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Sunday 5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th May 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians 2nd Collection CAFOD re Sudan 6.15pm (Saturday 4th May 2024) Intentions of Kevin Newey

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Wellbeing of D'Souza & Garabello families

8.30am Marco Zambelli RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Philip Chapman RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction 5pm People of the parish

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 6th May 2024 (Feria) (Bank Holiday)

7.30am Fr Ronald Salmon RIP 10am Nora Smyth RIP Tuesday 7th May 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Intentions of Anna Howard 10am John Joseph Murphy RIP

Wednesday 8th May 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Patrick Flanagan RIP

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Thursday 9th May 2024 (Solemnity) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A Holyday of Obligation

7.30am People of the parish 10am Thomas Corr RIP

Friday 10th May 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Ronan Magner RIP 10am Francis D'Souza RIP

Adoration continues until 10pm

7pm-9pm Youth Club in the hall Saturday 11th May 2024 (Feria)

10am Antonio D'Alessio RIP

Sunday 12th May 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2nd Collection for World Communications

6.15pm (Saturday 11th May 2024) Bridie Dillon RIP

8.30am Fergus O'Toole RIP

10am Don Woodruff RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communicants' **Going Forth Mass**

(Polyphony Choir)

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; *Rosary: Monday – Thursday &

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

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, 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 souls of: Evelyn Verez, sister of Melvin Carty. Evelyn died on Thursday 25th April 2024; Roy Booth of Acacia Road, who died on Saturday 27th April 2024; Carol McGahon, of Norbury Hall, wife of Patrick McGahon (who also resides at Norbury hall) formerly of Stanford Road. May they Rest in Peace and Rise with Christ in Glory! Our condolences and prayers go to all the families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for all those children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Special thanks to all our devoted catechists and for the support of families throughout. Our First Communicants now have a few more

events to attend, as follows:

Saturday 11th May 2024 -Final session from 10am – 11am at St James the Great School. Sunday 12th May 2024 -**Going Forth Mass at 12 Noon** Followed by a party (see below) **Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 2.30pm –**

> **Corpus Christi Procession** in Norbury Park.

GOING FORTH HELP PLEASE!

So far, we have had no response at all from parents of those children who made their First Holy Communion in 2023. They are asked, by tradition, to come

forward to help with next Sunday's Going Forth Lunch for our 2024 children. Please would you contact Teresa on 07742 911152 as soon as possible if you are willing to help with this task.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY

Do come along to the hall after all morning Masses. After the 10am Mass, Brigid Griffin will be raising funds for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust

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 28th April 2024

Basket: £1132.78:

Gift Aid: £197.80; Non G/A: £934.98

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral: Basket: £594.05:

Gift Aid: £98.00; Non G/A: 496.05

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.

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.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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 next 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 needs more gentlemen 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) this coming Tuesday evening, 7th May 2024, in particular, or indeed any Tuesday when the choir is practising.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL REUNION

For members of the Social club and ex pupils, most likely in their 70s now. 8th June 2024 at The Manor Arms, 13 Mitcham Lane, SW16 6LQ. Please email: carole.appleford@gmail.com

CAFOD SUDAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Please see: <u>cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal</u>
You may also click on the QR code below to donate:



<u>CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</u> 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 yows during Mass. Spaces are limited.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It deals with media enquiries, seeking to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching.

PASTORAL REFLECTION ON GENDER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is "a complex but essential pastoral task."

The document, titled Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction."

The document refutes the idea, proposed by Gender Identity
Theory, that everyone has an 'inner' gender identity,
which sometimes fails to match the biological sex of the individual.

It upholds the value of the body and importance of sexual differentiation.

The bishops assert that we are all created in the image of God, with a dignity given to us by our creator and stresses that leading people to the fullness of life in Christ is a journey rooted in truth as well as compassion.

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, said:
"We have published this document because we know that those working in pastoral settings can find this issue complex.

It is also an issue that needs to be handled sensitively.

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"Accompaniment is crucial to the journey of faith, and we wish to emphasise that everyone is welcome in the Church.

It is vital that, as followers of Christ, we imitate the boundless mercy and compassion of God as we deal with the complexity of another's life.

"But this needs to be done with a clear understanding of the Catholic vision and understanding of the human person and a holistic view of human sexuality."

Please click on and read the following two links:

REFLECTION-Intricately-Woven-By-The-Lord.pdf (cbcew.org.uk)

SUMMARY-Intricately-Woven-By-The-Lord.pdf (cbcew.org.uk)