

Sunday 15th May 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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For children,
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THIS WEEK

Sun 15 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
6.15pm	John Rorke (birthday Ints)
8.30am	Pascoal Cardoso & Remezia Gonzales (Thanksgiving)
9.45am	Nellie Graham RIP (27th anniv.)
11.15am	Spencer Coomarewel RIP & the Holy Souls
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 16 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Special intention
Tues 17 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Thomas & Annie Gaffney RIP & Evelyn Malony RIP
Weds 18 May	S. Pancras, martyr
9.30am	Sean & Joanna Prendergast Ints.
Thurs 19 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Tom Dolan RIP
Fri 20 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Dorothy & Family Ints.
Sat 21 May	Easter feria
9.30am	Louis Pais RIP
Sun 22 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
6.15pm	Thomas Dolan Ints
8.30am	John Scullion Ints
9.45am	Teresa Canavan Ints
11.15am	Fr Michael Johnston (Ordination Anniversary)
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



St John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

St Paul and St Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13

A song of praise to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

St John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a,34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The things that we love tell us what we are".

Saint Thomas Aquinas

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Caleb Mascarenhas, Zayne Alexander De Souza*

RECENTLY MARRIED: *Allan Dsouza & Annabel D'Souza*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Concetta Terezino, Edith Caladiao*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Nellie Graham*

SANCTUARY LAMP

Deacon Dan Daley (preparing for Ordination)

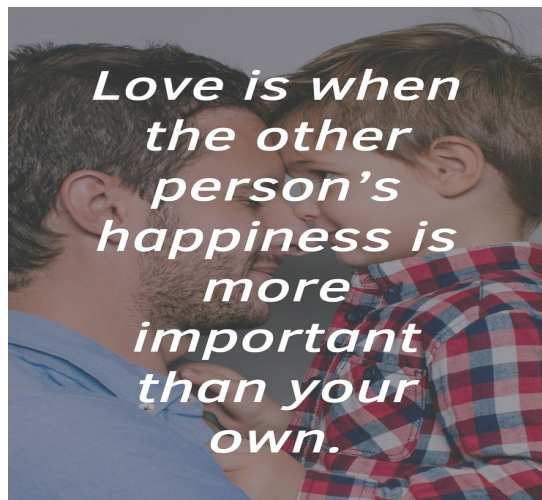
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Thanksgiving

POPE FRANCIS' 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.



*Love is when
the other
person's
happiness is
more
important
than your
own.*

In his Last Supper discourse Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus shows us that the greatest glory in life is the glory of willingly sacrificing one's life for the sake of another. In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption. Jesus gave his Father supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to sacrifice his life on the cross. The greatest trust one can give to their commander is the willingness to obey in the line of duty, even to the point of putting oneself in harm's way. In warfare the greatest honour belongs not to those who survive but to those who give the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Jesus also speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his Son for our sake, to redeem us from slavery to sin and death. He freely offered his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love - a love that is unselfish and selflessly oriented to serving others for their good, and a sacrificial love that is forgiving, compassionate, and merciful beyond comprehension. Jesus commands us, his disciples, to love one another just as he has loved us. As we turn to God with trust and obedience, he transforms our hearts and frees us from our hurts and prejudices so that we can freely choose to love others with compassion, kindness, and mercy. The Lord Jesus has set us free from slavery to fear, sin, and prejudice. We are now free to choose for his way of love and holiness.

So let us seek to bring glory to God in the way we love and treat others.

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our young children receiving their first Communion this weekend and last weekend.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND Thanks to all who gave generously last weekend. If you were not able to contribute the fund remains open either via the designated envelopes of the orange buckets. (£1017 so far)

RETURNING TO ST GEORGE'S: The Catholic Bishops' Conference have last week released a statement about returning to Mass for Pentecost. If you are feeling anxious about returning to worship again, try coming to Mass on a weekday morning. Our weekday attendance numbers at Mass have not recovered as yet, since before the pandemic, so there is plenty of space and this is a good route back, to being with the Lord at Mass. If you feel you need more space, the Saturday evening Vigil for Sunday at 6.15pm and the 8.30am Sunday Mass are also still at pre pandemic numbers and therefore less busy. Face coverings are no longer mandatory in church but you are welcome to continue to wear a covering if you wish. Our new supply of face coverings is nearly exhausted—we have used up more in the past month than for the past 3 months combined. If you wish to wear a covering please bring one to Mass with you. We will not be reordering coverings once our current stock has been used up. The hand sanitisers will remain for the time being.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - A huge 'thank you' to Catechists, Helpers, Musicians, Servers & all those who have helped facilitate the FHC Masses. At the **FHC Evaluation Session on Tuesday 7th June at 7pm (for Parents/Carers only)** there will be an opportunity to **view & order official photos** from this year's FHC Masses, provide feedback on this year's Programme & hear about future opportunities for you and your children at the Parish.

CONFIRMATION - We keep the Confirmation Candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this week. Parents/Carers should have received a reminder email with details of their Son/Daughter's Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass. Thank you for arriving in good time for the Rehearsal. **Sponsors** are also encouraged to attend the rehearsal, if they are free, so they can also familiarise themselves with their role at the Confirmation Mass.

ROSARY AT HOME - If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please fill-in your details on the clipboard in the church porch.

DEACON DAN DALEY WRITES: "Thanks to your support and God's grace over the years, I am delighted to be able to invite you all to my priestly ordination on Saturday 25th of June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral.

Please do keep me in your prayers over the next few months".

FR DAN DALEY'S (as he will be) FIRST MASS will take place here at 11.15am on Sunday 26th June at 11.15am. Everyone welcome—no tickets required. This will be followed by a lunch in the hall.

THE LUNCH following Fr Dan's First Mass will need some co-ordinating and we'll be forming a committee for this occasion to make sure it all goes according to plan. If you feel you can help, please speak to Fr Jeremy.

AND FINALLY, we'll be having a collection to give a fitting present to the new Fr Dan to mark the occasion. More news soon.

CALLING NEW READERS - Might you consider reading at one of the **Sunday Masses**? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping with our **First Holy Communion Programme**? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend. As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

FILM CLUB with resume on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Café/Bar. More news soon—and what we'll be watching!

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - Regular meetings have now resumed and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 8pm in the parish centre.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass.** All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

EVENT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OR HOSTING A UKRAINIAN FAMILY OR OTHERS SEEKING SANCTUARY.

Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary 18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom.

Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like.

This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster. Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page.

OVER 50'S SOCIAL CLUB being held at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre every Wednesday from 10.15am to 1.30pm. Why not come along for a cup of tea and an informal get together with friends and neighbours within the local community. Free entry, free food and a warm welcome. Any queries please contact Mel on 07982683664

CAFOD: The paradox of abundance Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

THE UNIVERSE: Parishioners wishing to view the online version of The Universe can do so by subscribing to <http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk>

ST. LUKE'S MIDNIGHT WALK - Saturday 25th June, 10pm-3am. Book now to secure early bird rate at www.stlukesospice.org/midnightwalk or telephone 020 8383 8000 or see their website.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 97: 1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Acts 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 144:8-13*

*R/. I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R/.*

2. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. *R/.*

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. *R/.*

Second reading: *Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God

out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have
loved you, says the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 13:31-33,34-35*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.