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SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



Sunday	10:30	Our Parish Family
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00	Edith Kate Carpenter
Wednesday	10:00	Martin Andanfung RIP
Thursday	10:00	Mrs Foleng RIP
Friday	10:00	Dr Phil Henshaw RIP
Saturday	10:00	Mary Donkor 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 Deirdre McGowan, Margaret Boyle and Rita Nunan who died recently. We pray for Phillip Murray, Patrick Devine, Francis D’Souza, Jimi Delaney, Zosia Szakacs 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 in Brixton Prison as guards, caterers, chaplains, medical staff, cleaners, porters and mental health professionals: we especially remember our chaplains Deacon Joseph, Sr Janina and all those who help the chaplaincy. We ask for God to help all prisoners at this time who cannot be visited (especially those in solitary confinement), that they will be helped to reform their lives, repent and start again.

Some years ago, I was introduced to the Eisenhower decision matrix. As I recall, it stressed organising your life so that you are not constantly bombarded by urgent tasks but rather focus more on important items. The disciples attempt to do this in our first reading through sharing out their work, so the primary importance of spreading the Gospel is not neglected. They adhere to the insistence of Jesus about the first commandment of the law being fulfilled; loving God first and foremost; this is the source of our charity and our charity is to offer ourselves in this life. This offering of self is the way in which we are all priests, as St Peter teaches in our Second Reading; through charity, kindness to a colleague, praying with one another, giving care, education and good example to children, ‘phoning a lonely friend or volunteering. In short, each time we choose God or another person, and make a sacrifice to do so, we make an offering (a gift); we are a priestly person. The ministerial priesthood offers Jesus’ one supreme sacrifice making him sacramentally present and enabling him to feed us spiritually. Our common priesthood involves the offering of gift and sacrifice in our own lives by which we make Christ present to others and attract them to know, love and serve Him. **Deacon Dermott**

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Next Sunday’s Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter		
First:	Acts 8:5-8,14-17	
Psalm:	Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20	
Second:	1 Peter 3:15-18	
Gospel:	John 14:15-21	

PARISH NEWS

Deirdre McGowan RIP: Deirdre McGowan, wife to Bill (who plays the guitar in our 10:30 Mass music group) and mother to Niamh (who served at the altar and is now studying at Liverpool University) passed away last Saturday afternoon in Guy's Hospital. She worked as a specialist nurse caring for those with diabetes. She ran the plant stall at our Summer Fair with her sister, Mary McGowan, and was a Eucharistic Minister in the parish. Many individuals have shared their stories of Deirdre's sensitive and kind nature. May she rest in peace.

Fr Matthew writes... Thank you to all who took part in our Service of Light led by Deacon Dermott last Thursday evening. If you missed it you can watch it again [here](#). It was good to be able to include music and readings recited by parishioners for the first time in the live stream. The technical challenges in accomplishing this are not insignificant, however, I'm optimistic we will continue to steadily develop and enhance our liturgical celebrations in this way. Fr Gerard is greatly improved even over the course of the last week from when he arrived and we thank God for this. We thank God for all the staff (teaching, administrative, catering and maintenance) at Corpus Christi primary school who continue to work (even during the bank holiday) to provide for children of key workers. Thank you for your Easter gifts, messages of support and prayers at this time. God bless you all!

Online learning about our faith... Bishop Robert Barron has helped our Catechumens and Candidates learn about the Catholic faith via his videos this year. The materials that he produces offer a professional and attractive explanation of many of our key beliefs and are worth exploring online. I highly recommend you visit his [Word On Fire](#) website, follow him on social media and read his new [taster Tweet](#) directing you to episode one of his new series on the Sacraments.

St Damien of Molokai: Today would ordinarily be the memorial of [St Damien of Molokai](#) (short video via link) and it's a feast that's replaced by the Sunday (as is usual liturgical practice). It's good, however, for us not to forget the example of St Damien particularly in this time. He was alive at the end of the 19th century and declared a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. He was ordained a priest on the island of Hawaii at the age of 24 and then, four years later, discerned a call to serve on the Kalaupapa Peninsula, Hawaii. A leper colony had been founded there by the State where those with leprosy were quarantined. Fr Damien brought order to the place; built houses, schools and the Church which still stands. He coordinated medical care for lepers and dignified burial of the deceased. He caught leprosy (which he eventually died from) himself but continued to work while unwell deriving strength from his devotion to Our Lady and the Eucharist saying **"it is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation."** St Damien of Molokai, pray for us!

Thank you to all of you who are contributing to our online offertory each week. It is understandable that so many face difficult circumstances at this time and are unable to give. If you are in a position to support us, please give via our website [here](#) or the [external link](#) if you encounter problems.

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).

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](#).