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N E W S L E T T E R

18th May 2025 ✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter

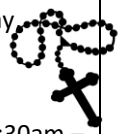
MASS TIMES

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

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

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

PUBLIC 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.



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 C*

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Hymns: see hymn board76
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

10/11 May 2025

Envelopes	£ 233.80
Loose	£ 504.47
Total	**£ 738.27**

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu (Saturday)

Please note, Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Tuesdays.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: The Weekly Donation Envelopes 2025-2026 are available for collection from the Parish Office during weekdays or please see Fr Christian after Mass. *Kindly recycle all old envelopes.* If you wish to **cancel** your box of envelopes, please contact or email the Parish office ASAP - *sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk*

Contactless in our Parish is in the porch to the right as you enter. Contactless payments are *touch-free*. Simply select the set sum of amounts or by tapping 'Other' you can enter the amount that you wish to give. If you are registered for Gift Aid, please use the same card that is registered for your Gift Aid donations. Donations made via the contactless giving device will go straight to the Parish account as **OFFERTORY COLLECTION.**

Priest Training Fund: The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place **TODAY** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date! Family Fun Day & Picnic – Sunday, 6th July. Further details to follow – stay tuned!

A thank you message from The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG - Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always. We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families which raised **£2783.** Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. Love and blessings.

Readers Rota: 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 Masses this weekend. Items to mark and celebrate First Communions and Confirmations are now available.

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.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the blue envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

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

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

Altar Servers: Online applications to begin serving at Mass are open for applicants under 18 and over 18. Applicants should have received their First Holy Communion. Prior experience is welcomed but not required. Please visit *Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups /First Holy Communion*

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

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 6th June – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Please place your food order by Wednesday 4th June to Dan Robinson (07535 958 924).

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 2025: 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.

First Holy Communion 2025: Mass Attendance cards
1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

EVENTS

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

Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession: The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from **14th - 22nd June.** This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the Quarant'Ore devotions. Full details can be found at catholiclondon.org. The Octave concludes on Sunday 22nd June at 11am with Mass celebrated by the Abbot of Farnborough, followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London. As last year, the procession will take place in two parts. The first half begins after the 11am Mass at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Here will then be a period of adoration here and the opportunity to lunch locally. The procession will then continue from Warwick St to St James's, Spanish Place at 3.30pm, where it will conclude with Benediction. Please see the posters in the Church porch.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Caritas Bakhita House: On 30th June, 5.30pm Westminster Cathedral led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols to mark the 10-year anniversary of the opening of Caritas Bakhita House, our safe house supporting women escaping trafficking and exploitation.

Diocesan Jubilee Year pilgrimage at St Edmund's College, Ware (SG11 1DS) will take place on Saturday 12th July, Solemn Mass will be celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols at 12noon. Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather at 11am. Confessions will be available. Contact: 020 7798 9173 There is ample parking. Please scan the QR code for more information or visit https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/

Emmaus Jubilee Youth Festival, 2-3 August 2025 at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, the festival will offer a transformative encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. Inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose encounter with the Risen Christ transformed their despair into hope, this festival aims to ignite the same transformative experience in all participating. Organised by SPEC Retreat Centre of Westminster Youth Ministry, the festival will feature: live Praise & Worship by One Hope Project, engaging panels and interactive workshops, fellowship and reflection at campfires, Eucharistic Adoration and closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. For more information and registration please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/

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:
Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman, Eileen Sargent

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