

PLEASE PRAY FOR : THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Brian Jones, Stephen Anderson, Julie Murphy, Mrs. Byron, Margaret Geoghegan, *They will be prayed for especially at 12 noon Mass today (Sunday) & THOSE WHO ARE SICK* who will be remembered at Mass on Saturday 29th May at 10.00am. *The Sick List is in the porch of No. 60, The Presbytery.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIGHTS: You might like to dedicate the two candles on either side of the Tabernacle in memory of a loved one. The dedication this week is in memory of **Claude Leport RIP.** Please contact Maria Connolly if you would like to reserve a week. (There is a suggested donation of £10).

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS:
Bernie Donovan's Team this Monday

DAY BY DAY is a monthly publication which gives all the readings at Mass for each day, fits easily into your pocket and costs just £1. You will find copies for sale on the Papers Table alongside another very useful and popular publication **The Simple Prayer Book.** This gem contains many familiar prayers and devotions and is almost a mini-encyclopedia of the Catholic Faith. It costs £1.95 and is published by the Catholic Truth Society.

FUNERALS: Stephen Anthony ANDERSON RIP

Thursday 27th May 12.30pm Funeral Service followed by burial at Mortlake Cemetery

Brian Jones RIP

Friday 4th June 11.00am at Mortlake Crematorium **May they rest in peace.**

POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND - THE LATEST NEWS.

Archbishop Vincent Nichols has sent us the following information. Three large gatherings are planned—in Scotland (where Pope Benedict arrives on 16th September) in London on the 18th and in the West Midlands (the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman on Sunday 19th). The precise arrangements will not be finalised until the middle of June. It is likely that transportation to the Scottish and the West Midlands celebrations will only be by approved coach companies because of security. Pope Benedict's Visit differs from Pope John Paul's in that the Pope comes at the invitation of Her Majesty the Queen and it is officially a State Visit. The non-religious element of his visit will be paid for by the state. But the cost of the religious celebrations falls on the Catholic Church in England and Wales and is expected to be some £7 million of which £3 million had already been raised in sponsor Ship. The remainder will be asked for in every parish **this weekend** after every Mass. It is hoped that 60% of the normal Sunday collection will be raised in each parish—for us that would be £1200.

THIS WEEK

Mon 24th	9.30am	Mass
Tue 25th	9.30am	Mass St Bede the Venerable
Wed 26th	9.30am	Mass St Philip Neri
Thu.27th	6.30pm	Mass St. Augustine of Canterbury
Fri. 28th	9.10am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass
Sat. 29th	10.00am	Mass
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun.30h May	9.00am	Mass
The Feast of	10.30am	Family Mass
The Most Holy	12 noon	Mass
Trinity	6.00pm	Mass

MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY:

Our Portuguese community are having their annual May Procession at 7.30pm today. Everyone is welcome to join them as they celebrate their faith and process through the streets surrounding our church.



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PENTECOST

23rdMay 2010

Fifty days ago, we celebrated Easter. On that day we sung the alleluias and proclaimed that the Lord was risen; that the splendour of the king had conquered darkness, the darkness of the world, the darkness of our lives. Last Sunday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord and heard the words of Jesus: "and now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised" The Holy Spirit. Then, we joined Mary and the disciples in the upper room praying and waiting for the Holy Spirit to be sent from on high.

Today, with this great feast of Pentecost we reach the climax of the Easter season, of these fifty days that I hope we had been celebrating with immense joy. Today, we welcome the Spirit of the risen Lord into our lives. The same Spirit that God breathed into Adam and he became a living being, the same Spirit that gave life to a bunch of dry bones in the vision of Ezequiel, the same Spirit that brought Jesus back to life.

For Jewish people, the feast of Pentecost developed into a great "harvest festival", blessing God for the fruits of the earth. For us Christians, Pentecost is also a "harvest" feast. But it is the harvest of what St. Paul calls the "fruits of the Spirit". And St. Paul tells that the fruits of the Spirit are: LOVE, JOY PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL.

Do you want to live with more love in your heart - love for God, love for others? Do you want to show more patience, more kindness, more goodness, in your family? Do you want a more faithful spirit, to be a more gentle and self-controlled person? I certainly want! May this feast fill our hearts with joy and peace, only the Joy and only the peace that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus Christ can offer to us.

Fr. Agustin

POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT APPEAL: The Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland are asking every parish in their country to take up a special collection **this weekend, the Feast of Pentecost**, to help fund the cost of the Pope's visit here in September (more details on the back page of this newsletter). Some £7million is needed to cover the religious celebrations of what is in effect a State Visit. In other words, most of the costs will be met by the State. £3 million has already been raised in sponsorship by the Church. The Bishops are hoping that each parish can raise 60% of its normal Sunday income—for us that would mean £1200. The Bishops remind us also of the need for us to pray for the success of the visit. The collection will remain open for a few weeks. If you are not able to contribute today please take an envelope—these will be found on the Papers Table—and return it when you can. We have to send the monies in by 14th June.

