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Sunday 14th May 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 14th May 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Coffee Morning after the
8.30am & 10am Masses**

6.15pm (Saturday 13th May 2023)

Kevin Jones RIP

8.30am Fr Basil Miller RIP

(Foundation Mass)

10am People of the parish

12 Noon First Holy Communion (Grp 2)

4pm Benediction

5pm John Durkin RIP

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 15th May 2023 (Memorial)

Saint John Stone, Priest & Martyr

7.30am Paddy Gallagher RIP

10am Eric Braund RIP

Tuesday 16th May 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Simon Stock, Priest

7.30am Intentions of the Habermann
& Okeke families (Novena)

10am Joaquim & Georgina Pinto RIP

2pm Requiem for Colleen Lacey

Wednesday 17th May 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Joe Nazareth RIP

Thursday 18th May 2023 (Solemnity)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

7.30am People of the parish

10am People of the parish

Friday 19th May 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Dunstan, Bishop

7.30am Cecilia Ohen RIP

10am James & Margaret Kearney RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 20th May 2023 (Feria)

10am Christel Rütter RIP

Sunday 21st May 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

2nd Collection: World Communications

6.15pm (Saturday 20th May 2023)

Keith & Anna Weddell

(Recent 60th Wedding Anniversary)

8.30am People of the parish

10am **Going Forth Mass for our**

First Holy Communicants

11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP

(Plainchant Choir)

5pm Intentions of Noah Jones

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;**

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.**

***Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);**

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

***Rosary: Monday – Saturday**

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso;

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Elsy Mickle, Pat Nawrat,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Margaret White, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After the 8.30am & 10am Masses only.

Hosted by the UCM.

ASCENSION DAY

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, this Thursday 18th May 2023 is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at the usual times of 7.30am & 10am.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

Last Monday's event, hosted by our Youth Club was most successful, attracting well over 100 visitors, including the Civic Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Alisa Flemming.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember in your prayers our First Holy Communicants, receiving Our Blessed Lord for the very first time during two special Masses being held across this weekend.

The first took place yesterday.

The second will be today at 12 Noon. This Mass is expected to be very busy. Seating priority will be given to the children, their family members and our dedicated catechists.

Next Sunday 21st May 2023, all our First Communicants will attend their Going Forth Mass at **10.00am** on that day.

Space will be limited at this Mass.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Basket £1183.98:

(Gift Aid: £599.30; Non-G/A: £584.68)

Plus Standing Orders: £2098.00.

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 3pm on Saturday September 23rd 2023 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names (in the format 'John and Mary Smith'), your home address, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces will be limited.

There is no parking available.

You can also get in touch with us at

mflse@rcaos.org.uk

In the subject box of your email, please enter our parish, '**Norbury**'.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May
those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly
to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son,
Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,
so that we may love you more deeply and
serve you more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Wednesdays 24th & 31st May 2023
at 8pm in the Retro Chapel.

Parents must attend both sessions, unless they have
attended a course in the past 3 years. To join the course,
please pick up a Baptism Details Form, complete it in ink
and deliver it to the Parish Office. Please read the form
carefully and provide all the requested information.

Even if you have already submitted a form, please call the
Parish Office to book a place. Please do not just turn up.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please ask for your new box of Gift Aid envelopes or
pack of second collection Gift Aid envelopes, currently
housed in the side room beside Our Lady's Altar.

Missing envelopes have now arrived. Please note that
Gift Aiders holding those particular boxes have all been
allocated new Box Numbers.

Information and forms are available for the Gift Aid
scheme. Both Gift Aiders and non-Gift Aiders are asked
to consider a standing order to help us in our budgeting.

**Whether you are currently a member of the
Gift Aid Scheme, or considering joining it,
you are advised to check your tax position with
HMRC to ensure that you pay sufficient tax in
relation to Gift Aid. The golden rule is:**

'If in doubt, leave it out!'

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend
to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too, and there
is a special place for that on the envelopes.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

**If a particular date and time are important to you,
then you are advised to put your request in early.**

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a
Mass Intention if they cannot afford to make an offering.**

FLOWERS

Please place offerings in the dedicated wall box in the
main porch. Thankyou for your continued generosity, which
enabled in particular the beautiful Easter displays and those
for the First Holy Communion Masses. Our grateful thanks to
our talented flower arrangers, Maria Newey and Irena Corbo.

UNWANTED NOTES, COINS AND CURRENCY

Please deposit any old notes and coins, including UK and foreign
currency, in the special basket on the windowsill of the main
porch. The SVP, centrally, can get some value for them, which
helps to fund their vital work for those in need.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated next
Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15,
Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to
mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before
speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and
overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does
not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."
The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation,
hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis
de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt
dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart'
inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint
John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial
motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will
remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart'
was also the theme for the now late Pope Benedict XVI's
historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information,
resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day



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