

## 14 MAY – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

### First reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit*

### Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life*

### Gospel: John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate*

“Revere the Lord in your hearts,” says Saint Peter. This reverence should reach out into all our other relationships too. If, on the contrary, reverence for God is lost, nothing is truly sacred anymore. Peter urges us to make our arguments “with courtesy and respect”.

By calling down the Spirit upon the newly converted Samaritans, Peter and John brought them into fellowship with the whole Christian community.

The Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit causes Jesus to be truly present in the Church. The risen Jesus’ continued presence in us through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in Jesus’ Name. Dwelling within us, the Holy Spirit enables us to manifest our love for God by observing the commandments of Jesus, especially the commandment of love. This commandment includes commands to recognize Jesus in the neediest, in the poor, in the sick, and in the marginalized, and to be agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

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**SUNDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
14-May Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

**MONDAY, 15-May** Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 16-May** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 17-May** Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord*

**THURSDAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
18-May Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 19-May** Mass: 12.00noon  
7.00pm – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**SATURDAY, 20-May** Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
21-May Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm: Tamil Mass

### POPE'S INTENTION - 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.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Stephen James who died on 25th April 2023. His funeral will take on Tuesday 16th May at 10.45am at West London Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The theme of this year's World Communication Day comes from Ephesians 4: 15, Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love".

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The communications office of the Bishops' Conference supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

A second collection will be held after all Masses **next weekend**. Please be generous.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Please join the Parish community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. All are welcome.

### HOUSE BLESSINGS

If any parishioner would like to have their home blessed during the Easter Season - please give your name, address and telephone number, in writing, and drop through the Presbytery letterbox.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May** the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**. On the day of Ascension of the Lord, there will be Mass at **9.30am and 6.30pm**.

### DISCERNING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURES, PADUVA AND HOLY LAND:** The parish is organising an 11 days trip to Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Lisbon, and Paris leaving on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. We are arranging another pilgrimage to Bologna, Paduva, Venice, Verona and Ferrara on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 8 days trip to Holy Land on 10<sup>th</sup> November. For further information, please collect a leaflet detailing the pilgrimage from the table in the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAMME?

This means: Adults who are not Baptised at all and who wish to become Catholics: Adults who are baptised into another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholics, and Adults who wish to become FULL members of the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., those who have been baptised but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). Registration Forms are now available for the preparation sessions. They may be collected from the Presbytery or may be downloaded from the Parish website – and you will need to make an appointment to talk with one of the priests before you start the sessions.