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### Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (C) 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

#### Today's Readings

*Acts 5:27-32. 40-41* The apostles are proud to give witness to their risen Lord and suffer humiliation for the sake of his name.

*Apocalypse 5:11-14* All living beings give praise to the Lamb of God.

*John 21:1-19* The love of God is shown in the love we show to those in need.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00am  
10:30am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

11:00am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

SS Philip & James

**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

**Funeral mass**

Easter Feria

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#### Intention

Bp Mark O'Toole (Archbishop Elect of Cardiff & Bishop elect of Menevia)

For Our Parishioners

First Holy Communion Candidates

Missionaries

Our Mission in this Parish

**Kathleen Blythe RIP**

Health Care Workers

Ukraine

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

**First Holy Communion** It is our joy this weekend and for the following two Sundays to rejoice with the young people and their families celebrating their first Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. There may be more people than usual at the 10:30am Masses, you may wish to consider coming to one of the other weekend masses to create more space for our guests.

**Children's liturgy** starts again on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This will take place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays, during term-time. Children's liturgy is for our youngest parishioners, so that they can hear the Word of God

proclaimed in a language more appropriate to their levels of understanding. It is aimed at children from birth through to Year 3 at school (when they typically make their First Holy Communion) - if your child is below nursery age and comes along, they will need someone with them. The liturgy usually includes singing, learning about the Gospel, prayer, and some sort of activity—often to do with marker pens. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Children's Liturgy, and we thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry and the children of our parish.

**The English Martyrs** Please note that as we are celebrating the subsidiary patrons of our Parish, Wednesday will have the rank of a Solemnity.

**International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** This year's day of prayer will take place on 22nd May 2022, the 6th Sunday of Easter. Organised each year by the charity FACE, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald M.Afr is a patron of this charity. More details at <https://facecharity.org/>

**Fire Wardens** One of the things we need to do as we return to greater normality is refresh our Fire Warden rotas. Not least some of those who were acting as Fire Wardens have moved (including one to Singapore!) There will be a training session for Fire Wardens at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May in the sacristy. This is both as a reminder and update for those who have previously been Fire Wardens and an invitation for new volunteers. The role is important but not arduous – *we hope we never have a fire in Church which will need wardens* - but we do need people willing to follow some simple procedures on how to respond to the unlikely scenario and we must have two fire wardens at each mass. If you can help please sign up on the list in the sacristy and come along on Wednesday.

The **Christian Leadership Formation programme** is running for a second consecutive year and is currently open to applications from students in Lower Sixth. The application deadline is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. The programme is for students who are actively committed to their faith, who are intellectually gifted and who are committed to shaping a Christian society through their careers. It provided a spiritual and philosophical/theological formation in the Catholic tradition around themes relating to the common good, as well as workshops in skills pertaining to public life. Part- to full sponsorships are available to students who are unable to meet the costs, though we students are asked to attempt to fundraise £140 (10% of the course's costs) as a minimum contribution. Information and application forms are available at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

**Catholic Listeners; Diocese of Westminster**, a new confidential listening helpline has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The number is 0800 448 0704. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

**May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden** This year, the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden is once more able to arrange the May Procession through Willesden to pray the Rosary asking for the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden, for the protection of London and for peace and restoration in Ukraine. Taking place on Sunday 8th May at 3pm, the preacher will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection, Pokrova. A poster is with more details is at the back of Church.

**Priest Training Fund** The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place **next weekend**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Please take a donation envelope home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for May**  
*Faith-Filled Young People*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.