# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## II-I2 May 2024 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Word for the Week: 'But now, I am coming to You Father! Fulfil my joy in them!' In 17.13

#### This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week. Sat II Feria of Easter 6 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday and Rosary -Ileana Amandini (special intention) R: Joyful NB Second Collection after all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network SUN 12 **Seventh Sunday of Easter** R: Glorious also World Communications Day (see opposite) Mass- James & Mary McDermott RIP (Anniv) 8am Parish Mass – Eric Chandler RIP (Anniv) I0am Mon 13 Our Lady of Fatima, Memorial 9.30am Mass - Yvonne Jansz RIP and Natalie Koelmeyer RIP (Birthday remembrance) R: Joyful Tues 14 St Matthias, Feast Mass - Jenny Hicks RIP 9.30am R: Sorrowful Wed I5 Feria of Easter 7 9.30am Mass and Rosary – Ila Shukla (ill-health) R: Glorious Thurs 16 Feria of Easter 7 R: Luminous No Mass day [Gospel: John 17.20-26] Fri 17 Feria of Easter 7 7<sub>pm</sub> Mass and Rosary - Fatima Lau R: Sorrowful Friday abstinence **Sat 18** Pope John I, Memorial 5.30pm **Vigil Mass of Pentecost** – Ileana Amandini R: Joyful (special intention) followed by Rosary **SUN 19** Pentecost Sunday 8am Mass – People of the parish Parish Mass – Aoife Torpy (Thanksgiving) 10am R: Glorious

- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage: all enquiries direct to Fr Ionathan or the Parish Office
- ◆ Funerals: by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director
- ◆ Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130
- ◆ Sign up for the Catholic Bishops News Service www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/
- ◆ Please support Emma Nwawulor to support sick pilgrims in Lourdes. This work cannot happen without sponsorship (and Emma needs to collect £1K). There are envelopes at the back for any help you can give, and this QR if you prefer to help by contactless donation.



- A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish. Please take this newsletter home.
- ◆ Parents and carers please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at the back of the church, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, please accompany any child to the toilet. Thank you.
- ♦ World Communications Day, today, takes up Christ's command to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication through our websites, publications and social media channels. Our local Bishops' Conference works hard to maintain positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to all aspects of the life of the Church.
- ◆ To be said before Mass ALMIGHTY God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
- The ORDER of Mass can be found on the pew card.

Scripture readings can be found from p.277-79 of the Mass Book.

Psalm – all say: The Lord has set His sway in heaven.

Gospel – all sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! "I will not leave your orphans", says | the Lord. I will come back to you and your hearts will | be full- of joy." Alleluia!

◆ To be said or sung after all Sunday Masses:



allelúia: Resurréxit, sicut dixit, alle-lúia: Ora pro nobis De-um, allelú-ia.

OR JOY to thee, O Queen of heaven: alleluia. He whom thou wast blessed to bear, alleluia. As He promised, hath arisen! alleluia. Pour for us to God thy prayer. alleluia.

Tune: Laudate 267

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Together, let us pray: O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ NB There is a Second Collection as you leave Mass for the work of the Catholic Communications Network. Please give as generously as you can. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8bpUjYFrs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8bpUjYFrs</a>

**REFLECTIONS** on today's scriptures In 2017 after more than a quarter century, our Bishops Conference restored Ascension to Thursday of the sixth week of Eastertide. The gospel readings on the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost are taken from the farewell discourse of Jesus in St John's Gospel as he sits at table with his disciples for the last time – John 16.16–17.26. The discourse draws out the relation between Jesus, 'the Son' and His 'Father' the one who sent Him, and to whom He must return. By telling them, as friends, everything that His Father has said to Him, Jesus tries to steady his anxious disciples telling them that He will soon return to them, promising the coming of the Paraclete.

Pope Benedict memorably taught (27 June 2008) "At the moment when Christ, his mission fulfilled, returns to the Father, He sends the Spirit as Defender and Consoler to remain with believers for ever, dwelling within them. Thus, through the mediation of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*, an intimate mutual relationship is established between God the *Father* and the *disciples*. However, all of this *depends entirely* on one condition, which Christ imposes from the beginning: 'If you love me' (*Jn* 14.15); which he repeats at the end: 'He who *obeys my commandments* loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father" (*Jn* 14.21).

