

## 7th Sunday of Easter – 12 May 2024

### Leaving is not abandoning ...

It seems that the disciples had no direction to carry on the Mission after Christ's Ascension. Anyone could consider this as total abandonment.

The reality, however, is that Christ is still with them. What impresses me is that most probably the disciples heard Jesus praying to the Father the prayer we hear in today's Gospel. Just as many times we consider Christ at the right hand of the Father, pleading mercy for us, he also asks his Father to continue to sustain us.

And this mystical sustenance comes from a living community that shows the signs of love and unity. These signs are often difficult to point out or decipher because it comes with a supernatural grace. Christ leaves us in this world to continue being witnesses of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. He leaves us, but does not abandon us to our own whim. The First Reading shows that the community needed to continue its mission and carry on in its life for the salvation of souls with the election of Matthias (whose feast day is this Tuesday).

Let us pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit this week in order to continue the mission entrusted to us for more than 2000 years.

Father Carlos

### NOTICES:

**EASTER (GE'EZ RITE):** We wish the Ethiopian Community a Happy Easter: Melkam Fasika!

**NO MASS:** Due to Father Carlos being away, there will not be Mass on Friday, 17 May, at 6pm. Mass is available at St. Francis', Notting Hill (W11 4NQ) at 9.30am and St Mary's, Bayswater (W2 5DJ) at Noon. Apologies for this inconvenience.

**FATHER FRANK WAHLE:** As mentioned in last Sunday's Masses, Fr. Frank, who served our parish between 1992-2004, is nearly approaching the end of his life. Please remember him in your prayers that God may welcome him into his Kingdom.

**NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP:** Please pray for Bishop-elect James Curry. His Ordination to the Episcopate will be on Tuesday, 18 June 2024, at Noon at Westminster Cathedral. This is not a ticketed event, but seating is limited. Please consider attending as he will be our Area Bishop.

**LITURGY AND CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Today, we will celebrate the Blessing and Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on at 3.30pm.

**TEA AND COFFEE:** Tea and Coffee begins today after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL:** There is a Charismatic Day of Renewal, praying for London, on Saturday, 18 May, from Noon to 4pm. All are welcome.

**MASS OF INSTALLATION:** We will celebrate a Mass of Installation of Fr Carlos on Friday, 12 July 2024, at 6pm, followed by a reception in Carpenter Hall. All are invited to attend and to bring a dish in order to share with fellow parishioners. We will need volunteers to help set up, organise crowd control, and to clean up after the event. A sign-up sheet will be made available for people to volunteer for this event, marking the first of hopefully many parish events.

**PARISH CLEANING:** The next session is on 25 May 2024, 10am-Noon.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS:** We need help to arrange flowers on Saturday, 18 May 2024, at 10am. All are welcome.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** As the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is approaching, there will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist on Friday, 31 May 2024, at 6pm, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Queensway, passing by the Opus Dei House in Orme Court. We will need volunteers (servers, ushers, singers, etc.) to help with this event. Please also invite any of your family and friends for this moment of witness.

**PARISH ENVELOPES:** The new parish envelopes are now available for collection. Those who already have a number assigned to them will be able to collect the same numbered box. We ask parishioners to not start a new envelope number and consider a Standing Order.

**NEW LITURGICAL ITEMS:** If anyone wishes to help with the costs, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'New Liturgical Items'. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Father Carlos.

**PAROCCHIAL VISITS:** Please contact Father Carlos if you want him to come for a home visit.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** Totals for the following collections:

27/28 April: Loose: £259.48      Envelopes: £16      Contactless: £230.00

4/5 May:      Loose: £280.68      Envelopes: £46      Contactless: £151.00

In addition, we thank you for your contribution of £298.08 for the Priests' Training Fund. Many thanks for your generosity!

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