and teachings demonstrate how we can live in harmony with God and one another. Jesus' focus was always on doing the will of the Father and benefiting all of humanity. The early Christian community took this message to heart, as demonstrated in Acts 6:1-7. They recognized the importance of caring for widows, and when it became clear that they were falling short in this responsibility, they appointed deacons to ensure that everyone was taken care of. This shows how the early Christians put Jesus' teachings into practice by caring for those in need and working together as a community. By following Jesus' example, we too can live in harmony with God and one another, and strive to make the world a better place for all. This involves caring for those in need, working together as a community, and seeking to do the will of God in all that we do.

<https://young-catholics.com/5522/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/#homilies>

***** NOTICES *****

INFO FROM THE FATHERS: Fr Ritche will be away from Heston from Monday 8 May as he will be in Italy to attend courses organised by the Vocationist Order until the end of June; Fr Ritche will come back to Heston for some weekends to help with Parish activities. Fr Rionelle will be travelling to the Philippines to visit his family on Monday 15 May and return to the Parish on 16 June, we wish him all the best for his holiday!

MAUREEN MCDERMOTT RIP: We offer our prayer for the soul of Maureen McDermott who sadly passed away on Friday 28 April, may God grant her eternal rest. We also pray for her family at this time of grief. Funeral arrangements will be communicated in due time.

MINISTRY ROTA: The rota for the Eucharistic ministers and readers for May and June is now ready and, in case you have not received it via email, copies are available at the back of the Church. If there is any problems with the email, or emails are not being received, please alert the secretary.

REPOSITORY: The Repository is open after Mass on weekends, the is new stock available and also cards and gifts for Holy Communions and Confirmations.

SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE: Tickets for the Summer Fayre Raffle are now on sale £1 per tickets or £5 for a book, tickets can be bought after Masses or from the Office. If you wish to help us selling them, please ask the helpers for books. For those who take books with them,, please ensure that stubs and money are returned to the Parish Office in time. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Summer Fayre on Saturday 15 July.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT: On Wednesday 17 May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

VOCATIONIST DAY OF SPIRITUALITY: We would like to invite all co-operators, parishioners, friends and all those interested in knowing more about the Vocationist Spirituality, to join us for an afternoon dedicated to this theme at St Mary's The Mount, Walsall on Wednesday 10 May starting at 2 pm. There will be talks and the official presentation of the cartoon on the life of St Justin in English. The day will end with the celebration of the First Solemn Mass of Fr Fabien. Come along and join us!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT SPEC: Fr Ritche and the Catechists will meet with the Confirmation candidates at 8:45 am outside by the front of the Church to make sure everyone is present. The bus will leave Heston at 9 am prompt; the group will not wait for anyone who will be late. Parents make sure your children have their packed lunch, also remember that SPEC does not allow any food containing nuts on their premises.

***** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *****

CLEANERS: We need people who can help us with Church cleaning making sure our Church is cleaned on a regular basis, we need three more groups of cleaners so we can organise a rota. If you can help or are able to put a team together, please contact the Parish Office.

REPOSITORY: We are short on people to help us run it on weekends, if you would like to help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

COUNTERS: We are looking for volunteers to help us forming counting teams, we need at least four people per team and this should not be people who are married, related or living at the same address. Counting takes place on either Sunday evenings or Monday mornings, if you can help us in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

READERS: We are looking for more parishioners to come forward and help us out for the ministry of Readers, we have barely enough to cover Masses at the moment and we need more, whether you have had prior experience or not you can volunteer and if you require training we will be happy to offer it.

***** USEFUL PRAYERS *****

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

**PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH
THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JUSTIN MARIA RUSSOLILLO**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of “Divine Vocations” and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the “Divine Union” of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (Three “Glory Be” in honour of the Holy Trinity)

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and comes at no extra cost to you.

MAY 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 6th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Erral Fernandes RIP
Sunday 7th 5th Sunday of	8 am NO MASS 10:30am Family Mass 11:30 am NO MASS 5:30 pm NO MASS	Souls of Lelis Fernandes and Virginia De Souza
Monday 8th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Volaco Fernandes RIP Benjamin D'Souza RIP
Tuesday 9th <i>Day of Prayer for Victims And Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Stella Lianna Rodrigues, 1 st Birthday NO MASS
Wednesday 10th <i>St John of Avila</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Joaquim Filomeno Barretto RIP NO MASS
Thursday 11th <i>Our Lady of Divine Vocations</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Vocationist Family Paolo Collamarti RIP
Friday 12th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Inacio and Maria Azavedo RIP Dominic and Jenny RebelloRIP
Saturday 13th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:30 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Aborted children of Family Tree Exposition and Adoration / Confessions Eddie McConingley and wife Mary RIP
Sunday 14th 6th Sunday of Easter	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Santana Raposo, Thanksgiving Lucas and Ana Piedade Rodrigues RIP Felicio Eleuterio Mendes RIP Joseph Rozario RIP

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish: Catherine Jennings, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for Maureen McDermott **and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Mary Bridget Martin, Michael Innis, Eamon Coyne, John McDonagh, James Lowless, Euphemia Kirkup Queck and John Rose.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them;
may they rest in peace. Amen.*

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

13 MAY: Altar Servers Church Cleaning at 11 am

14 MAY: Confirmation Retreat at SPEC

14 MAY: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

20 MAY: FHC Rehearsals at 11am

25 MAY: FHC Rehearsals at 3:45 pm

27 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

21 MAY: Confirmation Class at 10.30am

***** SATURDAY 15 JULY SUMMER FAIR *****