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**Fifth Sunday of Easter 9th/10th May 2020**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Page266: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter:** Page: 268: Acts 8:5-8; 14-17, Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21



#  Dear Friends,

**Parish Team**

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

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**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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

**MASS**

There will be no public Mass for the foreseeable future. Mass will, however, be said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email Feltham.rcdow.org.uk or call

 Fr. John on 0787 905 8732

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Today’s Gospel is taken from the farewell discourse just before the last supper. After this talk and meal Jesus is going to go into the garden of Gethsemane and I know that you all know what happened after that.

By now his disciples also knew what was going to happen and this filled them with great sadness, but because Jesus in his human form is no longer physically present to us, it doesn’t mean that the people of our age no longer need to experience the tremendous love of the Father for them.

Who will be the human face of God’s love for the people of our age? If not those who call themselves disciples of Jesus and who through baptism and confirmation are so conformed to Christ that they almost become other Christs. In other words that duty of being the human face of God today devolves upon us, upon you and upon me.

It is for this reason that Pope Francis continues to call us to be the face of the loving and merciful God for everyone with whom we come into contact, and in doing so you and I are called to be people of faith, both touching the crucified Christ and being touched by the crucified Christ.

Last Monday was the feast of the Martyrs of England and Wales. Many were priests however there were some notable laity for example St Margaret Clitherow and St Anne Line, who were martyred for giving shelter to priests.

I suppose it is natural for us in the 21st century to almost be flippant when we talk about the courage and the faith of our martyrs. We would do well to remember that many of them were great characters and maintained their composure until the end.

Two further examples would be Blessed William Patenson who on the night before his execution was placed in a cell with seven criminals and by his intercession six of the seven were reconciled to the Catholic Church and Blessed William Lacy who just before his execution in 1582, said on the scaffold “It’s only paying the common debt a little sooner. I will go into the house of the Lord for all eternity”.

These were certainly people who were familiar with todays gospel. They knew that they were going to a room that was prepared for them on the day when they were baptised. I would even go so far as to say that these martyrs were so conscious of this eternal truth that they often expressed gratitude to those who tried them. I hope and pray that martyrdom is not something I will ever have to suffer but if I did, would I be as brave as I faced death? I’m not so sure, but I am sure of the faith for which our martyrs gave their lives.

 Have a blessed week,

 **Deacon Colin**

Are you living alone? Are you over 70? And taking time out during this difficult time. Would you like a call, someone to chat to and someone who may be able to help with things that you would normally do out and about yourself. Please give Fr. John a call on his mobile: 0787 905 8732

**REFLECTION**

***May – the month of Mary***

Jesus reassures us that he will always be with us, and He has shown us the way to eternal peace and love. He tells us ‘whoever has seen me has seen the Father’. Jesus puts a human face on the love of God. Jesus gives us a glimpse of the divine.

So we are called to fellow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those we come into contact.

Jesus wants us to try and be more forgiving, unselfish, caring, and helpful so that we can bring God’s love into the world.

Lord God, empower us to love you each day in and through our actions with one another.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord of Peace, thank you for your gentle forgiving and loving embrace.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord of all hopefulness be with our parish community and especially all those who are living in isolation. May they know that they are loved and appreciated.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**Can you help?** Do you have time to support our parish with some volunteering during the challenging weeks ahead? No matter how little time you can offer we would really appreciate your support. It could be from just making a call to helping with someone’s shopping Please call Annie (Baker) for more details on: 0208 707 2911 Do leave a message with your name and number if I am not in and I will get back to you as soon as possible. (Enjoy my voicemail)

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**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the souls and those whohave died recently**:**

**Patricia Cole (nee Fenlon), Fredy Cubos, Thelma Rochester, Ann Chance, Michael Nfiah, Norbert McCabe, Alba Caldeira RIP and all who have died with the Pandemic** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Please keep all their families who mourn them in your prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April**

Cafod have adapted all of their current work across 40 countries, and are also responding to already severe needs with emergency food relief, water and sanitation, and spreading awareness of prevention measures.,

For more information please visit cafod.org.uk/parishes, and cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal,

**Resourcing the Lockdown**

**Stations of the Resurrection:** *Via Lucis (Way of Light)*

Opportunity for meditation on the joyful events of Eastertic devised by Pope St John II.

<https://.youtube.com/watch?y=YBQCocmFq9c> –

Church Resurrection, Solon, Ohio, mosaics of stations, delivered by ministry team – 35 minutes

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| Sat 9 |  | People of the Parish |
| Sun 10 |  | Hubert D’Souza RIP (Anniversary)In Thanksgiving – Gashu Family |
| Mon 11 |  | Holy Souls |
| Tues 12 |  | Patricia Cole |
| Wed 13 |  | Nguyen Family – Good Health |
| Thurs 14 |  | The NHS |
| Fri 15 |  | Starina D’Spoiza RIP (5TH Anniversary) |
| Sat 16 |  | Belinda & Antonio Pareira in Thanksgiving (25th Wedding Ann.)Lancelot Patts (RIP (4th Anniversary)) |
| Sun 17 |  | Christine Cahalane RIP (Anniversary)Pelementer D’Cruz (RIP) |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of THE Danladi Family |

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Pope Francis writes … ‘Let us follow |Jesus, knowing that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders. This is our joyful hope that we must bring to this world. *Please do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope that Jesus gives us!’*

**Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral are now available to watch at** [**www.churchservices.tv/westminster**](http://www.churchservices.tv/westminster)

Dear Friends – During our current lockdown our parish income has reduced. We have in place a facility to pay your usual contributions either by standing order or direct payment to the parish – there has never been a time when this has been more needed than now. If you would like to take advantage of this facility our parish bank details are:

**HSBC Bank**: St Lawrence Feltham (or Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee St Lawrence Feltham

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

**Thank you for your continued generosity. FR. JOHN**

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***Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

(based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Ligouri)

**St Richard Reynolds Catholic College** has an Assistant SENCo vacancy September 2020 (Full Time) – please visit their website [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk) for job description – closing date 12pm Wednesday 13th May 2020