



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

01 JUNE 2025

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### A True Disciple Resembles the Master

During this Easter time, the Acts of the Apostles constantly narrates the experiences of the apostles and disciples after Jesus' Ascension. In many instances we have recognised what happened in the life of Jesus continued happening in their lives, such as: miracles, moving to different places to preach, and also persecutions. St. Stephen had an outstanding resemblance to his Master, especially in his sufferings. As the Lord was thrown out of the city for crucifixion (Jn 19:17), so also was Stephen (Act 7:58). During the persecution, Jesus forgave and prayed for those who crucified him (Lk 23:34) as Stephen also did (Act 7:60). Finally, they both surrendered themselves to God (Lk 23:46; Act 7:59). Thereafter, their victory has proclaimed the eternal life which has been acknowledged in every generation. These experiences have remained in the lives of believers from that time right up to the present day. This week on 3rd June, the Catholic Church will celebrate the glorious life and martyrdom of St. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions – the Uganda Martyrs. They chose to serve the living God by accepting all the tortures from their King including burning them at the stake in the period between 1885-1887. Their martyrdom gave a strong foundation to the faith and has always attracted many pilgrims including Popes particularly Paul VI (1969), John Paul II (1993) and Francis (2015). As Tertullian wrote in his 2nd Century Apologeticus, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church", this has remained true from the time of Jesus, of St. Stephen and of many other Martyrs. We are the disciples of today and the risen Lord is calling upon us to bear witness to him (Acts 1:8) and participate in the growth of his kingdom. May the Holy Spirit endow us with fortitude to stand steadfast for our Lord and his Church. Fr. Bonaventure CSSp

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 01 JUNE 2025 — 08 JUNE 2025

Sat 31	18.30: John Brennan - 3rd Anni
Sun 01	09.00: Lourdes Louis - RIP, 6th Anni ( <i>Louis Family</i> ) 11.00: Irene Boffa - RIP & Intentions of Kathy Goggin. Emidio De Olivivei (RIP Anni) (Oliveira family) 18.00: Winifride Fynn - RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
Mon 02	09.30: Maria Rosaria D'Agostino (Taylor) ( <i>F D'Agostino</i> ) <b><u>ST CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS - MEMORIAL</u></b>
Tues 03	09.30: Therese Walker - Recovery ( <i>M Musinguzi</i> ) 19.00: Rajani Reginald
Wed 04	09.30: Mr Valerian - RIP ( <i>Mirrinda</i> ) 19.00: Michael Connolly - RIP ( <i>D Kidd</i> )
Thurs 05	<b><u>ST BONIFACE - MEMORIAL</u></b> 07.00: Arthur & Helen Waight - RIP ( <i>FM</i> ) 09.30: Mr & Mrs Arthur Chester - RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
Fri 06	07.00: John Walsh (RIP). ( <i>J. Dunseath</i> ) 09.30: Michael Connolly - RIP ( <i>K Goggin</i> )
Sat 07	09.00: Mary Hansbury - RIP, 3rd Anni ( <i>A-M Egan</i> )
Sat 07	18.30: Lucy Mulcahy - RIP, 5th Anni ( <i>B Mulcahy</i> )
Sun 08	09.00: Dec'd Mems of the Healy Family ( <i>K Jankowski</i> ) 11.00: Barbara Niedzielak - RIP, 5th Anni ( <i>M Niedzielak</i> ) 18.00: People of the Parish

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Tim Ryan, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Ravenna Ahmed, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Bria, June Munk, & Jim Maynard

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:**  
**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**  
**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**  
**YOUTH MASS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM**  
**SATURDAY: -** 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm  
**TUESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**WEDNESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**FIRST SATURDAY -** of the month, after morning Mass  
**FIRST FRIDAY -** of the month  
**LAST SUNDAY** of the month

# 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**

**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 Begotten 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, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Opening Prayer:

Graciously hear our supplications, 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. **Amen.**

