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Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Saturday 1st May 2021)

Joan Forward RIP

8.30am Paul Homewood RIP

11.30am People of the parish

5pm Intentions of Louise Fitzgerald

Fifth Week of Easter

Monday 3rd May 2021 (Feast)

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

10am Sick and housebound parishioners

PVT The Holy Souls

Tuesday 4th May 2021 (Feast)

The English Martyrs

10am Eugene Shaughnessy RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 5th May 2021 (Feria)

10am Nicholas Harold Bethune RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 6th May 2021 (Feria)

10am Hamilton Pereira RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 7th May 2021 (Feria)

First Friday of the month

10am Margaret Ann Murphy RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 8th May 2021 (Feria)

NB: NO 10AM MASS TODAY

NB: NO PUBLIC CONFESSIONS TODAY

Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Saturday 8th May 2021)

All those Confirmed today

8.30am Paul Storace - Rutter RIP

11.30am People of the parish

5pm Thomas Corr RIP

Our Current Public Mass Schedule

*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

Mass, until approx 11.30am;

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

It costs £30,000.00 to train a priest.

Please donate online at:

[Vocations \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://Vocations(rcsouthwark.co.uk)

If you think you may have a vocation, please see Fr Deo or Fr Augustine.

You may also click on the link above.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of possibly our eldest parishioner, **Elsie McCleave**, who died on Tuesday 27th April 2021, just a few days after her 101st birthday. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

At last, after cancellations and months of waiting, our young people will shortly receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Deo will be confirming them at three special Masses next Saturday 8th May. This means that there will be no 10am Mass or Confessions on that day. The Masses will be strictly for them and their families. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them and inspire them to witness to their Catholic Faith in all that they do throughout their lives.

GIFT AID & FINANCE NEWS

Please await further information regarding the collection and/or distribution of new Gift Aid Envelopes.

(Some boxes have been renumbered.)

Gift Aiders may continue to use spare envelopes from their existing boxes.

Please just add the date on the front.

If you need a Year End Letter, please wait, due to the backlog in entering Gift Aid into the computer programme.

If you are a tax payer, you may join the

Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax

you have paid, adding 25% to your

contributions at no extra cost to you!

Now would be an excellent opportunity

to consider setting up a Standing order,

if your financial circumstances allow.

Standing Orders save us money on the purchase of envelopes and boxes.

For information on Gift Aid, a crucial

way to increase parish funds, please

contact the Parish Office. You may

download a Standing Order Form from

our parish website: sof_200904.jpg

[724x1024 \(stbartsnorbury.co.uk\)](http://724x1024.stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

Would all those who kindly set up a

Standing Order during our Planned

Giving Drive check their bank

statements to see if their instructions

to their banks have been received.

Many were not set up by banks.

COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

Please do not come to the church if you

have any symptoms, whether COVID or

not, even if vaccinated. Please do as

directed by our stewards. You must wear

a clean face mask or covering

which must cover nose and mouth.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church.

Please keep at least 2 metres from others.

Please follow instructions regarding the

reception of Holy Communion or a

blessing. Please then go straight home

and do not socialise outside the church.

Do bear in mind the latest slogan:

“HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR”

Please ensure that you wear a mask

should you need to visit the presbytery.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(cf Psalm 97:1-2)

**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.**

FIRST READING (Acts 9:26-31)

When Saul got to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him; they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the

Lord has appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him.

When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32 response v 26)

R: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows, I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things, the Lord has done' **R**.

SECOND READING (1 John 3:18-24)

My children, 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 and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God, and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 15:4-5)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 15:1-8)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit, he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for, cut off from me, you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf John 15:4.5)

**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.**

CONFIRMATIONS

Please wait for information on future Confirmations.

**Due to our forthcoming Confirmations, there will be no
Confessions or 10am Mass on Saturday May 8th.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021

Please see our parish website. Please complete the online form on there **and await further information.** Please go to:

[St. Bart's - First Communion Programme \(stbartsnorbury.co.uk\)](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

A paper version of the form is available from stewards.

Dates, venues and methods of preparation are all being planned.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The two courses advertised recently were both fully subscribed. Further dates will be announced shortly.

**COVID safety means that spaces are strictly limited.
You must register before attending one of our courses
and have received an invitation to attend.**

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to operate remotely during the COVID pandemic. Please phone, email or use the Contact Form on our web site. Please wait patiently for a response.

MASS INTENTIONS

These may be booked by email or by phone. Details will be provided about making offerings, which may be Gift Aided.

Please put any envelopes through the presbytery door.

CHEQUES IN THE COLLECTION

Due to collections having been 'quarantined', we now have many cheques which have become out of date and cannot therefore be paid in. Please check your bank statements and, if possible, make out a fresh cheque, or perhaps consider an online payment. Please contact the Parish Office for details.