

St Matthew's Church Newsletter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

6 MAY 2018



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Mass on Saturday 6:30pm (Sunday)
Mass on Sunday 9 am, 11am
Morning Mass 9:30am (Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri)
Evening Mass 7:00pm Tuesdays

Confessions: Thurs 10:15-10:45, Sat 5.30-6:00pm & at call
Marriage and Baptism Preparation by appointment only
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thurs 10-11am
Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30am-2:30pm

From Father Anthony's Desk:

The Confirmation celebration was a profoundly moving one for all who took part. This is the impression I have been given from talking to those who were present. It was memorable for many reasons, but it seems that Bishop Pat's informal yet reverent manner set the tone for the occasion and made sure that our attention throughout was on the candidates and their affirming for themselves the baptismal promises made on their behalf by their parents and godparents. We might keep those who were confirmed in our prayers. I should like to thank everyone who contributed to making that Friday evening such a meaningful and pleasant occasion, both from the liturgical side in the church and from the social aspect in the hall afterwards: it was truly a worthy parish event.

We are also approaching another joyful occasion, First Holy Communion. Many people, when asked, say that this is their clearest childhood memory. There will be two celebrations: the first at the 1100 Mass on Sunday 13th, the second on Sunday 20th May. The Mass and Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Sunday 27th May. I should like to express my appreciation for all the work being done by our parishioners in preparation for these important occasions.

Order of the Mass: Parish Mass Book Page 6

Vigil & 0900: Preface Easter 111, page 60
Euch Prayer 111, page 28.

11:00 Euch Prayer with Children 1

Parish Mass Book page 266 for the Readings.

Response to the Intercessions:

To love one another.

Communion Antiphon: *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.*

Next Sundays Readings:

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, John 4:11-16, John 17: 11-19

Prayer to Our Lady:

Queen of heaven, rejoice! alleluia.
For he whom you did merit to bear;
 alleluia,
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God; alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
 alleluia,
For the Lord has risen indeed,
 alleluia.

ROTA - 6/13 MAY:

HOUSECALLS (13th) Mrs G Vickers, Ms A Collaco, Mrs A Greentree, Mrs B Leonard, Mr F Paul

READERS (13th) Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm) Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am) Miss C Leonard (Sun 11am)

OFFERTORY (13th) Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm) Giraldo Fmly (Sun 9am) Swain Fmly (Sun 11am)

CHURCH CLEANING SAT 12 MAY- Ms E Martin/ Ms J Nweke

FLOWER ARRANGING – 12 MAY - Ms K Walker

COUNTERS 8 MAY - Messrs Fonseca/Darion/Thompson

13 MAY-Ms B Cunningham, Mr J Remedios

TEAS & COFFEE : 6 MAY-UCM (9AM) French Speaking Group (11am) 13 MAY -Mrs Schwartz/Mrs Sanders

If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute.

UCM PRAYER

Lord Jesus you lived with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth and enjoyed family life, growing in wisdom and stature in the sight of God the Father and ourselves. Help the members of the Union Catholic Mothers to follow this example in prayer, love and active witness to Marriage, Family and Christian Life in the world.

Make us understanding and caring to all experiencing difficulties and generous in support, so that one day we may all rejoice together in our Eternal Home.

AMEN

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, touch and transform us by the joy of your love.

Make us missionary disciples, empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour.

May young people be inspired by our example to take up the path of Christian discipleship and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life:

send us men and women inspired to be living signs of your mercy.

Grant us all an openness of heart that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for the sick:

Michael, Mrs Dorothy Nichol, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs Peggy Phillips, Fr. Anthony Bailey, Mr Patrick Heneghan, Mrs Maureen Sheehan, Mr Martin Fisher, Ms Shelagh Mc Donough, Mrs Sheila Bohan, Mrs Carmen Mc Dermott and Monsignor James O'Neill.

Finance for 29 April 2018

Gift Aid Envelope	86
Loose	295
84 Bankers Orders	460
Parish Total	£841
St George's Cath. Fund	192
Mass Attendance	267

As usual your generosity is always appreciated.

The second collection next week is for World Communications: This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network of England & Wales, promoting the Gospel through the media.

RIP– Mrs Patricia Delaney-who passed away recently. Her funeral service will take place here on **Thursday 10 May at 11am** followed by cremation at West Norwood Crematorium. We pray for her eternal rest and offer our prayers to her grieving relatives.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

After the 9am Mass, please join the mothers in the hall for tea, coffee and cake sale, proceeds towards Fr Doug's project in Ghana.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday May 10 Mass at 7:30pm	The Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)
Sunday May 13, 11am May 20, 11am	First Holy Communion Group 1 Group 2
Sunday May 27 5pm	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima