

**LIGHTING CANDLES IN THE CHURCH - UPDATE**

From next weekend - Saturday 8th May, parishioners will once again be able to light their own candles.

To ensure that this is done safely, we ask that you follow these guidelines...

Candles must only be lit once Mass has ended and not before Mass starts

1. Place your donation in the collection box in the wall first  
then
2. Light your candle(s)  
then
3. Sanitise your hands

You may then remain in the church for a few moments, if you would like to pray. Please be mindful of others also wanting to light a candle and maintain a social distance at all times.

**MASS INTENTIONS /  
TABERNACLE CANDLELIGHT**

If you would like to book a Mass or the candlelight, please use the small brown envelopes that you will find in the lobby. You can put the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or put it through the parish office door. Please always give a contact number, as you may not be able to have the date that you would like.

You can also book over the phone and also pay online via a bank transfer, just contact the parish office for details.

At present, it is possible to celebrate Masses for more than one intention however, we would encourage parishioners, wherever possible, to select a weekday Mass and not always select a weekend, as these book up very fast.

If you have arranged to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions, in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please let us know when you book the intention.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH**

If you would like to dedicate an arrangement to a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please put your donation and intention in an envelope and place it in the collection basket at the end of Mass or hand it in to the parish office. You can also make a general donation towards the flowers, if you wish. If you would like to donate online please contact the parish office for details.

**CONGRATULATIONS...**

to **FRANKIE CONNELLAN**  
who will be baptised during the  
Sunday 11.30 Mass.

Please pray for Frankie as he is welcomed into the Holy Church, his parents and godparents.

**LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Joe Muldoon RIP Leonard Cabral RIP (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Maye RIP (Anniv)
			<b>11.30am</b>	Gonsalves Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Monica dos Remedios (In Thanksgiving) Costas Padelys RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Maun Keating RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	H. E. Gilbert Chauncy RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Betty Deasy RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Monica dos Remedios (Health & Wellbeing) Dharma Keerthi RIP In Thanksgiving
		<b>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Duff RIP James McHugh RIP (Anniv)
			<b>11.30am</b>	De Oliveira Family Ellen Regan RIP (Anniv)

**Confession:** Please contact the parish office to book an appointment.



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**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B**

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

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**PLACING SUNDAY MASS AT THE HEART OF OUR POST-PANDEMIC LIVES**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales gathered last week to reflect on post-pandemic recovery and how we should all be encouraged back to the Church and her Sacraments.

In the reflection titled *The Day of the Lord*, they paid tribute to “all in the Catholic community who have shown such courage, generosity and understanding in the face of adversity this past year. Across England and Wales, families and parish communities have risen to the challenge of sustaining one another through times of great isolation, loneliness and grief in an impressive variety of ways, spiritual, emotional and practical. We thank all who have worked tirelessly in prisons, in hospitals, care-homes and across the medical profession for giving of themselves so generously. We thank all who have worked valiantly in our schools, facing unforeseen demands and meeting them with characteristic professionalism and dedication.

We wish also to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and energy to keep open our churches as havens of peace and prayer. Churches up and down the land have realised the vision of Pope Francis that they be like village-wells where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey; and centres of “constant missionary outreach.” We thank all who have developed diverse new patterns of outreach – of prayer, catechesis, study and spiritual solidarity; all who have made participation in the Mass possible through the internet.

‘Vibrant’ is a word which seems to have characterised so many of our parishes throughout the pandemic. We wish to salute our priests in particular for the leadership they have shown in this time of crisis. We thank them for their deep devotion to both the liturgy and to their parishioners. We commend every priest who made of his parish “a ‘sanctuary’ open to all” and with a particular care for the poor; and the many Deacons who have exercised with such generosity their mission of charity”.

How we emerge from this pandemic is unclear. What is clear is that parishes need to re-build and the practice of faith needs to be re-established and grow in strength.

“There are many who are fearful and weary, still anxious about coming into the enclosed space of a church and those who have simply lost the habit of coming to church...There are those who will have reassessed their pattern of life and priorities and the practice of faith may not be among those priorities”...and there are those who are staying in contact with the Catholic Church through our presence on the internet (live-streaming).

How do we bring people and the Church back together? This is something we want to work on over the coming months. Our Catholic schools have already started this. Since re-opening, they have been bringing people together and reminding children and their families of the importance of their faith. There have been fantastic examples of social outreach, where people have been working together to provide for those in need, something which should continue.

**“But the greatest treasure is, of course, the sacramental life of the Church...the Eucharist. It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence.”**

At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters... to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.”

Over recent weeks, the number of those attending Mass has steadily increased and it has been wonderful to see familiar faces again. We know that capacity in the church is limited and having to book a seat in advance can be inconvenient, but we would encourage as many of you as possible to try and come to Mass, even if it’s still only once a month or every other week. If you are fearful of coming at the weekend, consider coming on a weekday, Monday and Tuesday in particular have less attendance.

