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SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



Sunday	10:30	Our Parish Family
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00	Count Dressman & members of Morley Stores.
Wednesday	10:00	Mary Ennis RIP
Thurs.	19:00	[Ascension] Return to faith of Daniel & Natalia
Friday	<u>08:00</u>	Deirdre McGowan RIP
Saturday	10:00	Well-being of Mark

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 - Thursday 08:30 - 09:30
Rosary (online):	Tuesday - Thursday 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 Magdaline Patterson, Eugenie Amos, Mary Donkor, Christopher (Kit) Quinn, Ethan Barai, James Denney, Rosa Henning-Frasca, Martin Morris, Rosemary Joyce, John Michael Connolly, Norbert Fay, Lilian Tomlinson, Patrick Turley, Edward (Ted) Bremer 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 have returned to work this past week and their families; that those who are supporting children at home without the added support of a spouse or care-giver may be given the grace of perseverance and the strength to cope.



Fox Mulder in the X-Files said ‘the truth is out there’. Sadly, many in our society, often through no fault of their own, have not found it. Catholics believe more than ‘the truth is out there’ but that it is found in Jesus Christ who continues to lead us to the truth through His Church. St Peter reminds the disciples to “always have your answer ready for the hope that you all have” (1 Peter 3:15-18). Are you ever asked why are you a Catholic or Christian or why you go to Church? Why do Catholics believe this or that? Can you answer these questions? If you’re not always ready to give an answer, why not refresh your knowledge through dipping in to the Compendium of the Catechism on the Vatican [website](#). Today we hear very many loud, (and sadly often uninformed) voices who claim our faith is incompatible with the modern scientific world. Furthermore, Christ is sometimes only portrayed as a mythical figure, a ‘good person’ or ‘great teacher’ who showed us a way to live but we know Christ was *more than this* as He made the unique claim to be God. We too are called to be more than just ‘good people’ but also witnesses. This will lead our secular brothers and sisters (who are open to it) to the truth they so desperately need. Will it bring ridicule or rejection? Yes, sometimes. But that points to its veracity, will strengthen our character and deepen our knowledge of and love for God. **Deacon Dermott**

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Next Sunday's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter		
First:	Acts 1:12-14	
Psalm:	Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8	
Second:	1 Peter 4:13-16	
Gospel:	John 17:1-11	

PARISH NEWS

Funeral of Deirdre McGowan RIP: The funeral of Deirdre McGowan will take place this coming Friday at 10am in Beckenham Cemetery. As with all funerals at present it is strictly limited to close family, however, once it is possible to celebrate public liturgies a memorial Mass and gathering will be arranged. In light of the funeral on Friday at 10am there will be no Holy Hour or Rosary and Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 8am. Please continue to keep Deirdre and those who mourn her loss in your prayers at this time.

Funeral of Margaret Boyle RIP: The funeral of Margaret Boyle will take place on Wednesday 8th July at Streatham Cemetery at 11am. Please continue to keep Margaret and those who mourn her loss in your prayers at this time.

Solemnity of the Ascension this Thursday: This is a suspended Holy Day of obligation in light of the lockdown restrictions, however, we will celebrate Mass at 7pm so those who work can attend.

Fr Matthew writes... I'm very glad that we have readings and music said and sung by parishioners at this Sunday's celebration of Mass and thanks to those who've helped coordinate the contributors. I'm also hoping that we'll have others leading the rosary for us all during our midweek Holy Hours. I prayed the rosary with our Archbishop and recently ordained priests on Friday evening via Zoom and he invites all of you to pray the Rosary and May devotions with him on 27th May at 7pm [here](#). He mentioned that the Bishops' are working with the Government to open our Churches as soon as possible. There is an item about this below. Fr Gerard is now able to say Mass on his own and continues on the road to full recovery. Thank you for all your prayers and best wishes and please know we're praying for all of you each day! He is risen, alleluia!

Help to open our Churches: An initiative called [Open Doors](#) has been launched to enable those who are able to help offer their assistance in enabling our Church doors to re-open by maintaining the highest safety standards. It will be necessary for social distancing to be practiced and good hygiene to be maintained in order that people can safely enter the house of God for private prayer. If you feel you are in a position to volunteer then please do so. We await more specific guidance from the Bishops regarding the possibility of our own Church opening. This will depend upon various factors and once I have more information I will share it with you.

Online help for faith: Fr Tim Finigan produces helpful videos on our faith. Look at his recent video produced on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima about saying the Rosary by clicking [here](#).

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](#).