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#### SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	21ST	10:00	Fifth Week of Easter	Feria	First Holy Communion Mass
SATURDAY	<b>21</b> ST	18:00	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	SOLEMNITY	
SUNDAY	22ND	08:30	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	SOLEMNITY	
	22ND	10:00	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	SOLEMNITY	Myrian Elizabeth Alvares Miranda
	22ND	12:00	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	SOLEMNITY	PRO POPULO
	22ND	18:00	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	SOLEMNITY	Norah & Peter Courtney RIP
MONDAY	23RD	10:00	Sixth Week of Easter	Feria	
TUESDAY	24тн	10:00	Sixth Week of Easter	Feria	Jackie Moloney
TUESDAY	24тн	19:00	Sixth Week of Easter	Feria	
WEDNESDAY	25тн	10:00	St Bede the Venerable	Memorial	
THURSDAY	26тн	10:00	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	SOLEMNITY	Mr P M E Udoroh RIP
THURSDAY	26тн	19:00	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	SOLEMNITY	
FRIDAY	27тн	10:00	St Augustine of Canterbury	Feast	
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SATURDAY	28тн	10:00	Sixth Week of Easter	Feria	

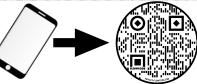


We pray for Nicholas O'Flynn who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Esperance Bawah Attalia, Oswald Webber, Marian Grant, Vera Sommerville, Luigia Beschizza, Ernest Henry and Maria Reygarcia. May they all rest in peace. We particularly remember those who are preparing for exams at school and University. May they work as best as they can and pray for God's help.

You will read that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have just restored the Sunday obligation which is binding upon all Catholics: it means that - as it was before the pandemic - we will be required to attend Mass every Sunday and on other days we call "Holy Days of Obligation" from Sunday 5th June. The word "obligation" isn't that attractive and - if we're a rebellious type - it might summon up within us the desire to not be told what to do: to object and remain the authentic and free individual that we want to be. Our present age is characterised by this interpretation of freedom which has been beneficial in many ways in opposition to the misuse of human authority. But when the Church speaks to us of our Sunday obligation she speaks to remind us of God's will expressed in the third of The Ten Commandments - received by Moses on Mount Sinai: He asks us to keep the Sabbath holy and this is for our benefit and flourishing. The way in which we do this is to encounter God - who meets us face to face in Our Lord Jesus Christ and we can only experience this true encounter at Sunday Mass. In these weeks we remember Jesus appearing to His disciples in the flesh after the Resurrection and that they recognised Him as they broke bread together: He taught them and teaches us - that the Mass is not incidental but essential. May we each be helped to believe that this is true.

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## **PARISH NEWS**

**OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION:** During the heights of the pandemic, the Bishops of England & Wales released the faithful from the requirement to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. From <u>Pentecost Sunday (5 June)</u> the general requirement to attend Holy Mass in person is restored; in the words of the Bishops of England & Wales, "the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** This coming Thursday is the Solemn Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation: there will be two Masses; at 10am and 7pm in the Church.

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:** Have you thought this might be for you? On <u>Tuesday 24th May at 7pm</u> our Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Southwark - Fr Paul Kyne - will be joined by Sr Aelred OSB (of Minster Abbey), Fr Stephen Morrison O Praem (of St Philip's Oratory, Chelmsford) and two seminarians for a 60 minute webinar about their experience of God's call. If you are interested in attending then please register by <u>clicking here</u>.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**: Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network which provides support to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel through the media.

**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM OF ALTAR SERVERS?** If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion they are eligible to serve at the altar. If they are interested \*please\* complete this online form. They can only serve if they attend our training sessions - led by Fr Matthew - and our next training session is on <u>Saturday 11th June at 4pm</u>.

**SENIORS' LUNCH THIS MONDAY:** will begin at the normal time of 10:30am - after the morning Mass - in the Hall. After the seated exercise session there will be a talk by an opera singer followed by a soup and bread lunch with a raffle. All seniors are welcome to attend.

**CELEBRATING QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 70 YEARS ON THE THRONE:** On **Sunday 5th June** our country will celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years since her accession to the throne. A glass of fizz will be offered and donations will be sought to support our forthcoming Summer Fair. Do join us after the 10am Mass to toast the Queen.

**SAVE THE DATE - SUMMER FAIR 2022 - SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022:** We are making plans to gather for the first Parish Summer Fair in three years! It has been such a long time since we have had a major parish event and we hope it will be a great success. This depends upon the efforts of so many and we are in real need of assistance. Please could you fill in our online form indicating what kind of support you would be willing to provide. Let us pray for the success of our Summer Fair.

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** We have just had the joy of welcoming new members into God's family through Baptism and Confirmation. The programme of preparation involves weekly sessions of learning and discussion from Autumn to Easter. If you are - or know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please fill out this online form. We will be in touch after Easter.