## First reading

**Acts 7:55-60**

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R1a, 9b**

***The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.***

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and right are the foundation of his throne. **R**

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. All you angels, worship him. **R**

For you indeed are the LORD, most high above all the earth, exalted far above all gods. **R**

## Second reading

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one

for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Cf. John 14:18**

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**John 17:20-26**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

**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. **Amen**

### **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. **Amen.**

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA** has started and will be on until Saturday 7th June. There is Novena prayer 6-7pm, every evening in the church during the weekday and 5 - 6pm every evening at the weekend. There will be reflections on the Holy Spirit and Novena Prayers. A copy of the Novena intentions are at the back of the Church and there is a Novena prayer box that we will put our intentions into. The Pentecost Novena is the oldest Novena of the Church and the only Novena that Our Lord Jesus Christ directly asked us to do himself.

**FOR PENTECOST, A SMALL PRAYER TREE WILL BE PLACED IN THE SIDE OF THE ALTAR.** Children should be encouraged to take a label (found next to the Tree and in the Narthex), write a prayer and tie it to the Tree.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** is for the Spiritans to support their mission work all over the world. The Spiritans work among the poorest of the poor in the society. Please be generous to them.

**PENTECOST MASS PREPARATION AND PRACTICE** will take place on Friday, 6th of June at 7pm. This involves all those leading in different activities in the Mass.

### **PENTECOST CELEBRATION 2025: SUN 8 JUNE, 11.00**

**MASS** Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure warmly invite you to a special Pentecost Mass and parish day, 11.00 on Sunday 8 June 2025. The Mass will be celebrated in different languages to represent our diverse Parish community. The Church will be decorated with flags and parishioners are asked to bring their own flags to the event. In addition, parishioners, including the Priests, are invited to dress in their cultural attire. Led by the scouts, the children will process into Church at the beginning of Mass, carrying flags. Following on from the Mass, there will be a Parish Day. All parishioners, family & friends are invited. There will be a range of food and drink, balloons and, of course, a celebration cake. There will also be games for the children. More information to follow. Please save the date in your diaries!

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ELSPETH CASEY AND WINNIE GROVE FOR TAKING THE LEAD** in organising this year's Pentecost celebration and Parish Day. They have worked so hard. Please speak to them if you would want to include anything to enhance the celebration

**WE NEED DONATIONS OF FOOD, DRINKS & MONEY FOR** the celebration of the feast of Pentecost and our Parish day. We also need bottles for stalls and volunteers. You can speak with Elspeth or Winnie or any of the clergy. **VISITATION OF THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO FAMILIES HAS STARTED.** The statue will be visiting the home of Maria Emmanuel. May our Lady intercede for her and her family. If you are interested in having our Blessed Mother as your guest for a week, please put your name in the diary on the altar rail to the

left hand side of the altar.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN PARISH ACCOUNTING AND GIFT AID.** Even if you do not have experience, you could be trained by one of our professionals to a certification level. Please, speak to any of the clergy or send an email to Fr. Michael.

**ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS:** We need altar servers for our Confirmation Mass on Saturday 21 June 2025. If you can help with this important mass please can you add your name to the sign up sheet in the RDJ room. You will need to be there by 10.15 am. Many thanks Jacques Lambert Parish MC

**VOLUNTEER, FIRE MARSHALLS - . All Fire Marshalls, new & old should attend.** A training session of an hour and a half will take place on **Mon 2nd June at 7.00pm.** If you are interested contact Denise in the Parish Office. Thank you.

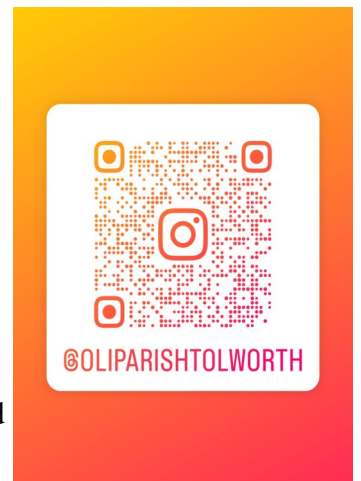
**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** World Communications Sunday.

