

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund: Second Collection this weekend is for Priests' Training Fund. Please give generously. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/ donations. Thank you for your generosity.

May Procession of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 14th May at 3pm, Preacher: Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi Maiden Lane. Join together to pray the Holy Rosary on the streets of NW10. Shrine Church, 1, Nicoll Rd, London NW109AX. Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo & Overground. Bus routes 18, 187, 206, 220, 226,228,260,266,487 all pass closeby.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: May 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

In Loving Memory of Henry (Harry) Herlihy who was a devoted parishioner and attended the 11.30am Mass until his ill health which led to death, has occurred and his funeral mass date will be announced shortly. We will continue to keep his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

Parish Pentecost Festival, Pentecost Sunday May 28: This is the annual event at which we celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity both liturgy and in socials.

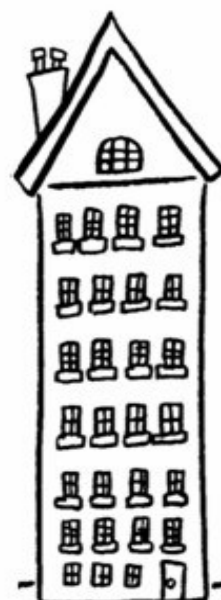
- **We shall have only the vigil (Sat. 6.30pm) Mass and the 11.30am (Sunday) Mass of the event that weekend.**
- **Dress Code:** Traditional
- **Mass:** Our Liturgy will cover most of our respective mother-tongues. **Bidding prayers** will be taken in different tongues. Those who speak languages that have not been used in previous Pentecost celebrations should please indicate.
- **Socials 1 Meal:** We shall rely mainly on food donations from parishioners for the day so we expect each parishioner or family to provide some food and refreshment items. A sheet will be provided behind for people to indicate the food and/or drinks they will be providing.
- **Socials 1 Entertainment:** As part of the social activities, we will be having cake sales, BBQ and different fun activities for all.

Christian Stewardship: 30th April 2023 Envelopes: £205 Loose: £397.82 Contactless: £10.00. Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,836.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

May Diary

Saturday 27th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**
 Sunday 28th 11.30am – **Parish Community Pentecost Mass followed by Socials in the Parish Car park.**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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+ 5th Sunday of Easter Year A
7th May 2023



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

TRUE CONSOLATION IN THE DIVINE

The extract we read today is placed in-between the humble act of Jesus, washing the feet of his disciples – a total act of love immersed in an irreversible humility of the Divine (Jn. 13: 1-20), and the lengthy instruction on the True Vine (Jn. 15: 1-8). Perhaps the gradual progression towards the unfolding nature of one of the mysteries of the Word made Flesh gives more meaning to today's gospel – the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus addresses his apostles using absolute words of consolation in his invitation to trust in God and to trust in Him. Already, there are impending predictions of difficulties in discipleship while Jesus is still with his apostles so his absence will create even more difficulties. 'Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. All nations will hate you because of me.' (Mt. 24: 9). Despite these challenges Jesus consoles his apostles when he says, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.' (Jn. 14: 1). This consolation gives rise to a few issues springing from the questions of Thomas and Philip which Jesus clarifies. To the question of Thomas, Jesus says; 'I am the way, the Truth and the Life...' (Jn. 14: 6). As the way, the life and the teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes, give us direction (Mt.5), and then added to that, our meeting with God in the little things in life, which we often neglect, solidifies the point (Mt. 25: 31-44). Jesus is the Truth because he tells his listeners hard truths too difficult to either crack or absorb. No wonder the Scribes and the Pharisees were uncomfortable with his teachings and constantly plotted to have him killed. Yet Jesus insists, '... the truth will set you free.' (Jn. 8: 32). Jesus is the Life by virtue of his resurrection from the dead. He overcomes death and brings life to the entire human race. To the question of Philip, Jesus insists on the Divine friendship or the union that exists between the Father and himself. So to have seen Jesus is to have seen the Father, (Jn.14: 9). We too can be a source of consolation to all people whom we meet in everyday life, through our words and actions. Can I stop for a while and listen to a fellow human being who genuinely needs my attention instead of constantly being in haste?

Mass Times & Intentions 7th – 13th May 2023

Sat 6th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Muriel & George Roberts, Mary Roughneen, Antoinette Underwood-Spiteri, Kathleen Clancy, John O'Shea (RIP), Sharon Brennan (ANN)
Sun 7th 9:00am: John Sorohan (RIP), Martin McDonagh (30th), Tereasa Sherlock (ANN), Marc, Tina & Noah, Essien-Oku family (INT)
11:30am: Madeline McHugh, Antoinette Underwood-Spiteri, John O'Shea (RIP), Mary Costello (1st), Maureen Cleary (6th) (ANN), Ignatius Etukudoh (INT)
6:30pm: Maureen Hannaghan, Wendy Winser (INT)
Mon 8th 12 noon: David Moclair (Month's Mind) (RIP)
Tue 9th 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Pamela Awosika
Wed 10th St John of Avila 12 noon: Gladys Choolhun (RIP), Rosa Warren (ANN), Mary Stephens,
Thur 11th 12 noon: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Emma Etim & family, Ikpeme & Mag. family, Etemma Henshaw, Carol Belsten, Beryl Tamsett (INT)
Fri 12th Sts Nereus and Achilleus 12 noon: People of the Parish
Sat 13th Our Lady of Fatima 12 noon: Dan Koley, Colin Restall, Fr Kevin McDevitt (RIP), Bertie Parsons, Paddy Mike & Eric Lehane (ANN), Madeleine Hourihan, Alan & Felicity Harrison, John & Lucie Thompson (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

Food For Thought

Matthew 17:20

"... Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, "It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word." The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

R. **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

R.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
And all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
And fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the key-stone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place. I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied." "Have I been with you all this time, Philip," said Jesus to him "and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'let us see the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Jackie O'Shea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Anna Renner

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Innocent Teme Teme
Mary A/Roxanne
Michelle Carr

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joseph Ogonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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