

NEWSLETTER

**SIXTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

God has reconciled us through Christ and conferred upon us the ministry of reconciliation

Those who possess the Spirit as their guarantee, and are rich in the hope of resurrection, already have hold on what is in store for them as if it had already come to be. 'From now on,' they say, 'we regard no one in the flesh. We are all spiritual men, and immune from the corruption of the flesh. For since the Only-begotten shone upon us, we have been transformed into the Word who gives life to all things. Under the reign of sin we were weighed down by the chains of death; but now that righteousness in Christ has gained possession of us, we have shaken ourselves free of corruption.

So no one any longer is in the flesh, that is to say, in the weakness of the flesh and thus rightly subject to corruption. So Saint Paul continues: ' Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer'. It is as if he had chosen to say: 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and in the flesh he endured death for the life of us all. It is in this form that we know him or rather from now on we no longer know him. For although he is still in the flesh, since on the third day he returned to life and is now with the Father in heaven, nevertheless we know him above the flesh; for being raised from the dead he will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.'

So if in this way he became the pioneer of our life, we must of necessity follow in the footsteps and be regarded not so much in the flesh as above the flesh. Saint Paul speaks with complete accuracy when he says: 'If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.' For we have been made righteous by faith in Christ, and the power of the curse has come to an end. He has trodden underfoot the power of death and returned to life for our sake; we have come to know the one who is truly God by nature, and pay him our worship in spirit and truth, since the Son is our mediator and gives to the world the Father's blessings from on high.

And so those are wise words of Saint Paul: 'All is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.' For the mystery of the Son's incarnation and his work of renewal is certainly not apart from the Father's will. It is through Christ that we have gained access to the Father; no one comes to the Father, as Christ said himself, except through him. Accordingly all is from God, who through Christ reconciled us and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

In him the complete being of God, by God's own choice, came to dwell. God chose to reconcile the whole universe to himself through him, through whom we have now been granted reconciliation, alleluia.

St Cyril of Alexandria
on the second letter to the Corinthians

Ascension of the Lord

Wednesday the 13th the Vigil mass is at 8pm and Thursday the 14th at 9:15 am.

Proposal for church floor changes

A proposal has been put forward, the two sample tiles by the foot of the sanctuary are the ones to be laid in the body of the church. An estimate has been given : £58,275. An other suggestion has been made : to carpet the whole church. Father would welcome any thoughts.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

May 9th, 2026

6pm - Pro Populo

May 10th, 2026

9 am - For those making their 1st Holy Communion

11 am - For all those in formation

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

**A Prayer after
Communion**

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things.

We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading-- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20 response v 1

2nd Reading -

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel John 14:23

1st Reading-- Acts 1 : 12-14

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13

2nd Reading -

1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel John 17:1-11a

Confirmation photos

Thanks to Andrew for the photos.





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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £339.65 envelopes: £87 contactless collection last weekend: £421.50
total: **£848.15**

Standing orders in 2026: January- £2436, February- £2941

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

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Thank you for your Generosity

Requiem mass of Joseph Mansi on the 22nd of May 2026 at 11am.

Cremation at 1pm, City of London.

We have created a specified fund for utility bills & building maintenance and we encourage you to give specified donations towards one of the funds. As we need to share our general donation with the diocese, we find it difficult to meet our parish needs. Your donations towards a specified fund let us keep 100% of the money in our parish.

If you give by a card, just chose: utility bills or building maintenance on the screen, if you transfer by bank: type 'utility bills' or "building maintenance" in description, or you can give money in a prepared envelope that can be found on the table in the church's lobby.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully serve you, perfectly love you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

Are you a young man aged 18–35 who enjoys a good game of football with fellow faith-filled friends? Join the Youth Ministry's Annual Men's Football Tournament for the John Paul II Cup on 6 June 2026! For more information email youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit:

<https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026>