

## NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

## 'If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love'

On the face of it, this invitation from our Lord would seem so simple, and yet its profound. This Gospel is a love letter or an invitation to love. This call of love goes far deeper, an inward transformation within us. We need to be turned inwardly to God, be it in outward good works or in the inward practice of love. To achieve this requires a total focus on our part, wholly given over to God. It's ever easy, to be in possession of a divided heart, that is; to be swayed by joy and grief in the things of this world which are easily found within us. We may keep the commandments but, through closer examination, we may conclude we are still in darkness. Because of our failure to make the necessary exercises to achieve this inward union with God. We might achieve this, by reading the life of the Saints, Scriptures, receiving the Sacraments.

On the other hand, we may have God in mind and in everything we do we might be content that we are doing His will and so be freed from the distractions around us, and be faithful to him. One thing we all crave for is that inward life, that adheres to God. None of us can follow God if we fail to keep his commandments and if we say we are friends of God, then we are his faithful servants, wherever we happen to find ourselves.

Fr. Christopher

## Priest Training Fund

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for contributing to the Priests Training Fund collection. The response of prayer for vocations, love, and concern for the clergy, and for our current seminarians, was heart-warming. We have collected £597.21. The formation of our priests is a priority, it's our future. Once again I thank you for your generosity and May God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

MASS  
INTENTIONS5th May

6pm—Ints of Deep

6th May

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— Ints of Karen

Villacarlos

**7th May—Monday****Bank Holiday****No morning Mass**10th May**ASCENSION (the Holy  
Day of Obligation)**

9.15 am—Sick of the

Parish

8pm—Dannis Ramenaden  
(Sick)

For a weekday mass intentions, please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on  
Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm  
or by appointment

**'THY KINGDOM COME' – GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 10<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

The Agency for Evangelisation is again supporting 'Thy Kingdom Come', the global prayer movement for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost, which has had a tremendous impact during 2017. (*See impact report below*).

For 2018, with a renewed focus on the Solemnity of the Ascension as it returns to a Thursday celebration, and a range of new resources, 'Thy Kingdom Come' promises to be an even greater opportunity to help individuals and parishes in prayerful devotions towards the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so that many more people can come to know Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Novena Booklet

You may already have groups in your parish who already practise the Pentecost Novena; for those who are less familiar with a novena. The booklet, which has been produced by the CBCEW Home Mission Team in conjunction with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' office, can be ordered from the suppliers (at 50p each for orders over 250): [www.cpo.org.uk](http://www.cpo.org.uk)

To accompany the booklet, there are also daily podcasts from CBCEW: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/pentecost-novena](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/pentecost-novena)

**ADOREMUS**

O God, who in this wonderful  
Sacrament,  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to adore the sacred mysteries of your  
Body and Blood,

that we may always  
experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with  
God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

**DURING EASTER &**

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During Easter, until  
Pentecost, at the end  
of our Bidding Prayers  
we are saying the Hail  
Holy Queen.

**Holy Hour**  
**Every Saturday,**  
**At 5pm.**

**Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress**

The largest gathering of Catholics in England since the 2010 papal visit takes place in Liverpool this September. We unite in worship of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, with the aim of promoting Eucharistic Adoration, where so many people have experienced the love and presence of Jesus.

You are invited to Liverpool on **Saturday, 8** and/or **Sunday, 9 September**. Saturday, in the Echo Arena, is the highlight of the Congress. Bishop Robert Barron, known to millions on social Media, will address the Congress; Cardinal Nichols will give a reflection and lead us in Adoration and Benediction. (There is a fee of £40 for the Saturday to cover the costs of the Congress.) On the Sunday there are Masses in the Metropolitan Cathedral and a large outdoor Blessed Sacrament procession. Many other events and a Youth Congress will supplement the official programme.

You may wish to stay in Liverpool overnight. Although it will be a long day, the Saturday programme is planned to permit people to travel for the day. While coaches are cheaper, trains are much quicker – cheaper train tickets (subject to availability) go on sale 12 weeks before travel. For a booking form, please contact [adoremus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcdow.org.uk) or 07738 183829. Tickets are available through the Diocese until 31 May.

**COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP EVENING**

Caritas Westminster and Sponsor Refugees would like to invite you to an event on Community Sponsorship.

