

Sunday 14th May 2023

SIXTH 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.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
Easter Week 6

Divine Office
Easter Week 6/psalms 2

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[sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 14 May **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm (vigil) **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
8.30am John Walsh RIP
9.45am Nellie Graham RIP
11.15am Dorothy Coomarewel & family
5.30pm Ann O'Connor RIP

Mon 15 May **Easter feria**
9.30am John Rorke Ints.

Tues 16 May **Easter feria**
9.30am Ryan Coelho RIP

Weds 17 May **Easter feria**
9.30am Julie Miller RIP

Thurs 18 May **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
7.00am Private intention
9.30am Michael Moloney RIP
No 8.00pm Mass today

Fri 19 May **Easter feria**
9.30am Pat O'Keefe

Sat 20 May **Easter feria**
9.30am Helen Golden RIP

Sun 21 May **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
6.15pm (vigil) Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
8.30am Irene Sobon RIP
9.45am Watts & Ledo Families RIP
11.15am Carmel O'Dwyer Ints.
5.30pm **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

TODAY'S MASS

"The Holy Spirit restores us to life"



After the resurrection the Lord promised that he would send the Holy Spirit upon the Church. In the spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to great things in the Lord's name. We are healed by the Spirit and called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 66:1-7,16,20*

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:15-18*

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The nation doesn't simply need what we have.
It needs what we are."*

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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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, SMR, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Chris Sweeny.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *David O'Brien, Mary Naughton*

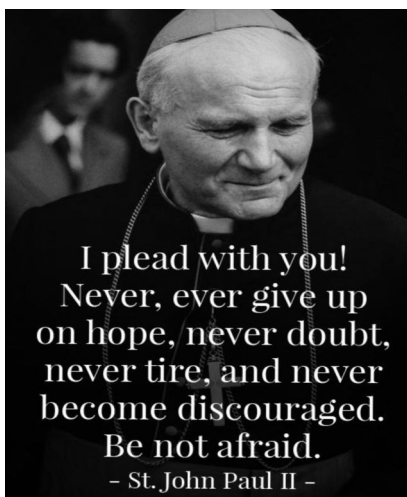
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Helen Golden (1st), Nellie Graham*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR May 2023
For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



I plead with you!
Never, ever give up
on hope, never doubt,
never tire, and never
become discouraged.
Be not afraid.

- St. John Paul II -

What makes us both truly human and truly like God? Love which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others. It is love that unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity and fellowship with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross. From the very beginning of creation God said: it is not good that man should be alone (Genesis 2:18). We were created in love for love – to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Saint John Henry Newman said: *We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature. Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bound of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for humankind. In Jesus we see the fullness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him (1 John 4:9).*

How do we know that God truly loves each of us? In the cross we see the proof of God's love for us and the incredible price God was willing to pay for our redemption. Jesus gave up his life that we might have life – abundant, everlasting life with God – a life of love and unity with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever. Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as adopted sons and daughters of God – his beloved children (Romans 8:14-17). Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father. True love is more than sentiment or good intentions. As important as these may be they are not the proof of sincere love. True love for God is expressed in obedience and obedience is expressed in love. Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counsellor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us? Counsellor is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life – the life of God – and the One who guides us in the way of truth. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love and truth. Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and safety in God's presence. That is why we as Christians need not fear or be troubled by anything for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is indeed not only hope but good News!!

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

THANK YOU to all who worked very hard last weekend for our Coronation Brunch which was a resounding success and to all who came. We had a wonderful time together!

THIS SUNDAY there is a collection of items for the Local Foodbank organised by our SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) group. There is a list in the porch of items needed. Please, no perishables or alcohol. Please take this to the parish Centre and leave them in the main hall. Do not leave them in or outside the church (otherwise someone has to lug them across!). Thanks in advance for what you are able to do to help.

ALSO THIS SUNDAY there is a table with all the recent LOST PROPERTY. Have a look and see if there is something belonging to you.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION falls this week on THURSDAY. This had for many years been transferred to a Sunday but has now returned to its traditional day on this Thursday. It is a Day of Obligation when we are meant to come to Mass (as on a Sunday). Masses will be at 7.00am & 9.30am and there will also be a Mass for our children in the school. **Unfortunately there will be no 8.00pm Mass on this day.**

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS takes place annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, which this year occurs THIS Sunday (14th). Organized by the Catholic charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) together with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches and the Eastern Catholic Churches, it offers an opportunity Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, to unite in prayer during Eastertide. They have set up a dedicated page for this year's Day of Prayer. You can find it here: <https://facecharity.org/day-of-prayer-for-eastern-christians-14-may-2023/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ADULTS who will be baptised and Confirmed during the 11.15am Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for Welcomers (6.15pm Vigil Mass, 9.45am and 5.30pm) and Collectors (6.15pm and 5.30pm). If you could help, please let us know.

