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Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 28th April 2024

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeremiah tells us of God's continuing patience with us even when we are most stubborn.

Hebrews 5:7-9 It is through Jesus' obedient suffering that we can be saved.

John 12:20-33 St John reveals to us Jesus' thoughts and apprehension about his coming suffering.

Mass This Week

Saturday 27th 6:30pm

Sunday 28th 9:00am

10:30am First Holy Communion

Tuesday 30th 6:00pm

Wednesday 1st 6:00pm

Thursday 2nd 9:15am

Friday 3rd 9:15am

Easter Weekday

St Joseph The Worker

St Athanasius

Ss Philip & James

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Adrianna Kozarska (11th Birthday)

Elisa Vecchirone Ditella (First Anniv)

Canon John Longstaff (RIP)

Those who work in Industry

Bernadette Rosborough (RIP)

Missionaries

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Memory of Fred Bristow (RIP)

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

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

First Holy Communion It is our joy this weekend to rejoice with the young people and their families. Please keep them in your prayers. There may be more people than usual at the 10:30am Mass, so you may wish to consider coming to one of the other weekend Masses. Please note this years First Holy Communion Masses will be on the last Sunday of April and first three Sundays of May.

Please note change of Mass time. The Wednesday Mass will be in the evening at 6pm.

Lay Ministries A few people have indicated that they are willing to help as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Fr Philip is offering an Induction to this ministry at 6:30pm on Wednesday (directly after mass). If

this is not a convenient time please see Fr Philip and we can arrange other sessions. We have a particular shortage for the 9am Sunday Mass, but willing volunteers would be welcome for any of the Sunday and weekday masses. We would also welcome more readers at mass, and shall arrange some Induction sessions/reminder sessions for readers soon.

For those who carry out lay ministries during Mass (sacristans, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion etc) please be reminded that there is a WhatsApp group available, to make it easier to find a replacement if you become unavailable. If you would like to be added to this group (which covers all three weekend Masses) please contact anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk

Normal Practice resumed! Now is a time to draw a line under the pandemic. It remains a personal choice but we intend to make it possible for all who wish to receive in both kinds to do so at every mass. To enable this we do need more volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers. Please help if you can.

Family Rosary Please come along and join us for a children led rosary, in front of Our Lady's statue, on Saturday 11th May at 5pm. This will be followed by a bring and share tea in the Parish Hall.

Are You A Tax Payer? If your tax status changed for 2023-24, or will change for 2024-25, please inform Lawrie Fernee on 01763 243395 or RoystonGA@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome Thank you to all who have already signed up. Because we collected 18 interested pilgrims, near enough the minimum of 20 to make it feasible for us to go ahead, on the confident expectation of drawing in a few more people. We have paid a deposit to the Hotel in Rome. Such details as we have already are on the Sacristy notice board. More details will follow once the airlines are able to give us a quotation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We are intending to join with our friends in Letchworth again. Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy. The cost will depend on how many people are on the coach.

Universe Catholic Weekly Newspapers are now available to purchase every week. They are available in the Sacristy and cost £3.50 each.

Priest Training Fund Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. The response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for the current seminarians, was heart-warming. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes in the Sacristy or you can use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations through the Diocesan website. The formation of priests is of top priority, it is our future. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for May
For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School are looking for a **Lay Chaplain** to join their School from May 2024. This is a part-time (term time only) job working 32.68 hours per week, Monday to Thursday 8am to 3:10pm and Friday 8am to 2:30pm, though there may be opportunities for flexible working. Further Information can be found at www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,lay-chaplain_93028.htm

Intricately Woven By The Lord The Bishops Conference have issued a pastoral reflection on the sensitive, deeply personal and challenging issues around gender. This can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/04/REFLECTIO-N-Intricately-Woven-By-The-Lord.pdf>

The *Anima Christi* is probably best known as the hymn "Soul of My Saviour."

It probably dates back to at least the early 14th Century. It can be found in a manuscript in the British Library dated 1379. In Avignon it is inscribed in a prayerbook of Cardinal Pierre de Luxembourg (who died in 1387). However, St Ignatius of Loyola included it at the beginning of his *Spiritual Exercises* and this may be a source of its ongoing familiarity and popularity. It is certainly a prayer to be commended before the Blessed Sacrament

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, fill me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Hide me within your wounds.
Do not allow me to be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of death call me
and bid me come to you that
I may praise you for ever and ever.
Amen.