

Sunday 29th May 2022

THE SEVENTH 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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THIS WEEK

Sun 29 May 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Juri & Eva (Thanksgiving) Seamus Collins RIP Maria Rosario Pereira RIP (6th) Thanksgiving THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 30 May 9.30am	Easter feria Spencer Coomarewel RIP & The Holy Souls
Tues 31 May 9.30am	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Colin & Lily Mutukisna RIP
Weds 1 June 9.30am	S. Justin, Martyr Chris Bierne RIP
Thurs 2 June 9.30am	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs Johnny Bradley RIP
Fri 3 June 9.30am	Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions Bernadette Walsh Ints.
Sat 4 June 9.30am	(Our Lady of the Cenacle) Valgene Branford RIP
Sun 5 June 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY Brian Watson RIP Betty & Jim Cuniff RIP Lionel Alfred Stonehouse RIP Joseph Remedios RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



This is an unusual "in between" Sunday, in between the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper, a prayer full of concern for his friends and the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Lord, do not hold this sin against them", is a vision of what the Church must be, a community of love and mercy, always inspired (i.e. guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and the second coming: as we await the Holy Spirit next Sunday. Saint John, in his Book of Revelation, gives us the final vision of our destiny: "Let everyone who listens, answer 'Come!'"

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9*
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23*
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:46-53*
Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*You ascended before our eyes, and we turned back
grieving, only to find You in our hearts.
St. Augustine of Hippo*

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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 DEPARTED: *Helen Golden, Concetta Terezino,*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Colin & Lily Mutukis-na

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Joseph Chury RIP

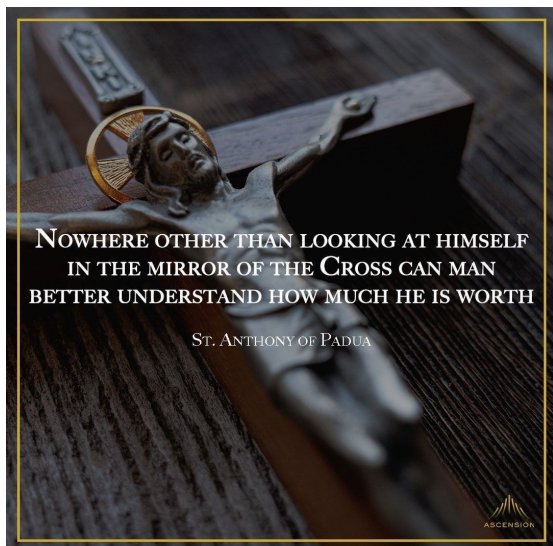
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Joan Duke RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR June:

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.



The longest recorded prayer of Jesus is found in the Gospel of John, the "high priestly" prayer which Jesus prayed aloud at his last supper meal with his disciples (John 17). This prayer most clearly reveals the heart and mind of Jesus - who and what he loved most - love for his Father in heaven and love for all who believe in him. His prayer focuses on the love and unity he desires for all who would believe in him and follow him, not only in the present, but in the future as well.

Jesus' prayer concludes with a petition for the unity among all Christians who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus prays for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples (John 17:20). In a special way Jesus prays here for each one of us that as members of his body the church we would be one as he and his Father are one. The unity of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, with the eternal Father is a unity of mutual love, service, and honour, and a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. The Lord Jesus calls each and every one of his followers into this unity of mutual love, respect, service, honour, and friendship with all who belong to Christ.

Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he had for his beloved disciples. He knew they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord Jesus entrusts us today with the same mission - to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one. Do you love all who belong to Christ and do you recognize and accept all baptized Christians as your brothers and sisters in Christ? The Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, draws each one of us into the unity which he and the Father have together and into the unity he desires for all who belong to him - we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and sons and daughters of our beloved Father in heaven.

The Lord included each one of us in his high priestly prayer at the last supper meal with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (John 17:20). And today the Lord continues his high priestly office as our intercessor before the throne of God in heaven. St. Paul tells us that it is "*Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us*" (Romans 8:34). Do you join in Jesus' high priestly prayer that all who profess Jesus as Lord may grow in love and unity together as brothers and sisters who have been redeemed through the precious blood that was shed for us on the cross?

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.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND The Church will celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. The clergy wear red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the people of the Church. Why not wear something red yourself and join in the celebrations? *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love!*

THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE:

From Thursday through to Sunday next week, there will be a Bank Holiday on Thursday & Friday and theoretically with the weekend that can mean for many 4 days free in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. At the Masses next weekend, there will be a special intercession inserted into the Prayers of the Faithful, in honour of the Queen. The National Anthem will be sung at the end of some Masses. Have you noticed we are flying the Union Jack (for the first time) in honour of her. We give thanks for such service and dedication. This country is so much better off for it.

Coffee and cakes in honour of the Queen in the café/Bar:

Friday 2nd June after the 9.30am Mass
Sunday 5th June after the 9.45am & 11.15am
Tuesday 7th June at 1.00pm Over 60's club

Domine, sal-vam fac * régīnam nōstram E-li-sa-beth: et ex-áudi nos
in dí-e, qua invocávé-rimus te.

Lord, save our Queen Elizabeth and hear us in the day in which we shall call upon you.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI falls on Sunday 19th June. Traditionally in the parish - pre Covid 19 - we have managed (just about) to keep the traditional *Quarant'Ore* (40 hours) watch before the Blessed Sacrament. That's probably not possible again this year, very sadly. However, we will have adoration daily between 13-18th June, 9.00-9.30am.

OTHER LITURGICAL DATES TO NOTE

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 12th June
The Nativity of saint John the Baptist Thursday 23rd June
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 24th June
Ss. Peter & Paul Wednesday 29th June

FUNERAL MASS of Helen Golden on Monday 13th June, the feast of St. Anthony, at 1.00pm, followed by burial in Alperton Cemetery. Reception into Church the night before, 12th June at 7.00pm. May she rest in peace.

RETURNING TO ST GEORGE'S: The Catholic Bishops' Conference have 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.

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. *By the way we'll have our first Meeting this Monday after the 10.00am in the Bar. Come and join us if you can.*

AND FINALLY, well be having a collection to give a fitting present to the new Fr Dan to mark the occasion. That will now take place over the next couple of weeks.

CONFIRMATION - We keep the newly-confirmed in prayer as they continue their journey of faith, having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Catechists & Parents/Carers for all their help & support throughout the Programme. We look forward to seeing the **Candidates** at the **Feedback & Celebration Session** on **Monday 13th June** at 7.30pm.

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 have been available for well over a month after the Sunday Masses. If you have not yet received yours they will now be sent out in the post (at great expense!!). **Please note these have only been assigned to those who have requested them. If you wish for a set please do contact the office (details on the front of the Newsletter). Also please note if you have not used your envelopes for the last two years you will need to re-request them.**

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 WALSHINGHAM 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.

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.

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 26: 7-9*

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Acts 7:55-60*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 96(97):1-2,6-7,9*

R/. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
His throne is justice and right. *R/.*

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you spirits, worship him. *R/.*

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits. *R/.*

Second reading: *Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20*

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 17:20-26*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.
Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Jn 17: 22*

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.