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SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



Sunday	10:30	Our Parish Family
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00	Susan Smith RIP
Wednesday	10:00	Rose Amuah
Thursday	10:00	Ola & Kataraszyna Podgarniak
Friday	10:00	Paddy Lyons RIP
Saturday	10:00	Brother Robert Simms RIP

*Free Mass intention

Baptisms:	Suspended until further notice
Confessions:	Available on request
Weddings:	Suspended until further notice
Confirmation	Suspended until further notice
1st Communion:	Suspended until further notice
Initiation for Adults:	Suspended until further notice
Adoration (online):	Tuesday - Friday 08:30 - 09:30
Rosary (online):	Tuesday - Friday 09:10 - 09:30
Stations (online):	Click here for Daily Meditations
Divine Mercy:	Suspended until further notice

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We pray especially for Margaret Boyle and Rita Nunan who died recently. We pray for Anastasia Peters, Rosaria Kryst, Mary Wood, Alice Lanlehin, Janet Arthur, Maria Chan-A-Sue, Mona Seecharan, Douglas McNeill Lloyd Hoppins, Mary Magro and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for all those who work to produce food for us; for farmers, agricultural labourers, cooks, catering staff in our hospitals, schools and places of work. For those who are working to cook and serve food in our hospitals and put food on shelves in our supermarkets and also deliver food across countries and continents to those who are in desperate need of it.

The old adage goes: ‘revenge is a dish best served cold’. Indeed, it is natural to want to seek revenge or recompense when we are wronged. However, in our second reading, St Peter reminds us that Jesus challenges us to do the opposite. Whereas it is natural (and justifiable sometimes) to seek revenge, it’s supernatural to forgive. Oftentimes this is a long, difficult process and can only be done through recognising the need for God’s transformative grace found in the sacraments. This is not only of spiritual significance but frees us humanly. The rapper Will Smith put it simply: “Let God deal with the things they do for hate in your heart will consume you too.” One such way of freeing ourselves from hatred is to remember that whenever we sin we too crucify the Lord who willingly forgave *us*. It is much easier to start the process of forgiveness when we see our own unworthiness or sinfulness and how this crucified the Lord. This is not in order to beat ourselves up but to recognise that each of us chooses good and evil. Pope Francis often speaks about the sacrament of Confession and goes to celebrate it weekly. He recently reminded us that the confessional is the best place “to let God wash us, purify us [and] to let God embrace us.” A useful video about why it benefits us to go to the sacrament of confession (as Pope Francis does) can be found [here](#). After we’re liberated from this period of lockdown (and our Church reopens) let us seek out this great gift so we can let the Lord bring us life in its abundance. **Deacon D.**

<p>Parish Offertory</p> <p>NatWest Business: <u>RCAS Brixton Hill</u> <i>giftaid it</i> Sort Code: <u>600336</u> A/C Number: <u>17403014</u> or..... to donate quickly online (& Gift-Aid it) click here.</p>		<p>Next Sunday’s Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>First: Acts 6:1-7 Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19 Second: 1 Peter 2:4-9 Gospel: John 14:1-12</p>	
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PARISH NEWS

Fr Matthew writes... Thank you to all of you for your emails and calls and I've been glad to keep in touch with so many of you who are self-isolating and receiving support. It isn't easy and we're still unsure of when exactly it'll end but we persevere in supporting one another spiritually and practically. Fr Gerard is improving every day and is grateful for your prayers. He still has the cough and is not fully recovered but can move and go outside for exercise and is savouring the milder weather and being reunited with his beloved staple diet of green banana! Without secretarial or priestly support the juggling of our administrative and pastoral responsibilities has kept me busy but grateful for the support of my brother, Deacon Dermott, without whom we would not have been able to stay connected online. It is sad so many of our programmes were necessarily suspended and I'm keen that we now move towards remedying this. The online tools through which we can connect I'm planning to use primarily to assemble our Catechumens and Candidates so preparation can resume for them. As a matter of priority I'm hoping to meet with our Finance and Buildings committee and Parish Council to ready ourselves for the staged relaxation of restrictions all currently anticipate will be announced this coming week. Thank you for your prayers and please be assured of mine for all of you before the Blessed Sacrament and at Holy Mass each day! **Fr M**

Thank you to all of you who have contributed financially in light of my appeal last weekend. It is understandable that so many face difficult circumstances at this time and giving is therefore impossible. To our regular donors and new donors **thank you very much!** Some reported problems with online giving: please make sure your web browser is up to date or resort to our [external link](#) which may prove more reliable for one-off donations. To offer regular support you can set up a standing order and get information on how to do so [here](#). Your help is truly appreciated at this time!

Service of Light: This Thursday evening at 7pm Deacon Dermott will conduct a live-streamed prayer service for your intentions with readings, reflection and Taize chants. Please [email](#) us with your intention (one sentence per parishioner) which will be read as a candle is lit for your intention.

Prayer Partner an NHS worker: If you would like to pray for a named NHS worker during this time please email your name to [Rebekah O'Keefe](#) who is organising a "prayer buddy" support network.

LIVE streaming of daily prayer and Mass: Click [here](#) to join us for our Holy Hour (Tuesday - Friday at 08:30 with Rosary at 09:10) and Mass (Tuesday - Saturday at 10:00 and Sunday at 10:30).

Would you like a Mass offered for someone? This is known as a Mass intention and the process is simple: email us with the intention and your preferred date and we will get back to you. It is traditional to also give a donation (which forms a major part of priestly income). It is now possible to give this donation [online](#) (please reference the transaction as "Mass intention SURNAME").

Telephone support: The clergy and the SVP have been calling those who are isolated and lack the support of friends and family. If you know of anyone who is in need of a call or who needs the sacraments urgently please do not hesitate to [get in touch with us](#) so we can help them.

CAFOD are appealing for us to support them in helping developing countries respond to the Coronavirus via improved logistics, hygiene and communications. You can get more info [here](#).

Parish mailing list: It is now extremely simple to sign up to receive our emails. Please visit the home page of our website (www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk), enter your email address and click "subscribe". Please let those who are unaware of our e-news service know how they can sign-up!