

This week at St Lawrence's



11th/12th May 2013

The Ascension of the Lord
(Missal Page 277 – YEAR C)

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Pentecost Sunday (Missal Page 294): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;

John 20:19-23



Dear Friends

It is a great joy this year to have 90 children making their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and for their dear families, that as the Lord comes close to them in a special way they will stay close to him throughout their lives. Let each child's First Communion day remind you of yours, and be thankful.

Our retired Pope Benedict gave a beautiful catechesis to a group of children on one of his pastoral visits. He said his first Holy Communion was “one of the most beautiful days of my life”. “It is the same for you, isn't it? And why is that? It's not only because of our nice clothes or the gifts we receive, nor even because of the parties! It is above all because, that day, we receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! When I receive Communion, Jesus comes to live in me. I should welcome him with love and listen closely to him. In the depths of my heart, I can tell him, for example: “Jesus, I know that you love me. Give me your love so that I can love you in return and love others with your love. I give you all my joys, my troubles and my future. Do not hesitate, dear children, to speak of Jesus to others. He is a treasure whom you should share generously.”

May all of us, young and old, share the joy of First Holy Communion day.

Fr Chris

May is the month of Our Lady, an inspiration to discover the Rosary afresh and to use it more in our own personal and parish prayer life. Our Church Repository has Rosaries, prayer books and prayer cards to help us on that path.



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SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who will become full members of the Catholic Church this week-end

Saturday 11th May at 12 noon

Tatiana Amorim, Troy Gateri, Jamal Tuffour, Diona Doko, Clint Doko, Stacey Okwelegbe, Alira Rawson, Tyrone De Oliveira Farinha, Noel Tesfaye, Nathaniel Tesfaye and Miguel Villanueva

And to those receiving their First Holy Communion
Tyrone Rawson, Macey MacKenzie and Arianny Victor

Saturday 11th May at 6pm

Reece Cooper, Jovan Amarah, Daniel Previlion, Sofia Lynn Razo-Relato, Clovis Fernandes and Aaron Fernandes.

Sunday 12th May at 9am

Lottie Hill and Dominykas Slizpas

Sunday 12th May at 11am

Sofia Correia, Jeanette Abanes, Alexandra Montaro, Melanie Mazalrey and Lewis Cana

We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of the Lord.

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Aiyonna Marie Rawson, Jordon Daniel Djan, Adrina Mathan, Evangeline Mensah, Ellecia Akua Adobea Ansah, Toby Edward Finn and Chiamara Lucy Eze, who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

PARISH NOTICES

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be no 11am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions on **Saturday 11th, 18th and 25th May**. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Masses at 12 noon, to which everyone is invited.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 13th May** at 7.30pm. An evening with Sister Katherine. “Reflection with discussion” will be the subject for the evening. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA SPONSORED CHARITY WALK

Peter McCaffrey of the Knights of St Columba will be doing a sponsored charity walk in aid of Hounslow LIFE Centre on **Sunday 2nd June**. The walk will commence at St Joseph's RC Church in Hanwell and proceed along the Grand Union Canal to Southall and return. Peter is looking for sponsorship and will be at the back of Church the next few weekends after Mass if you would like to sponsor him.

REST IN PEACE

VINCENT SCANLON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Scanlon RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place here on **Thursday 16th May** at 11.00am. May he, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and may all those who mourn him be comforted in their loss.

OTHER

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This weekend we pray for and give generously to the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. There will be a retiring collection at the end of all Masses. For more information visit www.catholicnews.org.uk.

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM (JUNE 29TH-30TH AT GUMLEY SCHOOL)

A lively, Catholic, faith filled weekend for the whole family – with inspiring talks and workshops, streams for children & young adults aged 3 to 21 and Mass with Bishop Alan Hopes. It's a perfect way for everyone to share in this Year of Faith. Come to our Taste and See event at **7.30pm on 15th May** at St Michaels and St Martins, Hounslow. Telephone 07733 277739 for info.

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

The Knights of St Columba have their Annual pilgrimage to Aylesford on **Sunday 9th June 2013**. As part of our parish Year of Faith activities, there will be a coach leaving from St Lawrence's at 9am, for Mass at 12noon. There will be Full Knighthood at 2.30pm followed by Rosary and Benediction at 3pm. Coach tickets: £12 per adult. If you are interested in going please let Florie in the Parish Office have your name, contact number and payment.

4TH DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

St Theodore's Church in Hampton Hill are organising a coach to Walsingham for this pilgrimage on **Saturday 1st June** leaving St Theodore's at 7am returning 9.30pm. For further information contact Dymphna McCarthy on 0208 941 0183

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Dates: July 21st to 27th. The pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. The theme for this year "Lourdes: a Doorway to Faith". Prices vary according to mode of travel. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Vincent invites you to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **18-26 November 2013**. It will be led by Bishop Alan Hopes and Fr. John Farrell OP. The cost is £1495 per person for 2 sharing a room. There are a few spaces available. Booking forms can be obtained via the Parish Office or directly from Gerald Daly tel: 020 7798 9173 or email geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

May

First Holy Communion Masses weekends of 18th/19th, 25th/26th

Sunday 19th – Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 26th – The Most Holy Trinity

Thursday 30th – 40 Hour Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament begins

June

Sunday 2nd - Corpus Christi (Procession 11am Mass)

Sunday 2nd - Renewal of Commitment of Ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses

Monday 3rd - 40 hour devotion concludes

Sunday 9th - Confirmation Rite of Election, 6pm

Saturday 15th - First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 22nd - Confirmation, 3pm

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 11th Easter Feria	12.00 16.00 17.00 18.00	Ellen O'Gorman RIP (First Holy Communion Mass) Baptisms of Adrina Mathan, Evangeline Mensah, Ellecia Akua Adobebe Ansa, Toby Edward Finn and Chiamara Lucy Eze Sacrament of Reconciliation Alan Watkins RIP (First Holy Communion Mass)
+ Sunday 12th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Patrick Galligan RIP (A) (First Holy Communion Mass) People of the Parish (First Holy Communion Mass) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Darrell Moraes RIP
Monday 13th Our Lady of Fatima	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Joan Keightley RIP
Tuesday 14th ST MATTHIAS	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Martin Ferguson RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 15th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 16th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30 11.00	Morning Prayer Rita Harrigan RIP FUNERAL MASS – VINCENT SCANLON RIP
Friday 17th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Lawrence Santan Costa RIP
Saturday 18th Easter Feria	12.00 17.00 18.00	Ellen O'Gorman RIP (First Holy Communion Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation Ignatius Abreu RIP (A) (First Holy Communion Mass)
+ Sunday 19th PENTECOST SUNDAY	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Eileen Marks RIP (First Holy Communion Mass) Intentions of the Johnson Family (First Holy Communion Mass) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Eileen Marks RIP

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

Thank you for your generosity in last weeks Offertory Collection:

4/5 May: Envelopes £1437.86, Loose £697.51, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2555.37

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