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1.15–17, 20–26 The selection of Matthias as successor to Judas in the Twelve occurred after the Lord's Ascension. This is a human

◆ Please pray regularly for our

First Confession and Communion candidates Emiliana, Ben, Naim, Zach, Matteo, Elijah, Imogen, Aoife, Stefania Confirmation candidates Irene, Magdalena, André, Joseph, Zachary; Rocco, Holly, Lauren, Karen, Rocco, Connor, Joanna, Jack, Robin

Holy Father, pour out your blessing on all those in our parish preparing to enter more deeply into your sacraments. Draw them to yourself, give them understanding of mind and heart, and bless their families through them. Through Christ. Amen.

- NEXT Friday 7.00pm St Patrick's Church, Soho Sq (Tottenham Ct tube). Marian illustrated Lecture by our very own Fr. Patrick van der Vorst, founder of the amazingly successful www.Christian.Art, For tickets: guild-ransom.co.uk/events
- NEXT Saturday 2.30pm All Saints Kenton; Ecumenical May Devotion and Procession to St Mary's Kenton followed by a Pentecost party (bring a dish and share a taste of home). All SWoY parishioners are invited.
- ◆ REPEAT NOTICE Open Evening, Catholic Grammar, North Finchley N12 Girls from practicing Catholic families who are interested in taking the entrance tests for the 2025 entry at <a href="www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/">www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/</a>—are invited by the school, with their parents, for a guided tour on Tuesday 25 June 5-7pm. The application form is now online. Priority given for up to 32 girls registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school. The deadline for applications is 2 July
- ◆ New Westminster bishop Bishop-elect Jim Curry's episcopal ordination is on Tuesday 18 June at 12 noon in the Cathedral. If you can, please go; if you can't, please pray!
- ◆ A First Saturday celebration of Divine Mercy will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday I June, I Iam-4.30pm. Please call Millie on 07957 594646. Coaches from Ealing and Victoria.



nomination like any other in every generation of the Church's life, but God's Spirit was clearly understood as having a role in the outcome. For it was election to serve in the ministry of the Church and in the preaching of the gospel. The Church trusts she gets the minsters *God* gives her.

Second Reading: I John 4.11–16 Responses to the migration crisis in Europe continue to reveal that many people do a great deal of good for others without necessarily being motivated by religious convictions. That would have been true in Jesus' day too. But here John makes clear to the early Christians that for those of us who have experienced the love of God, love of others is no longer an optional extra. Divine charity reveals itself in loving action.

Gospel: John 17.11–19 The story of the Church, locally and universally, has been marked by disputes even conflicts, often tied into the expansion of nations. Jesus prays for his Church and its unity. It is less a question of denominations coming together – Jesus knew nothing of that – than a question of uniting in the truth of Christ's relationship to His Father.

Votive lights burn this week

at Our Lady: for continued healing for Parul

## **Readers**

I I May 5.30pm Lily MeghjiI 2 May 8am Amalie Direkze

10am Monika Tabarrok, Ignatius & Nikita Pinto

18 May 5.30pm Jennifer Bourke19 May 8am Daphne Byron

10am Anna Acuti, Maureen Ruane, Robert Chandler

**Church Cleaning Rota** 

18 May **Team B** Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrė Balčaitė

25 May **Team C** Dominick Martins, Derrick & Elaine Pereira

### Weekly Almsgiving on 05/05/2024

 Loose Plate
 £ 416.35

 Envelopes
 £ 247.00

 Standing Orders & Online
 £ 620.00

 TOTAL
 £1283.35

- ◆ Scripture readings at Mass As I have announced before, the new translation of the Scriptures [the ESV: see NewLectionary.org] will be in use from Advent this year. Whatever we do in terms of congregational books, we shall need copies of the official publication for the ambo. 5 volumes (4 lectionary and a Book of Gospels) will cost parishes £927 with discount. See the noticeboard if you would might like to make a contribution to our parish copy. The present ones have lasted 40 years.
- ◆ Holy Communion at home From time to time I am asked to take Communion to someone at home but very often the housebound themselves will not ask directly. So, there are forms at the back of the church if you want to alert me EITHER to someone who might want this ministry, who hasn't spoken up; OR to your desire to serve (whether or not you've done so before) as an 'Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion', and could visit people with the Sacrament immediately following Sunday Mass. DBS clearance is required for this ministry. FrIG