

Saturday 1st May	10am	Ferdinand Salvatus RIP
	2pm	Pablo Fernando Chata Quinteros RIP
	6pm	Mary Stewart and Family
Sunday 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter	10am	Judith Reynoso RIP
	12 Midday	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	Celine Pinto Ints
Monday 3rd May Sts Philip and James		No Mass
Tuesday 4th May English Martyrs	10am	Carol and Lucy Blades
Wednesday 5th May	10am	Oleg Monastyrskiy RIP
Thursday 6th May	10am	Vincento Verduga RIP
Friday 7th May	10:am	Jose Humberto and Vincente
	10:30am to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.45pm (Latin Mass)	Holy Souls
	10 pm	All Night Vigil Mass
Saturday 8th May	10am	Marina Reynoso RIP
	6pm	Lianna Lloyd RIP and Ann Marchetti RIP
Sunday 9th May 6th Sunday of Easter	10am	Betty O' Brien RIP
	12 Midday	People of the Parish
	4pm	Rosary and Benediction
	5:30pm	Abina Dale RIP and Michael Dale Ints

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
 Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne ,Peggy Frost, Marlize Gauci, Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Barry Mc Corkall, and Anthony Lydekker.
 Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
 To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
 Sunday's offering was £716.00
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £966.00**
 Priests Training Fund **£392.90**
Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
 Tel: 020 8788 7420
 Acting Head : Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
 www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

This is a School Voucher Sunday

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM
 Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.


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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Gospel Reflection by Fr Tommy Lane.

Jesus describes himself as the true vine and we are the branches feeding from the vine. Jesus is the center of our lives holding us together. We are branches all around Jesus the vine. We were grafted onto the vine, Jesus, on the day we were baptized. We draw the sap from Jesus to give us the energy to live Christian lives. We draw this sap from Jesus when we pray, when we gather here every Sunday to celebrate the Mass, every time we receive the sacraments, every time we read the Bible. In the Gospel today Jesus asks us to make our home in him. The Mass, the sacraments, the Bible, the Rosary are just some of the ways in which we make our home in Jesus. There are many seductions and distractions in our world also inviting us to make our home in them but if we do our branch will wither and we will not bear fruit. There are many voices in the world telling us to eat the apple from the tree and then we will have life and all will be well. But after eating the apple we discover that we are worse and even more unhappy. So we make our home in Jesus. He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life and when we make our home in him we bear fruit. Jesus said,

“A branch cannot bear fruit all by itself but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.” (John 15:4)

It is not just a question of making our home in Jesus because it feels good. A branch which is connected to the vine bears fruit, grapes. Jesus asks us to bear fruit. He says in the Gospel,

“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears much fruit, for cut off from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

In our second reading John also says we are to bear fruit as he says,

“Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth...” (1 John 3:18-19)

Are we bearing fruit for the kingdom of God? Is our Christian love real and active, something that inspires others, or is it just words and mere talk? Last weekend I was speaking with someone who works in a Catholic high school in England. He was reared an Anglican but decided to become a Catholic after getting the job in the Catholic school. I asked him what made him decide to become a Catholic. He said it was the quality of life lived by the faculty and staff in the school. The way they live their lives impressed him so much that he decided to become Catholic also. Now his wife is also in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. The faculty and staff in that school have fulfilled the words of Jesus,

“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears much fruit” (John 15:5)

and they have fulfilled the words of John in our second reading,

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PARISH NEWS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PARISH HALL—SATURDAY JUNE 26TH

The date of the opening has been changed. Bishop Paul Hendricks will officially open the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th June after the 6:00 Mass.

New Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event (COVID permitting) and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**.

The starting fee is £40 per hour.

Remaining Second Collection Dates for 2021

02/05/21	St George's Cathedral
16/05/21	Communications Sunday
13/06/21	Catholic Trust for Eng and Wales
20/06/21	Day For Life
27/06/21	Peter's Pence
11/07/21	Apostleship of the Sea
12/09/21	Catholic Education Service
19/09/21	The Support of Home Mission
24/10/21	MISSIO
14/11/21	Archbishop's Admin Fund
21/11/21	Catholic Youth Work

The next Confirmation Class is on Thursday 13th May in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm to 7:30

There will be a second collection today for St George's Cathedral

The First Confession for the First Holy Communion children is on Saturday 8th May at 11am

Children's Rosary—Monday to Friday in the church at 3:40pm

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p. Please speak to: John O' Reilly 07977 538671

LEGACIES
Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will



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'Why do I have to go to a priest for confession? Why can't I go straight to God?'

First we need to be clear: Only God can forgive sins (CCC1441; see Mk2:7). But Jesus. The God-Man, entrusted His apostles with a 'ministry of reconciliation' (see 2 Cor 5:18) and to accomplish this ministry, gave them the power to forgive sins (CCC1442). In John 20:21-23, Jesus told the apostles that any person's sins they forgive are forgiven, and whoever's sins they retain are retained.

Why didn't Jesus just have his followers 'confess' their sins directly to God in prayer? Why does he ask us to go to a priest, another human being, to confess and receive absolution? Simply because our sins wound not only ourselves and our relationship with God; they harm our relationship with others and with the church (CCC1443). Priests, by virtue of their ordination, have been given the power to forgive our sins and reconcile us to God and the Church. Although it must be said that not all priests are gifted with equal ability and wisdom in spiritual counselling. Another part of their mission within the sacrament of reconciliation is to offer us encouragement and spiritual guidance. This spiritual direction can be very beneficial for growth, despite the discomfort we may feel in confessing our sins. We need to remember that humility is *good* for us!

Since Jesus has established a way for us to have our sins forgiven and to be restored to His grace, we should go to confession often. If we don't take advantage of this opportunity, we will be like the three-year-old who, while walking out of a store with his father, decides to run ahead to the car. 'Let me pick you up,' his father offers but the boy keeps running: 'No, Dad. I'm fast. Just watch me.' Of course, the boy eventually gets to the car, but he would he would have got there twice as fast if he had let his dad carry him. Similarly, God hears us when we ask for forgiveness but He wants us to be 'carried' by our spiritual fathers on earth, the priests.

Remember, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows what is best for us, and what truly brings us close to Him. He gave us the sacrament of reconciliation because we need it.

Did Jesus have a last Name? and 199 other questions from Catholic Teenagers by Matthew Pinto and Jason Evert

NOTICE BOARD

Act now and stop disability abortion up to birth in NI

Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12.

The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

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