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NEWSLETTER

7TH MAY 2023 ✦ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Coronation of Their Majestics King Charles III and Queen Camilla Saturday, 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey



O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May, Mass at 11am.

ROSARY: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am - 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.265

Preface V of Easter: CHRIST, PRIEST AND VICTIM, pg.75

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

29/30 April 2023

Envelopes £ 301.30

Loose £ 249.89

Total £ 551.19

Church Cleaning Team 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (Wednesday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

For all queries regarding Parish accounts, Gift Aid, Weekly envelopes, Standing orders and so on, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

PARISH NOTICES

Priest Training Fund – Thank you: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

100 Club: EXCITING NEWS – TODAY Sunday 7th May sees the end of year draw for the 100 Club after the 9.30am Mass. There will be bonus draws as the Account is emptied in readiness for the new year which starts in June. Good Luck to all our members! **WE NEED NEW MEMBERS** - Membership costs £12 per year but many members sign up for more, you can also buy as a gift for children and grandchildren. With member's support we raise nearly £5000 per year, just over half of the money is given out in prizes and the remainder to support our Parish. Look out for Marek and Helen before and after all Masses this weekend, they are looking for new members. Alternatively email; stignatius100club@btinternet.com or visit the 100 Club on the Parish website if you'd like to be a member! Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

First Holy Communion 2023: Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

REGULAR NOTICES

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration (White) forms are available in the Church porch or please email the Parish Office.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: A big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish through Standing Order, Weekly Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Scheme, Blue Envelopes and to all those who are planning to join. If you would like **"Weekly Donation Envelopes"** or would like to setup **Standing Order**, please complete the *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Blue) Form* available in the Church Porch OR please visit our Parish Website.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the blue envelopes are available in the Church Porch.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The new rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - Parish Groups.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month – the next date is 12th May 2023 – Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15PM in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50. RSVP to place your food order by Wednesday 10th May to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.

All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

Becoming Catholic 2022-23: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

EVENTS

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Let's Journey Together 11 – 17 May: *The Isaiah Journey group* (who prepare resources for the annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online entitled *'Let's Journey Together'*. Please see the poster in the Church porch. Guidance for participants who wish to be part of this spiritual journey, to book your place or to find out more, email at journeytogetherij@gmail.com

Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother Antonia Salzano: The mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on Thursday 1st June at 6.30pm. Following a Sung Mass, Antonia Salzano will give a talk about her recently-beatified son, his life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo. Please see the poster in the Church porch.

Saint Francis of Assisi Exhibitions: The Westminster cathedral interfaith group are visiting the Francis of Assisi exhibition at the National Gallery at 11.30am on Wed May 17th. Please book in advance on the website [Saint Francis of Assisi | Exhibitions | National Gallery, London](http://SaintFrancisofAssisi.org.uk/Exhibitions/NationalGallery). It is free and we will meet in room 1. Please let John Woodhouse know if you are coming 07908888586 by text woodhousesopten@btinternet.com. At 1pm we will have lunch in the downstairs Cathedral cafe and we meet at 2pm in the Hinsley room to discuss Fratelli tutti *"A better way of politics"* with Sheikh Ramzy from Oxford.

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians: It takes place annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 14th May. Organised by the Catholic charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) together with their Patron, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and 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 would also welcome practical support through donations to FACE's charitable projects in the Middle East and Ukraine. Information can also be found on FACE's website: <https://facecharity.org/act-of-giving/>

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

We are rapidly approaching the great feast of the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In these weeks we meditate on many of the deepest mysteries of our faith, above all the mystery of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Christ has come to save us from our sins. While God is never bound to do anything, we might perhaps guess that it is fitting that the God who sustains and governs the universe should want to act in some way to restore what is broken in it. What we could never guess, if Christ had not revealed it to us, is the very nature of the inner life of God Himself, that He is One God, in Three Persons.

Christ initiates us into this mystery as He explains His commandment to love. Those who love Him love the Father because, as he says in another place "[He] and the Father are one." Not only that, from the Father, through Christ the Son, comes the Holy Spirit, to guide the Church in every age from falling into error and departing from fullness of Catholic Truth. This is "the peace the world cannot give", the knowledge that we are united to Almighty God because we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, and are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father.

How do we know that we still have the Spirit given to us in baptism and remain united to Christ? "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word" warns our Lord. How often have we all failed to do that! But we can take comfort, "do not let your hearts be troubled." As long as we hold to the truth and hold to the sacraments we are never cut off from forgiveness. Repentance, above all, is the doorway to paradise.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Tony Johnson, Elaine Callow, Iris Maton, Helena Eakins, Catherine (Kay) Burbage, David Hardman, Peter Barnes.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+