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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

15/16 May 2022

Saturday 14 May

17.00 Rosary
17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
People of the parish

Sunday 15 May

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)
8.00 Mass Noreen Coyne
(6th Anniv)
10.00 Parish Mass
Eric Chandler RIP

Monday 16 May *Easter ferial*

9.30 Mass & Rosary
Robin Rodé (90th birthday)

Tuesday 17 May *Easter ferial*

Day of prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse
9.30 Mass & Rosary
Tom Conry RIP

Wednesday 18 May

Pope St John I, martyr
9.30 Mass & Rosary
Bharati Shukla (sickness)

Thursday 19 May *Easter ferial*

No Mass

Friday 20 May

St Bernadine of Siena
19.00 Mass & Rosary
Sabina Coutinho RIP (Anniv)

Saturday 21 May *Easter ferial*
Anniversary of the Cardinal's installation as our Bishop in 2009

11.00 Funeral –
Rosemarie Fernandopulle RIP

16.15-17.15 Confessions
17.00 Rosary
17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Nora Balfe (101st birthday)

Sunday 22 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)
8.00 Mass People of the parish
10.00 Parish Mass
Marzena & Slawek (30th wedding anniversary 24th April)

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C – Luke)

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in the *Parish Mass Book*, pages 271-273

The strange sounding place-names of the first reading, and the exotic symbolism of the second reading, seem very far removed from every-day life in NW London on a Sunday morning. Can we connect with these texts? Well yes – if we have ever heard a reading, or listened to a homily that encouraged us, or if we have ever been moved at the sight of a tear being gently wiped from the face of someone in sorrow, then *these readings* can speak to us. For they are all about encouragement. All of us from time to time need to know that we are not on our own, and we need also to be reminded that any words of encouragement that we can find to give to one another are rarely – if ever! – wasted.

First Reading: Acts 14.21–7 We encounter the intrepid apostles Paul and Barnabas, now re-visiting the communities they had already visited. They're back in Antioch in Pisidia, the scene of last week's first reading. It is clear from their experience that those who embrace the faith must be realistic about what it may involve for them. Whether they are from Jewish or non-Jewish background, they are going to face great difficulties. Therefore Paul makes sure to appoint leaders who will be able to guide them through the difficult days that may lie ahead. These are called 'presbyters' (elders) and will have a vital role in ensuring the growth of the early Church. Having done that, Paul and Barnabas return to the starting point for their journey which was another Antioch. This one was one of the largest cities of the Roman Empire and one of the first centres for the growth of the Church. Indeed Luke tells us that it was here that followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians' (Acts 11.25–6). On their return Paul and Barnabas are happy to share with their community the exciting news that God has brought the pagans to faith.

Second Reading (NT): Revelation 21.1–5 Satan has finally been defeated. The descriptions of these heavenly battles are not simple predictions: they're dramatic portrayals which show how the work of Jesus will triumph over the work of evil and sin. In the previous chapters Rome, as the centre of a pagan and hostile empire, stood for the realm of evil. Now that evil has been defeated, the 'new Jerusalem' appears, the city of God, set in a new heaven and a new earth. In this new world order, God lives among his people and once again he is presented as the one who wipes away their tears. The tender imagery points to the relationship between God the husband and his bride, the Church. Now, for the *first time* in the *entire* sweep of biblical history, the bond between God and his people is *fully* restored. This is indeed a new creation.

Gospel: John 13.31—5 This is an extract from Jesus' teaching at the Last Supper. He explains that His suffering which will follow in the coming hours is actually the culmination of his life's work. His fidelity to the task of revealing God has brought him now to the point where God is glorified in what he does. Jesus has 'loved to the end'; evil will not triumph.

Prayer 5 minutes 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, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

After this prayer until the bell at the start of Mass is an opportunity to pray silently together in preparation.

Confessions

Please note the **new time for Saturday confessions**, for an hour before the Vigil Mass. All parishioners, of whatever age, are encouraged to make their confession on a regular basis. You are welcome to make a personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan at any time.

Ascension Day

This solemnity, which is a holy day of obligation, falls on 26 May this year – a week on Thursday. There will be a Mass with hymns at 7.00 pm.

And, looking ahead into June, five more solemn feasts ...

Sunday 5 June - **Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday 19 June - **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Friday 24 June - **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Wednesday 29 June - **St Peter and St Paul**

Friday 2 July - **Dedication of our Cathedral**

Priest Training Fund

THANK YOU for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend.

It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please also continue to pray for more vocations – that young men will feel inspired and supported to offer their lives and skills in this way.

Meeting for altar servers

A meeting for all altar servers will be held in the church after tomorrow's 10am Mass (Sunday 15 May).

Readers Rota

<u>14 May 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>15 May 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>15 May 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding prayers Daniela Amasanti-DeBono		
<u>21 May 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>22 May 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>22 May 10am</u>	Readings Ray & Alex Kulanthai, Bidding prayers Robert Chandler		
<u>28 May 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>29 May 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>29 May 10am</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger		

Counters Rota

<u>15 May</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>22 May</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>29 May</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva-

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>21 May</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah
<u>28 May</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
<u>4 June</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza