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MASS TIMES

Sunday

8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday No Mass

Friday 7.00 pm

Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6/7 May 2023

Sat 6 *Feria of Easter 4*

4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** and Rosary

People of the parish

SUNDAY 7 May

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER *Psalter wk 1*

8.00 **Mass** Mary Keogh RIP

10.00 **Parish Mass** and Regina caeli
Brendan Rice RIP

Mon 8 May *Feria of Easter 5*

[UK Bank Holiday]

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary Sr. Teresa Nolan

Tues 9 *Feria of Easter 5 Day of Prayer*
for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary

Survivors of sexual abuse

Wed 10 *Feria of Easter 5*

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary Jim McCrave RIP

Thurs 11 *Feria of Easter 5*

No Mass Day

Fri 12 *St Pancras, Memorial*

Day of abstinence

7pm **Mass** Donny Annessa

Sat 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** and Rosary

Yvonne Jansz RIP &

Natalie Koelmeyer RIP

(Birthday anniversaries)

SUNDAY 14 May

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER *Psalter wk 2*

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass** and Regina caeli
Eric Chandler RIP (Anniv)

WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new or an occasional worshipper. **Please take this newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

◆ **BEFORE Mass** **ALMIGHTY GOD**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

After the prayer, please, please keep silent until the bell begins the Mass. Try to prepare by prayer.

◆ **ORDER OF MASS** See the gold *Parish Mass Book* – start on **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers, go to **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. Today's readings are to be found **pp.265-67**. The psalm response is, **'May Your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.'**

Prayer for the King **ALMIGHTY GOD**, we pray, that Your servant Charles, our King, who, by Your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue: that being filled with Your heavenly grace he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil; and being blessed with Your favour may come at last into Your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ **The REGINA CAELI** is said after Sunday 8am Mass (see below); and sung after the 10 am Mass (see separate sheet). Please, use it daily (and learn it) from now till Pentecost.

Pr Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

All He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Pr Has risen as he said, alleluia.

All Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Pr Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia

Priest Let us pray.. *All* O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Training Fund Collection Please hand in today, or very soon, any outstanding collection envelopes.

◆ **Coronation joy** Even if you do not normally, please join the fellowship and food **after the 10am Mass** after yesterday's momentous and historic events.

REFLECTIONS on today's readings Throughout the 50 days of Eastertide the Church reflects on the *various* ways in which *the risen Lord is present* to us. The focus today is on the Church, the body in and through whom He will act and speak on earth when He has (apparently, also) 'gone' to the Father.

Central to the Church's mission is the proclamation and preaching of God's word; and in the first two readings we see how *sharply* aware the early apostles were of that mission. They did not want to be deflected from this *central* obligation. Their *duty* (like bishops and priests to this day) was to pray and preach. But within the first generation it became apparent (as we have re-experienced in the various crises of recent years) that *other* ministries were needed also. Human material needs must be catered for too, especially among the poor, the oppressed, prisoners, and the suffering.

We are used to thinking of the Church as a community in terms of a building, and we feel our belonging to one another in and through our church building. But that's because the earliest Christians, who of course had no buildings of their own, talked of themselves as 'being built together in one living edifice'. And the cornerstone—'rejected by mankind, but precious to God'—could be none other than Christ himself. He is the corner- or key-stone in the sense that the Church's Way in the world, the Truth it proclaims, and the Life it shares can only be Christ's. That cannot change.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 6.1–7 An unforeseen problem was created for the young Christian community in Jerusalem by converts from paganism. And the apostles found an unforeseen solution: a new essential ministry is begun. A *change* that was needed in order to *remain* faithful.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 2.4–9 The only prayer and action agreeable to God is that of Jesus Christ. He alone was chosen and precious by God and able to be the true priest, even if He was found wanting and rejected by mankind. His body, the Church, is also therefore chosen and precious, even if by human judgement it too is found wanting. In Him they are a royal priesthood, called to *consecrate* their existence to the Lord, and to *announce* the Gospel to the world.

Gospel: John 14.1–12 When we are tempted to echo Philip and say: 'Let us see the Father', we must remember Jesus' reply: 'To have seen me is to see the Father.' Christ is the only access to the Father (the Way), because as the full revelation of the Father (the Truth), he is the source of living power (the Life) that enables us to do the Father's will, and our destiny is to share in His destiny.

FUTURE EVENTS

This coming Tuesday is the annual **Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse** initiated by Pope Francis. The epidemic is growing. You will have heard reports this week that the online presence of abusive material has doubled. *Please come to Mass specially that day if you can*, and/or keep it as a fast day: in penitence for the suffering of those who have experienced this crime, and for concrete responses to their need.

One faith, One family, One hope **Next Sunday, 13/14 May** is the **Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians**, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands, of whichever allegiance, Catholic or Orthodox or Protestant, be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

To learn more see our noticeboard; 'like' FACECharityUK on Facebook; or look up www.facecharity.org. To donate £10 text DAYOFPRAYER to 70450.

Sunday 14 May at 3pm is also the annual **Procession in honour of Our Lady** at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson.

Thursday 1 June Blessed Carlo Acutis's mother, Antonia Salzano, will be speaking at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Gdn) after the 6.30 Mass. See the poster for details.

8th—10th June 40 Hours Devotion – 'Quarant'Ore' The now annual diocesan devotion will take place at Corpus Christi Maiden Lane. You can have your intentions prayed for before the Blessed Sacrament, or have a lamp burning for your intentions, by simply filling out either of the forms at <http://www.corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/forty/>

Readers Rota

6 May 5.30 Jennifer Bourke 7 May 8.00 Georgina Martins 10.00 Robert Chandler

13 May 5.30 Noreta Reece 14 May 8.00 Rosemary Chukwulobelu 10.00 Tim & Mel Goodger, Carol-Anne Chandler

20 May 5.30 Lily Meghji 21 May 8.00 Amalie Direkze 10.00 Nwawulor family, Maureen Ruane

Church Cleaning Rota 13 May Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam

20 May Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė and Viktoriia Vrublievska

27 May Team C: Dominick Martins and Elaine & Derrick Pereira