RED MISSION BOXES - it's time for these to be emptied. Those who have a box at home should find an envelope with their name and address on it on the table near the Papers Table. Please take yours home, empty the contents of your box into it and bring the envelope back **next weekend**. If you are not able to do this please ring Suzi, our parish organiser on 07817 599 692.

CAKES GALORE! Our bakers will be producing more delicacies for sale after the 10.30 am & 12 noon Masses today. Proceeds will go towards funding Pope Benedict's visit!

JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT REQUIRED to undertake domestic cleaning duties at Allen Hall Seminary, Beaufort Street, Chelsea. Hours of Work—7.00am—3.30pm Monday-Friday. Salary £8.50 per hour. Closing date for applications 31 May 2010.

DIRECTOR ST. JOSEPH'S PASTORAL CENTRE (Hendon). St Joseph's is an agency of the Diocese of Westminster which provides social and spiritual support to adults and children with learning difficulties and their families. Salary £40k. Closing date 18th June 2010

For job descriptions and application forms for any of the above, please go to the job section of our diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk or contact Julie Dauncey at juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk, apply in writing to HR Department, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. or phone 020 7798 9167.

OUR PARISH SHOP has been revamped and will be open this weekend after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening, 10.30am Mass on Sunday and the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday. Eventually, we hope that it will be open after every Mass on Sundays. On sale are **Rosaries, Baptism gifts, First Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts, Mass Cards**. If there are items you would like that are not there, we may be able to order them for you. Please support this venture which will help raise much needed funds for our parish.

WHERE IS THE PARISH SHOP?? It is part of **No 62 Rylston Road** and is the first door on your left as you approach the side entrance of the Church. When No.62 is open there is also another internal door to the shop.

FRIDAYS IN MAY: The Bishops of England and Wales have asked every parish to arrange some time of prayer in reparation for the dreadful sin of child abuse and the ways in which such abuse was covered up or ignored by authorities in the Church. We will recite the Rosary each Friday at 9.10am before the 9.30am Mass.

CONFIRMATION: Candidates are reminded of a) their session on Monday evening at 7.30pm (No.62) and b) of their rehearsal on Friday 11th June at 7.30pm. Their families and friends might like to know that we have Confirmation cards and gifts on sale in the Parish Shop (see above).

ADMINISTRATIVE ARCHIVIST (1 year fixed term post) with the Diocese of Westminster and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. 35 hours per week Monday—Friday. Salary £25,000 - 27,000. Closing date for applications 4th June 2010

THIS WEEK

MON

IRISH DANCING No session 24/5 & 31/5; **Meditation Group 6.00pm (No 60); RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH 7.30pm (No 60) ;**

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PARENTS & TODDLERS: 9.30 - 11.30 (No. 62);

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KIDS CLUB 4.00-5.30pm; JUNIOR CLUB 7.30-9.00pm (No. 62) CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 - 7.30pm (Church)

(No. 60 = The Presbytery or Priests' House; No 62 = 62 Rylston Road)

FUTURE EVENTS :

JUNE

Saturday 5th June PARISH SPRING-CLEAN DAY! Lots of help needed to clear out the garage, the cellar and the choir loft. More details to come!

Saturday 12th June SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION with Bishop Alan Hopes at 6.30pm

JULY

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 25th—31st July. Come and join Archbishop Vincent Nichols and people and priests from all over the Diocese of Westminster for a pilgrimage of prayer and faith in the wonderful shrine of Lourdes. A group from St. Thomas' have already signed up to go by train (via Eurostar) and to stay in a recommended hotel not far from the Grotto—the Beau Site. There will be a full pilgrimage programme opening with Mass in the Cathedral of the Trees, a Mass at the Grotto and on in the underground Basilica. Other devotions such as The Stations of the Cross, visiting the Baths, the procession of The Blessed Sacrament and the torch-light procession. And then there's the social side!!! The cost (including travel, accommodation, full-board and pilgrimage prayer-book and badge) is £570 (and single room supplements £150). Fr. Paul has booking forms and there are still places available. To assure places on the train and at our chosen hotel it would be advisable to book SOON!

MAY 200 CLUB DRAW will take place today (Sunday) after the 12 noon Mass. If you would like to join the club, forms will be available at the draw which will take place in No. 62 Rylston Road.

THANKS FROM THE VERBUM DEI COMMUNITY for the recent fundraising event which raised £350 for the mission trip to the Philippines. The draw will take place on Sunday 6th June at 10.00am in No. 62. If you want more tickets please ring 020 7731 3367.

CONGRATULATIONS to MELISA, EMMA, MAXIMILLIAN, NATHAN, TENNELLE, EDEN, FRANCESCA, JOSEPH, CALLUM, AMALIA, and CARLOS who are making their **First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass today.** They will be followed by others on **Sundays 6th and 20th June.** Rehearsals are on the Friday beforehand at 6.00pm.