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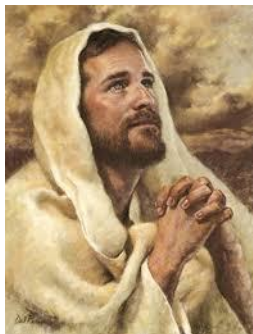
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

15th/16th May 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalm 102; John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



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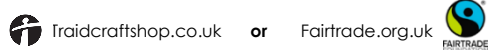
**Sr. Mary O'Malley, Sr. Nora
Gorman, Sr. Katherine O'Reilly**

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention,
please call Florie on a Monday or
Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from
Westminster Cathedral and other parishes
are available at www.churchservices.tv

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EASING OF LOCKDOWN GETTING CLOSER

The days between the Ascension (last Thursday) and Pentecost (next Sunday) have come to be regarded as the original 'Novena' as a time of more intense prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' prayer for his friends who experience difficulties. He makes the same prayer for us today in our difficult times of Covid 19.

In the next few weeks there will be an easing of restrictions to the lockdown. How do we prepare for gradual re-opening up of our parish? Lockdown has been so difficult for many of us. If you live alone, how did you find lockdown? Not being able to come to church. How do you feel about coming back? Are you fearful?

If you are parents, how did the children cope with lockdown? Did they miss coming to Mass? How was the First Communion preparation on Zoom and the Sunday School on Zoom? For our young people how was the Confirmation Programme on Zoom?

If you have been involved in any of our parish ministries, are you willing to continue. If you are not involved in any parish activity would you like to join? Eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, choirs helping with Confirmation and First Holy Communion Programmes or any other activities?

Was lockdown for you a time for more prayer and spiritual reading? Have you experienced difficulties during lockdown – bereavement here or abroad? Unemployment? Stress? Financial problems?

How should we begin to open up? Should it be a slow process, perhaps 40-hours devotion, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or an International Mass bringing all our different communities together and involving the school children.

It would be good to hear your views. You can email me johnbyrne@rcdow.org.uk or phone me or text me on the mobile: 0787 905 8732.

Thank you for the feed-back. It is very much appreciated. From what I have seen so far, the advice is to open-up slowly and carefully and not to rush things. If you haven't given your thoughts, please do so.

With Jesus praying for us, how could we ever lose hope in these difficult times. Today we are reassured of his care for us.

FR. JOHN

REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass

Ascension of the Lord and the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Motivation for John [17:11-19](#)

"[Last Thursday](#) we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord and the Sunday after next is the great feast of Pentecost. Let us give thanks to the Lord for the liturgy that guides us and teaches us, opening our minds and our hearts to understand the mystery of our salvation, ever deeper, year after year. Never think you already know but listen! with the ear of your heart.

The Gospel of the Ascension will speak about "signs" which accompany those who believe. What are those signs? Have you seen them in your life? Or in the life of others? The Lord is gone, but his presence is continually revealed to us in these signs. The Lord is gone, in a sense, and yet his presence is magnetically and irresistibly pulling us up towards him.

The Gospel of the 7th Sunday of Easter will further explain to us our present situation: in the world, but not of the world, set apart for Christ. We have been raised up with him in Baptism. Now we are called in hope to where he has preceded us in glory. Watch out for the very last verse! It is about you and me, here and now. What does it say? What is it saying to you?"

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Let us pray to the Father for the needs of the Church and the world.

-We pray for ourselves and all Christians: that we may love one another with the love that comes from God.

- For our children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this weekend: may the gift of the Holy Eucharistic draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord.

For the people in India, Brazil and other countries where the pandemic is out of control:

- For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

- We pray that all baptised people may learn to experience and recognise the Spirit of God at work in the world and in their lives.

