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Sunday 28th April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 28th April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection today is for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

6.15pm (Saturday 27th April 2024) Joseph & Anne Gabrielle 50th Wedding Anniversary

8.30am David Clark RIP

10am Wellbeing of Chris Stapleton

12 Noon – First Holy Communions (2) 4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 29th April 2024 (Feast) Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

7.30am Fr Anthony Porter RIP 10am Wellbeing of John Rose

Tuesday 30th April 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am For the return of lapsed Catholics

Wednesday 1st May 2024 (Memorial)

Saint Joseph the Worker 7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Jakub Momot

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (Memorial) Saint Athanasius, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am The suffering people of Sudan

First Friday 3rd May 2024 (Feast)

Saints Philip and James, Apostles 7.30am The Holy Souls

10am November Deceased List

Adoration continues until 10pm 7pm-9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 4th May 2024 (Feast)

The English Martyrs

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

Sunday 5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Saturday 4th May 2024)

Intentions of Kevin Newey

8.30am Marco Zambelli RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Wellbeing of D'Souza & Garabello families

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Philip Chapman RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

OUR NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am; Monday – Saturday: 10am; Morning Prayer -Monday – Saturday 9.15am; *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:** Monday-Thursday & Saturday 9.30am Friday after 10am Mass until 10pm;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT & THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

*Rosary: Monday – Thursday &

Saturday after 10am Mass

Sunday 4pm with Benediction

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Eileen Buckley, Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso, Giovanni Franco, Daniel Furtado, Rachel Gadd, Mary Gibbs, Michael Goodwin; Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski, Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Andrew McMillan, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle, Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po, Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira, Christine Shaughnessy, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ivete Vaz,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Philip Chapman** of Freeman Court, who died on Friday 12th April 2024. Funeral details are awaited. (Coffee after this Mass) Jalla jistrieħ fis-sliem u jqum fil-glorja! May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory! Condolences and prayers to the family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for all those children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend at a special Mass at 12 Noon today.

Please note that seating priority will be given to the children and their families and friends attending this Mass.

Another group of children made their First Holy Communion yesterday

REPOSITORY NEWS

The Repository has many gifts and cards relating to First Holy Communion. Do visit the Repository and choose what you would like to purchase while stocks last.

GOING FORTH HELP PLEASE!

Parents of those children who made their First Holy Communion in 2023 are asked to come forward to help with the Going Forth Lunch for this year. It will take place on Sunday May 11th 2024 after the Going Forth Mass at 12 Noon, between approximately 1.15pm and 2pm. Please would you contact Teresa on 07742 911152 as soon as possible if you are willing to help with this task.

COFFEE MORNING NEXT SUNDAY

Do come along to the hall after all morning Masses next Sunday 6th May 2024 to mingle with fellow parishioners. After 10am Mass, Brigid Griffin will be raising funds for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT).

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next course takes place on both Wednesday 3rd July 2024 and Wednesday 10th July 2024.

Please apply using a Baptism Request form, to be found in the main porch.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

21st April 2024 Basket: £826.49:

Gift Aid: £145.00; Non G/A: £681.49

Priest Training Fund Basket: £883.13:

Gift Aid: £235.00; Non G/A: 648.13

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights will be present at today's 8.30am Mass, during which the installation of officers of Council 266, Streatham will be taking place.

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.

GIFT AID

We are currently in the process of changing to new Gift Aid Organisers, and we hope to have all your new boxes and packs of envelopes ready for you shortly.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We should like to welcome new Altar Servers to our team. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please email norburymc@rcaos.org.uk in order to receive a link to an online application form. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Two linked training sessions will take place at 6pm on Sunday 12th May 2024 and Sunday 19th May 2024 It is important to note that prospective servers should attend **both** sessions.

ST BART'S POLYPHONY CHOIR

Our Polyphony Choir would really appreciate two or three more gentlemen becoming involved to boost their tenors and basses. The Choir practices on Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm in the church, and mainly sing at the 11.30am Masses on the first Sunday of each month (not August or September), and at Christmas and during Holy Week. If you'd like to know more, please email Tony Price on bartspolychoir@gmail.com, or just turn up in the gallery (enter by the side door in Ellison Road) on Tuesday evening, 7th May 2024.

CAFOD SUDAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal here

next Sunday 5th May 2024 or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal

Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You may also click on the QR code below to donate:



You can also text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

PROPOSALS TO LOWER ABORTION TIME LIMIT

Given the advances made in modern medicine over the past few decades, with babies being able to survive outside the womb at 22-23 weeks, our current 24-week limit is now ripe for change. The introduction of a lower limit of 20 weeks is gaining momentum. It is worth noting that across Europe, other countries have a limit of 12 weeks, so our nation's limit is far too high. Please take one of the "Harry & Harley" cards from the porch and

send it to your MP, regardless of their position on abortion. All you will need to add is a postage stamp.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding issues may be raised with either Teresa Furtado, Father Deo, the Parish Office or by calling the Archdiocesan Safeguarding office on 020 7261 1606.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Saturday 13th July 2024 at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than Friday 31st May 2024,

Please email: mflse@rcaos.org.uk with the following details: As the title of your email, please write: Norbury. Please add your names in the format: John and Mary Smith; your home address; the anniversary you are celebrating. This is so you can receive an invitation from Archbishop John Wilson for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited.

LONDON ASSEMBLY AND MAYORALTY ELECTIONS

A reminder that the hall will be closed all day on Thursday 2nd May 2024, as our hall will be a polling station.

MASS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

The Annual Mass for London Migrant Workers in honour of St Joseph the Worker is on Monday 6th May 2024 at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30pm.

All are invited. Please come early. You are welcome to come in national dress if you would like to take part in the banner procession before Mass, at 12.15pm.