FUNERAL LITURGY of David O'Brien on Monday 22nd May at 12 noon at Northwood Hills Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

CHILDREN 4-9 YEARS OLD please take one of our new sheets called "LOOK" to help you understand the Gospel message of the day. Parents, please make sure your children don't waste these sheets and take them home after Mass. And please put the Crayons back. It may be also important for Children to concentrate on the Mass, especially if the are preparing for or already have had the First Communion in which case take these sheets home and get them to do them there.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We keep the FHC children in prayer as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. A huge **thank you to our Catechists and Helpers** for all their support throughout the year. The **FHC Evaluation Session (for Parents/Carers Only)** is on **6th June** followed by all the FHC children putting on their FHC outfits again for the **Celebration Mass on Sunday 11th June at 9.45am.**

CONFIRMATION 2023 - At **Session 8**, on **Monday 15th May**, the Confirmation Candidates will be reflecting, at the **Sent Forth in the Spirit Session**, on some of the

ways they can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit they are receiving in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm. Rehearsals for the Confirmation Masses** are also taking place this week on **Thursday & Friday. Sponsors are requested to attend the rehearsal with the Candidates.** Further details will be provided by email this week.

COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES - If you still have one, please bring it back ASAP so we can tally up our amount and let the Passage have our giving. We gave out over 1000—so there must be more out there!!

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER - An Engaged Encounter weekend will be taking place in the Parish Centre here at St. Georges' on the 3rd and 4th June. If you are thinking about the Sacrament of Marriage then think about preparing for the Sacrament – some places still available. Book via the web site:- <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS - We are seeking new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk. Thank you.

MAY is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Many families have discovered the importance of the prayer of the rosary. Why not give it a go either by yourself or with your family?

CAN YOU SING? We really need you to help with our music at the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses on Sunday. Please do think about this carefully. St Augustine reminds us that *the one who sings prays twice!* Please don't leave this important ministry to others.

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161 .

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA MAGICAL MYSTERY COACH TOUR has returned and will take place on Saturday 17th June, leaving here at 8am sharp. Price per person is £23. Please contact the Parish Office to book your seat.

A VERY RESPONSIBLE Catholic adult male is looking for accommodation. Any chance you could help? Contact Fr Jeremy for more information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 JULY: Bookings are not open yet, but 'Expressions of Interest' are sought from all who intend to participate in the Pilgrimage, whether as Praying Pilgrims, Clergy etc. An expression of interest can be made at the website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We have raised £1457 so far. There are still envelopes at the back of church if you'd still like to contribute.

Please pray also for those to be ordained in a few weeks time.

The Diocese regularly holds events to foster men's vocations. The next occasion is: a Vocations Evening on

Wednesday, 17th May at St James, Spanish Place, beginning with Mass at 6pm.

If you think you might have a vocation, or just want to know more, please speak with Mgr Jeremy or Fr Mike.

LOOKING AHEAD—DIARY DATES:

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 28th May

Usual weekend Masses

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY— Sunday 4th June

Usual weekend Masses

CORPUS CHRISTI – Sunday 11th June. Usual weekend Masses, and a Blessed sacrament Procession at the end of the 11.15am Mass.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – Friday 16th June Mass at 9.30am

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL – Thursday 29th June, Masses at 9.30am & 7.800pm

THE KNIGHTS of St COLUMBA have organised a tour of the **relics of St Edmund Camplon** to England. St Edmund was a famous Jesuit at the time of the persecution of Catholics in England during the reformation and beyond. He was eventually martyred for his Catholic faith. His relics will come to St George's on **THURSDAY 6th JULY** when there will be a special Mass in his honour at 9.30am.

LOOKING MUCH FURTHER AHEAD. We are planning a pilgrimage to Italy in April or May of 2024 visiting the Holy House of Loreto (Our Blessed Lady), Assisi (St. Francis), Paudua (St. Anthony) and Venice (St. Mark). We are only in the stages of putting this all together, but more news soon.

DID YOU KNOW that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

SRI LANKAN DINNER IN AID OF CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S

You are invited to an evening full of flavour as Caritas St Joseph's hosts a Sri Lankan dinner. **Saturday 10 June, 7pm to 10pm, St Joseph's Grove, Hendon NW4 4TY**, including drinks, canapes and a buffet dinner. Tickets £35, call 020 8202 3999 or email thushari@stjoseph.org.uk by 31st May to book your ticket (18+ only).



Many parishes, across the diocese have in recent years, participated in Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) This is a worldwide ecumenical prayer movement. The 2023 prayer resources focus on the character of God & 'Living the Kingdom' – how we live & serve one another. TKC asks that we pray for five people to encounter Christ from the Ascension to Pentecost, and to invite others to do the same. The resources can be found here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/new-2023>

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/churches>

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with
heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 6:1-7

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralysed and crippled were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm: 65

R./ Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous
your deeds!" *R./*

2. Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. *R./*

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. *R./*

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. *R./*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so

that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him", Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me
and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one
who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

Through Christ our Lord.