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28th April 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter -Year-B

TIMES OF MASSES	Liturgy & Mass Intentions		
Weekday MassesMonday-Friday 9:30amSaturday Mass 10.00amSunday MassesSaturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of SundaySunday 9.00 am 10.30am Family Mass 12.30pm in SpanishConfessionsSaturday 5pm to 5.30pm Or by arrangementMonday—Friday 9:15am Sunday-8.30amAdoration & BenedictionWednesday after 9.30am Mass &	Sat 27th April Easter Feria Exposition at 5pm, followed by adoration, evening prayer at 5.30pm & reposition at 5.45pm	10.00am 6pm (Vigil)	1st Communion Children (Intentions) Followed by a Reconciliation Service for Children & Parents Jan Bidaud & Family (Intentions)
	Sun 28th April +FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am 10.30am	Pro Populo Maria Au (RIP)
	Mon 29th April St Catherine of Sienna Virgin & Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Maria Wazyolrag (Intentions)
Saturday at 5pm	Tue 30th April Easter Feria	9.30am	Dorothy Marijectic (RIP)
Registered Charity No 233699 Parish Priest	Weds 1st May St Joseph the Worker Followed by Adoration & benediction	9.30am	Dorothy Marshall & Family (Intentions)
Fr Chinedu Udo 0207 834 6965-Extenstion 3 chineduudo@rcdow.org.uk Priest in residence	Thurs 2nd May St Athanasius Bishop & Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Michael Murray (RIP)
Fr Charles Soyombo <u>chadeshow@yahoo.com</u> <u>Parish Sister</u> Sr Margaret Donnelly	Fri 3rd May ST PHILIP & ST JAMES Apostles (Friday_abstinence)	9.30am	Dermot Browne (RIP)
Parish Secretary Sarah Harcher 0207 834 6965 -Extension 2 pimlico@rcdow.org.uk	Sat 4th May The ENGLISH MARTYRS	10.00am 2pm	Marion Frederick (Intentions) 1st Holy Communion Mass
Parish Safeguarding Rep (PSR) Lelia Boohan		6pm (Vigil)	Sr Nichola Lovett (Intentions)

Today's Gospel says that our relationship to Christ is similar to a tree and its branches. Jesus is very fond of the image of the vine. He also uses other pastoral images: the flowers of the field, ears of corn and seed that is sown, but he likens the kingdom of heaven to a vineyard on more than one occasion and stresses our responsibility for helping the vines to flourish. In today's reading he goes even further and speaks of himself as the vine of which we are the branches. The branches cannot be separated from the tree and continue to live and flourish. As Christians, if we disconnect with Christ, we fall away. Being baptized and going to mass is not enough to be a branch on the tree. It is not enough to be a Catholic and 'fulfil one's religious duties'. There must also be fruit produced. What is that fruit of which Jesus speaks? Today's Second Reading of St John's second letter tells us: 'My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active. 'Love cannot just be in words and talk, not even in the most lovely-sounding prayers. LOVE IN ACTION! Fr Chinedu

## Announcements

FINANCE: The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for March was £5045, The Loose Plate & Contactless collection for March was £231.83 & the Offertory envelopes for March came to £1231.60 Thank you all very much indeed. If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: WRCDT Pimlico Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... Or use our contactless card machines.

THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IS BY STANDING ORDER, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anne Castle,** of Churchill Gardens whose funeral will be at 10am on Friday 10th May. **May she rest in peace.** 

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND 2ND COLLECTION;** last weekend collection raised £980.95, thank you so much. We will keep this collection open this weekend for those of you who missed last weeks collection.

**THE 1ST COMMUNION CHILDREN & PARENTS** meet today Sunday 28th April immediately after the 10.30am Mass for Class no 9 " The Greatest Gift". **They will be making their First Holy Communion next Saturday 4th May at 2pm all are welcome to attend.** 

**SAVE THE DATES:** Please put the 19th May in your diary! After the International Mass on Pentecost we invite the Parish community to gather in the hall and garden downstairs for **a 'bring and share'**. Everyone is welcome to bring a traditional dish from their country and we can celebrate our diverse community. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

The traditional **Parish Barbecue** is back! We are planning to gather in the hall and garden on June 23rd after the 10:30 Sunday Mass, so please put that date in your diary

How BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD | FR PATRICK VAN DER VORST | 7 PM, FRIDAY, 17TH MAY 2024 | ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, SOHO SQUARE, LONDON: Fr. Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available.

**THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN NEXT WEEKEND** with a good supply of 1st Communion cards and gifts, please support them.

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD FOR BAPTISM?** If so please contact Sarah & she will provide you with an application form to complete and return. (You can also download a form from our website). Once returned we will give you a date to attend a baptism preparation course & book the date of the baptism. pimlico@rcdow.org;

**JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER:** - Maggie McNally –Peace in Israel - Almighty God, please spread peace across this troubled world, especially in Israel, and protect everyone against the vicious cruelty of war, fear and violence. Let no one have to flee their homes and their loved ones

**RETROUVAILLE – DO YOU NEED HELP IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14 -16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email <u>retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com</u> - or visit <u>www.retrouvaille.org.uk</u>

Action Prayer: This weekend in the gospel Jesus teaches "I am the true vine." The readings also refer to the power of the Word.

The analogy of the vine for the mystical body of Christ is an easy way to understand how Jesus works through us, how we are nourished and guided. God created by the Word, Jesus' teachings were the Word, we are given the gift of the Word. Our **Action Prayer** this week is to ask, within Divine will, for more understanding around the power of words. Perhaps ask for heightened awareness of how our words affect others, how their words affect us. How does political rhetoric trigger us; does the gospel with nature analogies trigger us; how do 'name brands' trigger us? Do we imagine ourselves as both part of nature and the mystical body of Christ?

## POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2024

## For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.