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### **Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (A) 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

*Acts 2:42-47* An insight into how the early followers of Christ lived in community, continued to worship in the Temple and shared all they had.

*1 Peter 1:3-9* Peter uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God for the new life of baptism given through the resurrection of Christ.

*John 20:19-31* Thomas is not present when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and cannot accept their testimony unless he sees for himself. The Lord then appears to him and he believes. Jesus declares blessed those who have not seen and yet believe.

#### **Mass this week**

		<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	Mary Huq (Intention)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	Julia McKinley (anniversary)
	10:30am	For Our Parishioners
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	ST GEORGE
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Sisters of Providence
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Mark
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Clara Sands (Intention)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Easter Weekday
		Sr Ana Luisa (RIP)
		<b>No Mass today</b>
	9:15am	Easter Weekday
		Michael & Hazel Clancy (anniversary)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 5:45pm or by appointment.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for **An Increase of Trust in Divine Mercy**

**Last Week's Offertory** This amounted to £1086.46  
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £300 each week in bank standing orders from parishioners.

**Text Giving** If you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

**Please note Mass time changes:** This week there will be mass for St George's Day on Monday but there will be no mass on Thursday.

**Evangelisation Team** all are welcome to an introductory meeting in the presbytery after the Tuesday evening Mass (approx 8pm). This is to see how we may become 'missionary disciples'.

**Readers Required!** We have a shortage of readers at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in joining the rota or would like to know more information regarding this, please contact Fr Philip.

**Easter Triduum Books** If you have borrowed any of the books we used for the Easter Triduum, please return them as we shall need them again for next year!

**Missio Red Boxes** A Big Thank You to everyone who has returned the moneys from their red boxes. £736.90 has been banked. If you haven't yet brought back your envelope there is still time, so please bring in it a.s.a.p..

**CWL Coffee Morning** CWL sections all over the country are holding a coffee morning on Sunday 30th April and we are taking part after both Sunday morning Masses next weekend. We will be having a cake stall and refreshments will be available, as usual. Please come along to the Parish Hall and join us. **CWL Easter Raffle** Many thanks for all your support for our Easter raffle. A total of £256 was made on the sale of raffle tickets and Easter chicks, ducks and bunnies, which will all go to charitable causes. All winners have now been notified.

**The House of Prayer** meets on Thursday mornings, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members most welcome.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** (23<sup>rd</sup> April) Amongst devotions happening there will be a Holy Hour at The Parish Church of The Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury, Baldock. This will include the opportunity for Confession.

### **Studying In The Sixth Form At The John Henry Newman School**

Due to the consolidation of numbers in the Sixth Form a small number of places have become available to study from September 2017. If you would like the opportunity to achieve your very best at Level 3 study whilst being fully prepared for Higher Education or employment and enjoy the vast array of enrichment opportunities that make our school such a wonderful community then please contact Mrs W Howard, Director of Sixth Form on 01438 314643 or email [howardw@jhn.herts.sch.uk](mailto:howardw@jhn.herts.sch.uk)

### **Assistant to the Cathedral Sub-Administrator**

Each year Westminster Cathedral offers an internship for an assistant to the Sub-Administrator. This involves work experience helping with many of the administrative duties, which allow the Cathedral to function. The successful applicant will live at Cathedral Clergy House with full board and lodging. They will also receive an allowance to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. This placement is ideally suited to someone who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Several previous holders of the internship have gone on to the priesthood having completed their year. The closing date for applications is 28th April 2017.

**Caritas Volunteer Service** *Caritas Westminster* has recently launched the Caritas Volunteer Service, a one-stop-shop for volunteering in the Catholic community. The site is a free matching service that enables potential volunteers to search for roles based on a number of factors. If your parish has any projects needing volunteers then please contact Verity Sykes at [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk) CTS Booklets for 'Called to Serve the Sick' To accompany the 'Called to Serve the Sick' season of prayer, CTS have published two new A6 booklets for hospital ministry:

**Migrants' Mass** The annual Migrants' Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker takes place Saturday, 20th May at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood, the Mass will be

celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams SM. Banners assemble at 10.30 on the Priory Lawn; Mass begins at 11 am.

**The Calix Society** offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics/addicts in recovery and their families, deepening faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Calix embodies the Catholic Church's growing emphasis on the New Evangelization. Visitors from all 12-step programmes are welcome. For details, visit [www.calixsociety.org.uk](http://www.calixsociety.org.uk) or email [calixsjw@btinternet.com](mailto:calixsjw@btinternet.com)

They also seek the support of priests, deacons and lay people who have personal or professional experience in the journey of the 12-step programme of recovery. For details, visit [www.calixsociety.org.uk](http://www.calixsociety.org.uk) or email [calixsjw@btinternet.com](mailto:calixsjw@btinternet.com) or telephone 07762 570361.

### **Vocations Promotions Events**

We have held three successful events at the Servite Church , Fulham Road, Enfield Parish and Hounslow Parish. All our evenings were well attended and we met some men thinking about the priesthood. The next Vocations evening take place Sunday 14th May at Holy Rood ,Watford at 5pm.

Men wanting to know more about the **permanent diaconate** are invited to a two-hour meeting from 10am to 12 noon on:

29th April: Ealing Abbey Parish Centre

21st May: Sacred Heart and St Joseph, Ware

No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details, contact Deacon Adrian Cullen on 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark on 07545 373548.

**Mental Health Workshops** *Welcome Me as I Am*, with support from local MIND groups and *Caritas Westminster*, will hold four workshops across the diocese this spring, covering a number of topics including: spirituality and mental health, working with common mental health issues, and how to signpost to local support. Each day will be tailored to the needs of the local area. There will also be time to explore how your parish can become a welcoming community. The workshops will be held from 10am to 3pm at the following:

29th April: Our Lady and St Joseph's, Kingsland

13th May: Vaughan House 17th June: St John Fisher, North Harrow

1st July: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

For more information and to RSVP please email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk).

**Cleaning Rota** Monday – Yvonne Friday – Mary & Pat