## **PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDFORTH CELEBRATION FOR FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE ON SUNDAY 15TH OF JUNE AT THE 11AM MASS.** It will be our celebration of his beautiful work in the parish and an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to him. There will be a get together in the Parish hall after the Mass and all are invited. Please bring food and drink to share on that day. Thank you.

### **THE SOCIAL MEDIA HAS BEEN CALLED THE NEW CONTINENT**

**FOR EVANGELISATION:** The Good News and our prayers can reach more people and make more impact through the social media. The Parish is now on **Instagram and Tiktok.** Our user name for both accounts is **oliparishtolworth**. We welcome contents that you may want to post such as group activities and reflections. Please, look for us, follow us and invite your friends and family to follow us.



**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our children will be receiving the Lord for the first time in the Holy Eucharist on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. Many thanks to their catechists, parents, family, and all who have been supporting them during this important step in discipleship. Kindly continue to keep them and their families in your prayers. Thanks!

**CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION** Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar for the South West Area of our Archdiocese will be visiting our parish on Saturday, 21st of June 2025 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people who have been preparing to renew their Baptism and be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many thanks to their catechists, parents, sponsors, and all who have been supporting them on this journey. Please keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations. Many thanks.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** There will be a mini procession after the 11am Mass of Corpus Christi on 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2025. The children who are receiving First Holy Communion on 14th June will be celebrating their Thanksgiving and will all take part in the procession. The procession will end with a Benediction inside the Church.



# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**Kingston Deanery Building a Better Marriage** – June 28th 2025 held at Surbiton parish in St Raphael's Church hall, At 9.30am – 4.30pm. This is a day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course.

## Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#).

## DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD 7TH JUNE

As well as St Josph's a coach is being organised from St. Raphael's in Surbiton that will also make a stop at St. Catherines in Chessington. The cost is £26 per person. If you would like to book a seat please call Michael in the Parish Office at St. Raphael's on 0208 541 4999 ASAP.

**Conference on the PROSPECTS AND HOPE FOR THE PAPACY OF LEO XIV** will take place at the Medieval Crypt of St Etheldreda's Church, 14 Ely Place, Holborn, EC1N 6RY Nearest tube stations: Farringdon or Chancery Lane. The church cannot be seen from Charterhouse Street. Therefore walk down Ely Place and turn left at Mountford Barrister's Chambers, 13 Ely Place. Friday 20th June 2025 6pm - 9pm. Conference Fee £35 Including folder of Conference documents. Please book by sending your name and address to: Anthony Weaver, Retreats Beyond Dover, 19 G Peabody, Wild Street, Covent Garden, London WC2B 4BQ Tel: 020 7379 7273 email: retreatsdover@gmail.com Bank payment to: Nat-West account: 69134162 Sort Code: 56 00 20

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £280.75      Non-Gift-aid: £998.27  
Total: £1,279.02

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## LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

### African-Caribbean Cultural Night – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 7:30PM

Join us for the last event of this year's Lenten Project. It always is an uplifting evening of culture, connection, and celebration. Tickets will be on sale at the end of each Mass in the Narthex, or you can reserve your place online using the QR code.



Tickets for the African-Caribbean Night are available / on sale in the Narthex. Payment by card is also available.

### Dates for your diary!

- ✂ 7th June – African-Caribbean Cultural Night
- ✂ 6th September – Lenten Project Charities Nominations Begin
- ✂ 19th October – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

A dentist came home to his wife excited about serving as a missionary using his dental skills. When she was against the idea, the dentist replied, "I am sure the Lord is calling me to do this." The wife was sceptical. "How do you know the Lord is calling you to do this?" "It's in the Bible. Psalms 81:10." So, she looked it up. *I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.*

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