The aim of the evening will be to:

- Bring different practitioners together to share their experiences
  - Hear from community sponsors and sponsored families
- Learn how to build teams and work towards welcoming new families
- Connect with others who are committed to the same cause

Thursday, 31st May 2018

Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P QN

6.30pm—8.30 pm (refreshment will be available)

Please, RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, emailing [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or by searching for 'Caritas Westminster' on Eventbrite

**NEW SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES**

are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. Please note, that the boxes are organised in the alphabetical order. Your number is different from last year's. If you notice any misspelling in your name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk). Also, if you want to donate by envelopes, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you.

During the week the boxes are available from the office.

Katherine

**Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH [pathwaystogod.org](http://pathwaystogod.org) 0207-495-1673 invites**

**YOU HEARD HOW IT WAS SAID... REFLECTING ON THE BIBLE IN CONTEXT (FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35)**

**Wednesdays, May 16th-30th, 7-8.30pm Brian Purfield and Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcJ**

The Bible is not always easy reading! Sometimes we find "difficult" passages that seem to present an unloving, frightening or narrow image of God. Is there a way of reading these passages in a life-giving way? This short course aims to offer young adults keys to unlocking the Bible that can open the way to a closer relationship to God, oneself, others and the world around us.

### **'GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE'**

I encourage you to read the Holy Father's Exhortation. I am currently reading it and my reaction to it is similar to that of Cardinal Vincent.

If you want to know more about living a Christian life, read, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

If you want to know more about finding peace and joy in your life, read, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

If you want to understand Pope Francis, then read 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

**If you need a copy of 'Gaudete et Exsultate' could I ask you to give Catherine your contact details and I shall order the copies for you to collect from the office? Thank you**

*Fr. Christopher*

### **Invitation for**

### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN IRELAND, 21-26 AUGUST 2018**

For information and registration for the World Meeting of Families and for details how to join our diocesan group, please email [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk) or call 0207 931 6064. [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



### **Rosary Group's May Prayer Meeting**

**After 11am Mass, Sunday 06th May  
Meet by the statue of Mary**

The theme of our prayers this month is:

### **Poverty in our Parish**

**Beginners Welcome**

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

**Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary**

### **WANT TO HELP OTHERS? Become a Foodbank Volunteer**

Are you a friendly conversationalist who can work with fellow Christians from other denominations?

**Every Tuesday, 10am to 1.30pm**

Help open/close the foodbank, work hard, make tea and coffee, serve guests, and stock-take.

*Training Given. Good Work Experience.  
Text contact details to 07968-971-874.*

### **A message from our Parishioner**

As a Lenten project I decided to rescue more of Fr. J's work and prepared a vol 2 of our wee booklet.

The draft attached for your information – it has more works and a better index and different pictures.

We can share an electronic copy with anyone who wants one –but we may do another small run of printed books and they will be at cost which would be about £20.

They make a lovely gift.

*Victoria*

Anyone who is interested in having an electronic copy or a hard copy, please, drop an email to the parish office and we will reply to your request.

*Kathrine*

### **BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR PARENTS**

The next baptismal course for parents will be on 9th and 16th May 2018 at 7.30 pm. The course consists of two sessions and both parents have to attend. Please, call the office to register. Katherine

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**Fr Christopher Silva**  
*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**  
*Parish Secretary*

The office may be contacted by phone:  
**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**  
**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**NEW PARISHIONERS** — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

**BLESSING OF HOMES** — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

**BAPTISMS** — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – dates and times will be announced in the Newsletter during the year. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

**WEDDINGS** — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere**. Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or note either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL?** — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS** — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to [peterturner@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterturner@rcdow.org.uk) or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

**AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER** — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to added to the distribution list.

**LOOP SYSTEM** —The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

**TEXT GIVING** — Simply type: Parish (then space) then MILLW. Send it to 70800. Click send. £5

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS:** loose: 331.18 envelopes: £938.88, **total: 1269.18**

***Thank you for your Generosity*** WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS**  
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Readings for this and next Sunday	
1st Reading - Acts 10: 23-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm - 97: 1-4, response v 2 2nd Reading - 1 John 4: 7-10 Gospel - John 15: 9-17	1st Reading - Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Psalm - 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20 response v 19 2nd Reading - 1 John 4: 11-16 Gospel - John 17: 11-19