# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: - WORLD COMMUNI- CATIONS DAY -** This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

PENTECOST 2024: - Pentecost Sunday is 19th of May and it is the feast for the Church and for the Spiritans who serve you. The Spiritans are named after the Holy Spirit and were founded on a Pentecost day. There will be a special Pentecost Mass at the 11am Mass. We are asked to come with our cultural attire in order to represent the unity in diversity of nations and cultures of our Church. There will be light refreshment after Mass in the Old Chapel.

The Spiritans will be doing their first mission appeal on Pentecost Sunday; the Spiritans work among the poorest of the poor people in the world as missionaries. They work with orphans, refugees and deprived communities in the world. Please be generous to them. Fr. Michael will preach the mission appeal for the Spiritans in all the Pentecost Masses.

PENTECOST NOVENA HAS STARTED AND WILL BE GOING ON TILL THE 18 MAY.

PARISH VOLUNTEER TEAM: - The Parish has established a Parish volunteer team to help manage and organize volunteering in the Parish. They will be inaugurated on Pentecost day. They will listen to everyone of us to discern how we can serve God more. Please, let us remember that we are all called by Christ to be his steward. Think of what you can do for your parish.

FR IGNATIUS' FAREWELL COLLECTION – Please collect an envelope, marked "Fr Ignatius' Farewell Collection" on the front and either put it through the presbytery door or put it in the weekly collection at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £620.61

Gift-aid: £295.56 Total: £916.17

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2024** 

A. Cash / Cheques – £,4,381.63

- 1. Gift-Aided f,1,558.07
- 2. Non-G/A f2,823.56
- B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers £2,680
- 1. Gift-Aided £2,440
- 2. Non-G/A £240
- C. Contactless Machine £1,043.30

#### PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

**JUMBLE SALE: 18 MAY 12 - 2PM** Please come along and pick up a real bargain. Top quality items will be sold at rock bottom prices. If you would like to donate anything, please bring your donations along to the Presbytery during Office hours or the RC Parish Hall on the morning of the sale. No rubbish please! Thank you.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE: - If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" in order to convert them. The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying, to his home, where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + Headteacher: Mr Ben Martin



#### MAY THEY BE ONE

In today's gospel, Jesus offers a powerful prayer for his disciples and all Christians that the may be united, that they may be protected from evil, and that they may be consecrated in the truth. The Second Vatican council describes the Church as the people of God. We are a community of hearts and souls, we are a community of individuals and groups, we are a fellowship of people from diverse backgrounds. In this fellowship, family occupies an important space and everyone has an indispensable role to play.

The Church, like the human body, is a living organism that must function harmoniously. Everyone in the community must contribute his or her gifts, time and talents, towards the well being and growth of all. John Paul II says, "no one is so poor that he has nothing to offer and no one is so rich that he does not need something from somebody." There is no room for back benchers, passive onlookers in the true church of Christ.

God saves us not just as individuals, but as a community; there is no private solitary Christian. There may be religions that people practice without involving other neighbours but Christianity is different; Christianity is communitarian. We need our neighbours to practice our Christian faith. How we relate with one another is part of how we relate with God. We have the vertical and the horizontal relationship in our practice of the Christian faith. Community is the constitutive part of the very essence of Christianity. Without concrete involvement in a church, what we have is nothing but a private fantasy, not a genuine faith.

Fr. Boniface

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 12 MAY 2024 — 19 MAY 2024

(FEASTS: 14 - St Matttias & 19 - Petntecost)

Sat 11 18.30: Eileen Knibbs - Wellbeing (R Tibbs)

09.00: Bernadette Mitchell - Recovery & WB 11.00: David & Danny Docherty - RIP

**18.00:** Pro Populo - People of the Parish

**09:30:** Private Ints

**Mon 13 09:30:** Subash De Menezes - Ints (K Fox)

Tues 14 09.30: Maria Sebastian - Ints (Sebastian) 19.00: Lionel Holland - Recovery & WB

Wed 15 09:30: Kidd & Connolly Families - Ints (Stevens) 19.00: Nicholas Mortier - RIP

**Thurs 16 07.00:** Rajani Reginald - RIP

Fri 17 07.00: Shelia Walsh Recovery & WB 09:30: Thanksgiving (Sebina & Francis)

Sat 18 09:00: M. Ransom - RIP (Ghislaine)

Sat 18 18:30: Thomas Wilson - RIP (L Jones)

Sun 19 09.00: Michael Kocherry - RIP, 27th ANN (Kocherry Family)

**11.00:** Paul Neeson - RIP (C Stevens) **18.00** Pro Populo - People of the Parish

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8am MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS): MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm

YOUTH MASS: LAST SUNDAY: 6pm Mass

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA: TUESDAY: After morning and evening Masses

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: WEDNESDAY: After morning and evening Masses

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION: FIRST SATURDAY of the month, after morning Mass



Sun 12

**REMEMBERANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Rian Jack Nolan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

<u>THE SICK:</u> Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shir-

lene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Tony Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Joe Ingrasci, Baby Freddie Page, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Tony & Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Nee Collier, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Jesse Osborne, Shirley Nicholson, Vinitha Sherin, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Janice Ryan, Bernadette Mitchell, David Knights and Shelia Walsh.

A Gentle reminder: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 7-9 O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Penitential Act: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (And, striking their breast, they say:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

The Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begot- prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, listed as one of the twelve apostles. you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, All: Thanks be to God in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

cations, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### First reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was

Reader: The word of the Lord.

# Responsorial Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20 Opening Prayer: Graciously hear our suppli- The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. R

The Lord has set his sway in heaven

and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. R

### Second reading: 1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation: cf.Jn14:18

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

#### THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. (At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow) For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer over the Offerings:** Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.