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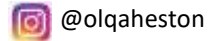
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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5TH MAY 2024 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel. One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel

as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love. In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Available at <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sixth-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

Patrick Collins, Henry Bernard Mulqueen

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

NOTICES

APRIL COLLECTIONS: £5,701.48 of these £879.5 were from Gift Aid Envelopes. Our collection for the Priest Training Fund was £955.11. May God bless and reward your generosity.

FR RITCHE: Having said our farewell to Fr Ritche in August, he has been preparing for the new Vocationist Mission in Papua New Guinea. We are proud to inform you that our New Mission has officially began on Friday 3 May with the arrival of Fr Ritche in Papua New Guinea. Please keep him in your prayers as he leads this mission, that he may always remain faithful to his call and to the charism of the Congregation.

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.

PARISH GIVING CAMPAING: Last week our parish embarked on a Parish Giving Campaign. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter. Thank you.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: On Thursday 9 May, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast is for us a Holy Day of Obligation, therefore, it must be treated like a Sunday and we must attend Mass. The Vigil Mass on Wednesday will be at 7 pm and on Thursday we have Masses at 9:30 am and 7 pm. Please note that we will welcome the school children for our 9.30 am Mass, everyone is welcome to attend.

CAR PARK: While having a Car Park is a blessing not many Churches have, we have to use it respecting others. Our Car Park has limited disable spaces and some are using it without displaying a badge and we have some of our disabled parishioners who end up having to park at the back and walk all the way to the Church. Please, when using our Car Park respect others and make sure you do not take a place that is not yours to use.

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.

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.

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. Everyone is invited to dress up in their national/cultural attire.

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

CONTACTLESS MACHINES: The contactless machines are now functioning again! Apologies for the disruption!

SICK LIST: If you have a family member or relative who is not well and wish for their name to be added to the sick List please contact the secretary or write an email authorising for their name to be included.

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.

*****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*)

MAY 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 4th	7 pm Vigil Mass	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
Monday 6th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Lenoy Fernandes – Birthday -
Tuesday 7th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Valmicky Rodrigues – Birthday Lenoy Fernandes - Birthday
Wednesday 8th May	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Vigil Mass	Prayer of the Rosary LeAnn, Tom & Marcelino – Private Intention -
Thursday 9th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Thanksgiving for Fr Rionelle’s Priestly Anniversary Hermes Paixao Pereira – Good Health
Friday 10th <i>St John of Avila</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Joaquim Barreto & Ana Caetana Cardoso Nelson & Eutropia Braganza - RIP
Saturday 11th <i>Our Lady of Divine</i> <i>Vocations</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Mathias Viegas - RIP Adoration & Confessions Minoos Afonso & Deceased Family - RIP
Sunday 12th +SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	John Correia – RIP Maria Santana Fernandes - RIP Analyn & Helen Rozario Paulo Miranda - RIP
*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs’ Chapel, use Car Park entrance.		

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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

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

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SATURDAY 18 MAY: FHC Rehearsals – Group 1 (11 am-12noon) Group 2 (12noon-1 pm)

SUNDAY 19 MAY: INTERNATIONAL MASS

TUESDAY 21 MAY: FHC Group 1 Rehearsals at 3:45 pm

THURSDAY 23 MAY: FHC Group 2 Rehearsals at 3:45 pm

SATURDAY 25 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

SUNDAY 26 MAY: SDV Formators’ Fun Annual Appeal

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.

