

<b>Saturday 4th May</b> English Martyrs	10am Mrs Bridie Fitzgerald RIP 6pm Roberto Farina Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 5th May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	10am Tom Oliver RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction 5:30pm People of the Parish
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	10am No Mass
<b>Tuesday 7th May</b>	10am Chrissy Williams Ints
<b>Wednesday 8th May</b>	10am Laila Felaifel
<b>Thursday 9th May</b> Ascension of the Lord	10am Ann Marchetti RIP and Noreen O'Flaherty RIP 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Private Intention
<b>Friday 10th May</b> St John of Avila	10am Mary Kavanagh RIP 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 (Latin Mass) Cecilia Fernandes Ints
<b>Saturday 11th May</b>	10am Eileen Horan RIP 6pm Robert Reese Williams Ints
<b>Sunday 12th May</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	10am Anthony Lydekker RIP 5:30pm People of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**  
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Shirley Monaco, Gemma Morgan and Jenny Schlegel.  
  
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	£633.02
Contactless	£225.50
Standing Orders	£400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1258.52</b>

Second Collection St George's Cathedral  
**£321.20**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**This is a School Voucher Sunday**

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

**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.

**Contacts**  
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# Our Lady and Saint Peter

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Facebook: [Our Lady and St Peter Church](https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady and St Peter Church)



**6th Sunday of Easter (B)**

**May the Month of Our Lady**

Why is May Mary's month?

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centring around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honouring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Presbytery Repairs.

Last week Saturday Night, I woke up to water pouring through my bedroom ceiling. It was yet another of numerous leaks I have had in my bedroom and the house. For many years roof experts have been saying that the roof of house needs to be replaced, I think it is now time since the leaks continually occur. Therefore next week work will start on the replacement of the house roof, it will take about a month so hopefully when its finished the issue of leaking bedroom ceilings will end. Thanks to Churchill building company who will be doing the work.

### Ascension Thursday - 9th May Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday 9th May is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Masses at 10am and 7pm.

### Talk on Creation or Evolution.

Last weeks talk on Creation and Evolution went very well, a good amount of people turned up and discussion was had on the Catholics church's teaching regarding evolution and then the science of DNA compared to the evolution theory. A good time was had by all.

### Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

### Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary is a prayer group for Catholic children from year 3 upwards, who meet once a week. They learn about their faith and get closer to Our Lady.

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meet on Tuesdays at 3:50pm.

Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am.

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 5th May 200 CLUB

1	165	Andrew Bird
2	130	Mrs J Nugent

### Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

### 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.

### Parish Hall—Bookings

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

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### Crowning of Our Lady



The crowning of Our Lady will take place in the Garden/Church after the 10am Mass this Sunday, the first Sunday in May.

## NOTICE BOARD

### St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

St Philomena's is seeking to appoint the following positions for an immediate start:

Teaching Assistant (LSA)

Exam Invigilator

Further details and an application form are available by emailing [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or by contacting the HR Officer on 0208 642 2025. Further information can be downloaded from the school's website: [www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies](http://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies)

### YOUTH DAY - Lunch and dinner included

Saturday 11th May at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

For children aged 10-14 Cost £5



### Job vacancies at the Archdiocese of Southwark

Episcopal Vicar and Bishop Group Secretary

Priests' Welfare & Wellbeing Officer

For more information see <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/>

### CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL- 25 million people need urgent help

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