-For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

God our Father, grant that we be filled with your holy Spirit and love one another through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to our young children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

Saturday 15th May 12.30pm

Alexander Kalinowski, Amelia Julia Lapiak, Amelia Prinsloo, Destinee Rawat, Gaeveriel Deal Cruz, Jose Abreu, Josh Soares, Julia Banel, Karen Egbeni, Larika Eluka, Mackenzie Andrade, Maria Tom, Marisa Abreu, Maya Anna Ciosek, Olivia Kawoxynska, Raphael Loprieno, Sorya Davies and William Grimshaw.

Saturday 15th May 2.30pm

Arabella-Jaydeen Javier, Archie Abreu, Aziel Rodrigues, Danstan Fernandes, Elin Vivian Lundkvist, Galen Fernandes, Godwin Joby, Isla Bennett, Julian Piotrowski, Julianna Valencia, Liam Marek Mickiewicz, Melita Pereira, Nathan Vanderpuye, Ryan Shifu, Teryl Bediako, Tobias Jordan Lundkvist, Yanessa Chukwu, Vivian Olomukoro, Zofia Drygiel and Zuzanna Chilicka.

Sunday 16th May, 3.00pm

Aanuofuwatomiwa Ajibola, Aaron Villanueva, Adam Swieboda, Adrian Zajac, Ajoy Sousa, Alan Klapsa, Cacedy Quan-Vie, Cian Howard, Elijah Rodrigues, Filip Michalski, Floyd Mukasa, Hannah Serunjogi, Jack Rodgers, Jacob Fernandes, Kacper Slowiak, Maria Santhiyago, Rosevelt Fernandes, Safford Rodrigues. Victoria Cagdas and Zachary Reilly

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84-mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using just 2 miles/day of your exercise. You can obtain sponsorship from friends or family or simply sponsor the parishioners you might know who are already walking, cycling or swimming! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, telephone 01926 512980 or email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH SEEMA MALHOTRA MP

The coronavirus pandemic has had a catastrophic impact on the world's poorest communities, with 150 million people set to fall into extreme poverty as a result. Meanwhile, the climate crisis is still a huge threat. Come and discuss with Seema Malhotra the role Britain can play in leading a just and green global recovery from the pandemic. As Britain will be hosting the G7 and Cop26 Climate talks this year, this is a unique opportunity for us all. **When: Thursday, 20th May 2021 at 19.00hrs.** This virtual event is being hosted on behalf of CAFOD by Miriam McEneaney as part of the Reclaim our Common Home Campaign. If you would like to take part, please email Miriam at miriam.mceneaney@hotmail.com. Another option is to forward me any questions you would like to put to Seema.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Amanda Driscoll, Joseph Steer, Halcyon Suzette Worrell and Laurence Kearns** and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Amanda Driscoll RIP – Requiem Mass here on **Wednesday 26th May** at 11.15am

Halcyon Suzette Worrell RIP – Requiem Mass here on **Friday 4th June** at 11.00am.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11am 5pm	Daphne D'Mello RIP (Month's Mind) Intentions of Frida & Family [C]
Sun 16	9am 9am 11am 11am	Santana D'Souza RIP [C] Sr Mildred Butler RIP [PC] Christine Cahalane RIP [C] Fernandes & Dias Families (Good Health) [PC]
Mon 17	11am	John Martin D'Sa RIP
Tues 18	11am	Sr Barbara Creenan RIP
Wed 19	11am	Francis & Irene Rodrigues RIP
Thurs 20	11am	Camilo Laurence Fernandes RIP (Month's Mind)
Fri 21	11am	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Sat 22	11am 5pm	Anthony Mascarenhas RIP Lancelot Fernandes RIP
Sun 23	9am 9am 11am 11am	Sr Mary O'Malley (Intentions) [C] Natty Rodrigues RIP [PC] David Crawley RIP (2 nd Anniversary) [C] Pauline Badejo RIP [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Malcolm & Roma Preston RIP		

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

MASS TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre (Mass outdoors in nice weather)
- On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in Church at 11.00am with limited numbers