“...the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives”.

**HELP NEEDED  
VOLUNTEERS DURING MASS**

We are looking for more volunteers to help as stewards and readers during Mass.

**SINGERS & MUSICIANS**

Music is an integral part of the celebration of Mass, a way of expressing our thanksgiving and joy. We are looking for individuals who can play the piano or guitar as well as anyone who would like to form part of a choir or is confident singing solo.

**CATECHISTS & HELPERS**

We are looking for more volunteers to support our First Holy Communion Programme this year and next year. We are looking for individuals who have the ability to relate with ease to children and enjoy working with them, as well as having a commitment to the essential teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and the ethos of the parish. Previous experience is not essential.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

**ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**RECEPTION PLACES**

Parents who applied for a Reception place before 15th January should have received an offer letter or email confirming which school has offered them a place.

If you were hoping to secure a place at St John Fisher but have been offered a place at another school, or you missed the application deadline, and would like your child to go to St John Fisher School, please contact the school admissions team to enquire about places that may be available.

Please email: [admin@st-johnfisher.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnfisher.ealing.sch.uk)

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

The school is looking to form a Parent Teacher Association which will work to strengthen the links between home and school by involving parents in the life of the school, sharing information, experiences and ideas.

The group will also be responsible for coordinating fundraising activities and other social events in the school, which will support the ongoing development and educational experience of the children as well as external charities.

If you are a parent with a child who currently attends the school and would like to join the PTA or find out more, please contact Ms Rebecca Sullivan.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

The school has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to join the Board of Governors.

**What is a foundation Governor?**

The primary purpose is to ensure that the school is governed in accordance with the directives of the Bishop. They are someone who is appointed by the diocese to represent, preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school.

**What does a Foundation Governor do?**

They ensure the Catholic ethos of the school is upheld and manage the school's admission criteria. They oversee the financial performance of the school and set the budget. They are involved in the recruitment of senior leaders in the school and hold the Headteacher to account.

**What are the time commitments?**

The average Foundation Governor role will take approx. 10-12 hours per month however, this will vary. It includes attending one governing body meeting per term and serving on at least one committee.

**Who can be a Foundation Governor?**

You must be over 18. and be a practising and committed Catholic and not be disqualified by law from being a governor. Each governor brings their own experience to the role and a wide range of skills is useful. An inquisitive mind and a passion for excellence are a plus.

If you would like to find out more, further information can be found on the following websites:

[Diocese of Westminster Education](#) [The Catholic Education Service](#)

If you are interested please speak to Ana Hains in the parish office or Fr Agustin, who are both Foundation Governors.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thursday 6th May	GLA Elections	There will be a 10.00am Mass as normal
Wednesday 12th May	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> - Vigil Mass	7.30pm Mass Church
Thursday 13th May	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am Mass Church
	First Holy Communion - Lesson 2	6.30pm via Zoom
Tuesday 25th May	Confirmation - Rehearsal #1 (parents should check email sent)	7.00pm Church
Thursday 27th May	First Holy Communion - Lesson 3	6.30pm via Zoom
Friday 28th May	Confirmation Mass #1 (parents should check email sent)	6.30pm Church
Saturday 29th May	Confirmation Mass #2 (parents should check email sent)	12.00noon Church

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday 13th May

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is also a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm and then the 10.00am Mass on Thursday 13th May.

**If you would like to come to either the Wednesday evening or Thursday Mass, please book a place beforehand**, either via our website <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/perivale/> or by calling the parish office if you are unable to use the internet.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral at 3.00pm

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021.

**If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries and would like to join the live-streamed Mass, please contact the parish office this week** and provide the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email). These details will be sent to those organising the celebration.

An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk).

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. **As a parish we have collected £539.97 so far!**

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 also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

For more information, or to make a donation online, please visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people.

**Please be as generous as you can.**

**Thank you**

**DONATIONS NEEDED - TOILETRIES**

Two charities - **Emmaus House** (Acton) and **The Companions of the Order of Malta** are looking for donations. . Both charities do amazing work helping the homeless; Emmaus House helping, those not too far from us in West London and the Order of Malta provides support across the country. You can read a little bit more about them below.

Both charities are looking for donations of toiletries -

**Toothpaste, Toothbrushes,  
Soap and Shower Gel,  
Shampoo, Conditioner,  
Razors, Shaving Foam,  
Deodorant, Multi packs of tissues**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE**

**Please bring your items next time you come to Mass** and place in the collection boxes under the table in the lobby. You can also **drop them off at the parish office** (No. 41, Monday-Friday only) and leave your bags just inside the porch.