

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
Monday 10th May		No Mass
Tuesday 11th May	10am	Lilibert Nyasunu Ints
Wednesday 12th May	10am	Kevin Green RIP
Thursday 13th May Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	10am	Cahal Naughton Ints
	8pm	Legion of Mary Ints
Friday 14th May St Matthias	10:am	Betty O'Brien RIP
	10:30am to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.45pm (Latin Mass)	Martina Clemente
Saturday 15th May	10am	Peck and Hayes Family
	6pm	Liana Lloyd RIP
Sunday 16th May 7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	10am	Manuel Sardinha De Ponte De Souza
	12 Midday	People of the Parish
	4pm	Rosary and Benediction
	5:30pm	Philip Mc Cormack RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
 Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne ,Peggy Frost, Marlice 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 £647.77
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £897.77**
 St George's Cathedral **£239.66**

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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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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Gospel Reflection.

We continue our journey from Jesus' Resurrection to his Ascension. In the Gospel today (John 15:9-17), we listen in on the conversation between Jesus and the apostles during the Last Supper. John the Evangelist shares this conversation with us because not only was Jesus' conversation for strengthening the apostles but for our benefit also. Today we heard Jesus begin, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." (John 15:9) The Father loves Jesus and in the same way Jesus loves us. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Think of how much the Father loves Jesus. We cannot even begin to imagine how much the Father loves Jesus but we see the Father expressing his love for Jesus in the Gospels. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and the Spirit descended on Jesus and the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17) When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain and shone brilliantly white, once again the Father spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matt 17:5) When you love someone you show that love in various ways such as words of affirmation, spending quality time together, helping the other. When Jesus was baptized and transfigured, the Father expressed his love for Jesus, "This is my beloved Son."

Jesus says he loves us just as the Father loves us. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Later in today's Gospel Jesus explains how he loves us, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13) Jesus laid down his life for us. This is the greatest love anyone can show. When someone loves us they show it and Jesus showed his love for us as he laid down his life for us on Calvary. The Father loves Jesus and Jesus laid down his life for us on Calvary.

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Then Jesus says "Remain in my love." (John 15:9) Jesus is inviting us into this relationship of love between the Father and Jesus himself. Jesus wants that for us. Jesus offers that love between the Father and himself to us, "Remain in my love." How do we remain in the love of Jesus? Where do we receive the love of Jesus? Just as we show love to another by spending quality time with that person, we can receive the love of Jesus by spending quality time with Jesus. If we don't spend quality time with Jesus, how can Jesus spend quality time with us to give us his love? We spend quality time with Jesus by praying every day. Quality time is not just a hurried grace before or after meals, or a hurried prayer last thing at night. Quality time with Jesus is spending quite some time every day in prayer with Jesus. Find a way to pray that suits. To begin praying, the atmosphere has to be right. We can pray in the church or adoration chapel or when praying at home the room has to be quiet, without distractions, and comfortable. Praying together as a family is great because praying together unites people. We are familiar with the saying, "The family that prays together stays together." Just as our bodies need to be nourished by food, our prayer also needs nourishment so you could begin your prayer by reading a passage in one of the Gospels and using that to help you to pray and reflect and meditate. Or you could read a passage from a good Catholic spiritual book just before praying so your mind is already raised to God when you begin to pray.

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PARISH NEWS

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It is quite ok to talk to God about your day when you pray. We can come before God just as we are with all our issues and problems and joys and hopes. Spending time with Jesus' mother, Our Lady, who is also our spiritual mother, is beautiful especially as we honor her during this month of May and the most beautiful way to spend time with our spiritual mother, Our Lady, is to pray the Rosary to her.

SISTER PAT will be moving

After 23 years in the parish Sr Pat has been asked to move by her community. She has served this parish gallantly for all these years, sacrificing herself completely to the work of God and the service of the people. We will miss her dearly.

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.



Thursday 13th May
Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation
10am Mass and an extra mass at 8pm

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PARISH HALL—SATURDAY JUNE 26TH

Bishop Paul Hendricks will officially open the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th June after the 6:00 Mass. Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

Dates to Remember

Confirmation Masses Sunday 20th June 10am and 12 Midday
Opening of New Parish Church Hall Saturday 26th June
First Holy Communion Mass Sunday 27th June
Parish BBQ Sunday 18th July 1pm

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

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

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The Sacrament of Confirmation.

What place does Confirmation have in the divine plan of salvation.

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah and on the messianic people. The whole life and mission of Jesus were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit. The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and proclaimed "the great works of God" (Acts 2:11). They gave the gift of the same Spirit to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands. Down through the centuries, The Church has continued to live by the Spirit and to impart him to her children.

From The Compendium of the Catholic Church

May The Month of Mary

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why is that? How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother?

Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn't a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called *Tricesimum*, which was also known as "Lady Month."

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.

It is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. This devotion has long prevailed throughout Christendom; and it is common here in Rome, not only in private families, but as a public devotion in very many churches. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves, granted, by a Rescript of the Segretaria of the Memorials, March 21, 1815 (kept in the Segretaria of his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar), to all the faithful of the Catholic world, who either in public or in private should honour the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices.

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

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