



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

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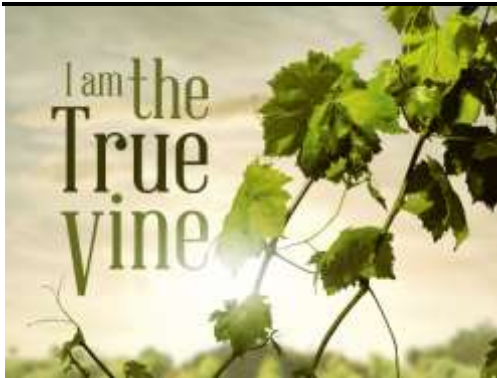
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28TH APRIL 2024 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with

Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Available at <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Walter Harrison, Theresa Nagele, Violet White, Michael Innis, Mary Bridget Martin, Eamon Goyne,

John McDonagh, James Lawless, Robert Charles Bolton, Euphemia Kirkup Queck, John Rose

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NOTICES

POLITE NOTICE: If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

DRESS CODE: A gentle reminder that, when coming to Church, we need to dress appropriately as we are in a place of worship. Please make sure that you not wearing anything with a low neckline, sleeveless garments which expose the shoulders, clothing that exposes the knees or upper legs (whether sitting or standing), clothing that exposes the stomach or back, or clothing made of see-through material; also avoid excessively tight clothing. Dress well; you are in the presence of Our Lord, your king.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES: If you are tapping your card to donate, it means that our contactless machines are still not working, we are waiting for the banking connection to be reinstated. They should be working by next weekend. If you wish to donate online, please use our donation page on our website.

PARISH GIVING CAMPAING: For the next three weekends, we will run a Parish Giving Campaign. This is an opportunity to reflect on our giving to the parish and how this has an impact on the parish life. At the end of each Mass you will hear a bit more about how you can help the Parish, whether by giving your time or by donating and also on the different ways you could donate to our Parish. Over the course of the campaign you will also hear how the money we raise is used and invested into making sure our Parish can keep on running.

INTERNATIONAL MASS: On Sunday 19 May, Pentecost Sunday, we are celebrating our International Mass. This will be the first since 2019 and we want to make sure we celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage while gathered as a community around the Altar. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am followed by the International Buffet. To plan the event we ask a representative from each community/country to give us their name and country they will be representing; all representatives are invited to our planning meeting on Thursday 2 May. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Church where you can leave your Country, Name, and Contact Number.

TREASURE CHEST/100 CLUB: We are looking into resuming the old Treasure Chest in the form of a 100 Club. All those who wish to join in there will be a monthly fee of £10 each with monthly prizes up to £50 with two special draws in the summer and December (starting off from December 2024). If you are interested to join the 100 Club please contact the parish office requesting an enrolment form. The first monthly draw will take place in July.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Every year we have a lot of Marriage Papers request for Marriages taking place abroad later in the year, especially November and December. If any couple is planning on **getting married between November 2024 and January 2025**, please contact the Parish Office via email at heston@rcdow.org.uk so we can arrange a group course in the early summer so the certificates are ready for the Marriage Papers. In your email please give the full name of both parties, the date of your marriage and where the marriage will be taking place.

DONATIONS: From this Sunday, you will find a trolley at the back of the Church where you can leave your donations for our Fairs and Raffles. We are looking for bottles for our Tombolas, brand new and like new toys for the Children Tombolas, good condition items for our bric-a-brac, brand new toiletries, and gift set. Please make sure any item you donate is brand new or in good condition, we do not want to become the place where you can dispose of your rubbish.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The envelopes can be collected from the Parish Office (when open) or from the Repository (on weekends), please note that due to GDPR we cannot leave these at the back of the Church. If you ask someone else to collect on your behalf, please let us know in advance. We have also been made aware that not all boxes have been ordered, if your box is one of these please contact the Parish Office.

HESTON CATHOLIC SOCIAL CLUB, ETON AVENUE, HESTON, TW5 OHB presents "THE DUETS", a duo who will be visiting from County Mayo, Ireland and appearing on Saturday, 11th May 2024. Doors open at 8.00 pm and it is a £10.00 entry, raffle and the bar is open until late.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION: The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open at <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

*****SACRAMENTS*****

BAPTISMS: Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are available every Saturday morning between 10 and 10:45 am. If you need confession out of this time, please contact the Parish Office.

***** 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 – THE MEMORARE

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 ST JUSTIN 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*)

APRIL/MAY 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 27th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Maureen McDermott – RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 28th +FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Suresh Uraon – RIP + Nandu & Celine Uraon David Quadros – RIP Joseph Rozario Ida Fernandes E Palha - RIP
Monday 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Vigil Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Fr Rionelle - Birthday Mari Caitan Fernandes - RIP
Tuesday 30th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Brenda Harte – RIP Jennifer Hardiman – RIP (1 month)
Wednesday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary The Souls of the Kamath Family John O’Sullivan - RIP
Thursday 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Mykal Souza – Thanksgiving Ellanor Rosealie Rebello & Rose Mary De Souza
Friday 3rd <i>Ss Philip & James,</i> <i>Apostles</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary All Souls in Purgatory Abigail Isaac - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4th <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	George Anthony Fernandes - Birthday Adoration & Confessions Bridget Martin – RIP (17 th Anniversary)
Sunday 5th +SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Jose Santana Rodrigues – Birthday Lelis Fernandes & Virginia De Souza – RIP Peter & Philomena D’Souza Savio Joanes – Good Health

*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs’ Chapel, use Car Park entrance.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 28 APRIL: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

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THURSDAY 2 MAY: International Mass Planning Meeting 7:30pm

SATURDAY 4 MAY: Confirmation Retreat at SPEC

THURSDAY 9 MAY: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation)

SUNDAY 12 MAY: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

SUNDAY 12 MAY: FHC Parents’ Meeting after 9:30 am Mass

SUNDAY 19 MAY: INTERNATIONAL MASS

SATURDAY 25 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

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 at no extra cost to you.

You can also give your donation by scanning the QR Code.

