

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 28th April	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8 (pg. 264) Mass 11am - Pro-populo + Harold Chinegwundoh RIP
Mon 29th April	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe Mass 9.30am - Celebrants Intention
Tues 30th April	Easter Feria, Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Easter Mass 9.30am - Celebrants Intention
Wed 1st May	Saint Joseph the Worker Rosary 9am followed by 9.30am Mass - Celebrants
Thur 2nd May	NO MASS
Fri 3rd May	SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles Rosary 9am followed by 9.30am Mass - Celebrants Intention (Friday abstinence)
Sat 4th May	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Rosary 9.30am followed by 10am Mass - Celebrants Intention 6pm Vigil Mass - Pro-populo
Sun 5th May	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17 (pg. 266) Mass 11am - Harold Chinegwundoh RIP + Michael Nwoye Birthday Intentions Church Opening Times: Mon-Wed & Fri 8.30am-10am Sat 9.30am-11.30am, 5-7pm, Sun 10am-12pm Confessions: Sat 10.30-11am Phone: (020) 7272 3415 Office Email: tollingtonpark@rcdow.org.uk, Web: www.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark Office Opening Times: Tuesday -Thursday 10am-2pm Parish Priest: Fr Moses Enehizena CSSp Assistant Priests: Fr Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp and Fr Augustine I. Katuka CSSp: Parish Secretary: Helen Lebab: Parish Safeguarding Reps: Adetoun Carew & Lorraine McAteer Safeguarding Email: tollingtonparksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk / Westminster Roman Catholic Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trust/Registered charity number 233699

Saint Mellitus

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

Year B + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **28th April**
2024



Branching Out



There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together.

We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principle. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to bring the whole country to a stand-still and sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and the housebound: All of our sick and housebound parishioners, all in care homes, hospitals and hospices and to Minet Masho, Elsie Steele, Fr David John Williamson, John Michael Warnaby and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY DEVOTION - MONTH OF MARY AND THE HOLY ROSARY: As we are in the month of May, a special season of an intense devotion to our Blessed Mother, The Virgin Mary, the Rosary is recommended to the faithful, and its nature and importance explained. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the rosary in church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose. **The Holy Rosary will be recited before the weekday Masses Starting Wednesday 1st May, at 9am and at 9.30am on Saturdays. All are welcome.**

BAPTISMS: To book a Baptism for your child please speak to any of the priests after Mass, for an application form, or contact the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Classes have resumed. Please continue to keep the children and families in your prayers.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are planning to marry here or elsewhere, at least 6 months notice is required and you MUST contact a priest to register for a preparation course. Please speak to any of the priests after Mass.

FINANCE - Giving by Standing Order:

Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are:
HSBC Bank plc A/C Name: WRCDT Tollington Park: Sort Code: 40-05-20 & A/C No: 21264869:

Gift Aid / Donating to the Parish: If you are a UK Tax Payer and would like to support our Church with Gift Aid, details is on the website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark/donate/> Thank you for your support.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Clergy and other ministers of Holy Communion are able and willing to visit those who are housebound. Please speak to any of the fathers or contact the parish office if in need.

PARISH NEWS

MINET MASHO, REST IN PEACE: It comes with sad news that our Parish Caritas representative, Minet Masho passed away, 17th April. Minet worked for several years for the Diocese and was a warm, hard-working person who will be greatly missed. We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Minet's family & friends.

Good Shepherd Sunday 21st April. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We have so far raised **£ 130**. 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

PARISH FORUM MEETING: Next Sunday 5th May is the meeting for the parish forum. This will take place in the parish meeting

room. Please do try and come. We are very keen to hear your views about how we can improve everything that goes on in the parish at all levels. The Parish Forum is to be held from **12:15 to 1:45**.

JUSTICE AND PEACE 5TH MAY'S FOODBANK COLLECTION: You are still invited to bring any of the listed items below, for the Food Bank Collection. *Long life milk, tea-bags, instant coffee, sugar *Tinned foods - beans, soups, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit *Pasta, rice, noodles, lentils, instant mashed potatoes, pasta sauces, curry sauces, peanut butter, jam, biscuits, snack bars etc. Thank you ALL for your continued support & generosity.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - 'FOR HUMAN WORK' - WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY "May Day" has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. It is fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day. On this day we are asked to pray for all who work, that they may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. We also pray for those who are under-employed or unemployed, and we pray for the stewardship of the earth's resources so that all may benefit for generations to come.

Faith In Politics: On Thursday 2 May 2024, voters across England and Wales will head to the polls in a major set of mayoral and local elections. As Christians we have a calling to try and build God's kingdom here on earth, whether it be by acting differently to our peers, providing for those less fortunate, or random acts of kindness. If you're planning to vote, remember to take your photo ID.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 19TH MAY: We are inviting all the parishioners to celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday

19th May, **10am** Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in their cultural attires to celebrate this special day. Candidates for First Holy Communion will be receiving their Sacrament on Pentecost Sunday also. Please don't forget to bring a dish to share after Mass. We look forward to welcoming you all.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

NATIONAL STORY MONTH - TEACHING SOCIAL CONSCIENCE: How did you first develop your social conscience? Probably when you were so young that you can hardly remember. May is National Story Month. There are thousands of wonderful stories that you can share with your children that will obviously nurture a love of books, but most importantly, can develop your child's view of the world and teach them how to think. Jesus himself told his disciples some wonderful parables designed to teach. 'The Good Samaritan' is one of Jesus' most famous stories that has a particular resonance in today's political climate. Give it a go!

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2024: For the role of women Regardless of where you live in the world, gender equality is a fundamental human right. Pope Francis invites us to join his prayer intention "...that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world." **Amen.**