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Sunday 21st May 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st May – 6th Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 20th May)

Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Pietro Mobile RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm Agnes Selman RIP

Sixth week of Easter:

Monday 22nd May

7.30am Susan Ryan RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving for First Holy

Communion of Ndubuisi Muoghalu

Tuesday 23rd May –

7.30am Gerry Landers RIP

10.00am Mary Quigley RIP

Wednesday 24th May

7.30am Clarice Durrant RIP

10.00am John McCarthy RIP

Thursday 25th May

*St Bede the Venerable, Priest and
Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

7.30am Eugene Shaughnessy RIP

10.00am Edna Graham RIP and

all her friends, living and dead.

Friday 26th May

St Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am UCM Intention

Saturday 27th May

*St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop,
Apostle of England, secondary Patron
of our Archdiocese (Feast)*

10.00am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Next Sunday 28th May

The Ascension of the Lord

6.15pm (Saturday 27th May)

Mr G. Maria Aroganampillai RIP

8.30am The Pope, the Church & Society

(SVP Intention)

10.00am Ellis Foundation Mass

12 Noon First Holy Communion

“Going Forth” Mass

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat 9.30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am

*Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am
Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon
from 5pm to 6pm, and daily at call
whenever a priest is available.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - Page 268.

A special booklet will be available for the
First Holy Communion Mass at 12 Noon.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to £2173.00

(£1575.00-baskets; £598.00-standing orders.)

Next Sunday is World Communications

Day. This will be marked by a **Second
Collection** to support the work of the Catholic
Communications Network, which acts on
behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England
& Wales, working with the media and
presenting the public position of the Church
on various issues, helping in the promotion of
the Gospel. There is NOT a Gift Aid envelope
for this collection. Please take an information
card, which includes a prayer for today.

MESSAGE RE GIFT AID:

**PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD
ENVELOPES. FROM NOW ON,
THE CONTENTS OF INCORRECT
ENVELOPES CANNOT BE INCLUDED.
PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW BOXES.
End of Year letters will be issued in the
next few weeks, for collection.**

In the coming week:

Saturday 27th – First Holy Communion
Candidates' “GOING FORTH” Session
from 10am–11.30am in the Upper Hall.

Sunday 28th – “GOING FORTH” Mass
At 12Noon. Candidates to assemble in
the Upper Hall by 11.30am latest.

After Mass, children to go to the Lower
Hall for lunch, and parents to go to the
Upper Hall for light refreshments.
Finish time approximately 1.45pm.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please offer a special prayer today
for the following children, who will
be receiving Our Blessed Lord in the
Sacrament of Holy Communion for
the very first time at 12 Noon Mass.

May this First Communion be
followed by regular and fervent
reception of Jesus Himself in this
most unique way throughout the
lives of these young people:

Thomas Madden;

Judith Ukadike;

Eliana Donohue;

Mireya Donohue;

Hari Muthy-Fernandes;

Stefano Corbo;

Christian Okeke;

Chloe Hickman;

Biruk Cranwell;

Sara Pita;

Angel Alban;

Trinity Davidson;

Tyson Collins;

Isaac Alexis;

Ndubuisi Muoghalu;

Chimaka Nwafor;

Monet Marie Clarke-Lewin.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Bob Foster, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Millicent Green**, of Ellison Road, who died peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice on Friday 7th April 2017.

Church Cleaning: Group 2: Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko.
Please could you help clean God's house?

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

Please pray for all clergy, and indeed for vocations to the Priesthood and the religious life. The special day dedicated to prayer for Fr Deo is Friday 26th May.

CTS: The CTS rack is situated beside the Repository. If you should wish to obtain an item which is not in the rack, please let us know, and we shall endeavour to order it on your behalf. Whether it be the Sacraments, the Saints, Prayer or Catechesis, there is something for everyone, with some items available in other languages such as Polish.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Halls will be closed on Thursday 8th June 2017 due to the General Election.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are advertising for a Despatch Officer.

Please see the yellow folder at the back of the church for full details of this position.

All Employment opportunities of interest to those in the Catholic sphere, including school positions and open days, may be found in the same folder in the porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

These are now becoming available weekly, as each First Holy Communion Mass takes place. Please order using the list in the porch. Thanks to John Taylor for this. Please collect & pay for photos promptly. Please be aware that John produces photos from his own resources.

HEAVEN'S ROAD CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is a new online radio station based at our diocesan seminary. You can tune in and enjoy features like prayers, interviews and music which appeal to a Catholic audience – a winning combination. The station is run on a shoestring by unpaid volunteers, so any donation, however small, would be very welcome. Cheques should be made payable for Heaven's Road FM and sent to Heaven's Road Radio, St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, Surrey GU3 0QX. Masses are also broadcast live on a daily basis, ideal if you are unable to get to church.

You can donate on their web site too. Listen on:

www.heavensroadfm/listen-now

A THOUGHT ON THE NEW SAINTS OF FATIMA

On 13th May, 2017, the 100th Anniversary of Our Blessed Mother Mary's first appearance to the three little shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, canonised Blessed Francisco Marto (died, aged 10, in April, 1919) and Blessed Jacinta Marto (died, aged 9, in February, 1920), the two youngest children. They are the youngest non-Martyrs ever to have been Canonised, that is, declared Saints in Heaven, and, therefore, listed in the Litany of the Saints and worthy of worldwide public veneration. The eldest of the children, Lucia, was told by Mary that she was to remain on earth in order to spread devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart. She became a Religious Sister, first of all with the Dorothean Sisters, in Spain and died, aged 98, Sister Lucia of Jesus, a Carmelite Nun, at Coimbra, Portugal, on 13th February, 2005. Her many writings are essential and inspiring reading.

These children showed very clearly what it is to truly love God and offered sacrifices in atonement for those who, sadly, had deserted Him. They were, in spite of their tender years, persecuted for their faith, even being put in prison and threatened with death if they did not reveal certain secrets told to them by Mary; to read of these secrets, see <http://catholicexchange.com/three-secrets-fatima-revealed>, among many other websites. Through their steadfast love for, and trust in God and His Mother, who told them that they would, indeed, go to Heaven, they refused to be coerced into revealing anything. God would do this in His own Good Time. As a result of this courage they are, among other things, Patrons of people made fun of for showing their piety, i.e. loving reverence, towards the Faith. Today, as we know, around the world, there are many literally still giving their lives for their faith. However, even if one is not called upon to die (and most of us will probably not), one must be prepared, these days, to encounter anything from misunderstanding to concerted opposition for publicly upholding the teachings of the Church, particularly in the area of Morality; some of our Brothers and Sisters round the world have been known to risk their livelihoods because they have 'dared' to stand firmly with God. Saints Francisco and Jacinta are to be heartily recommended as Patrons for adults and children alike! God grant us Courage to live Holy lives! Mother Mary, protect us! Saints Francisco and Jacinta, pray for us!

If you cannot, physically, visit Fátima, you can, via the internet, join in with the Pilgrims; there is a live feed from the Capelinha (Chapel of the Apparitions) <http://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions>. Mass, is often offered there, in languages from around the world; The Rosary is said at 6:30pm every day except Sunday, when it is at 4pm. Very often, particularly on the 13th of the Month, the 'major' liturgies are televised; see them online or via satellite on EWTN. It is heartening, too, in an increasingly Godless age, to see often extensive coverage of these liturgies on the Portuguese National Channel, RTP1, also available via internet and satellite. Mind you, Our Lady did tell the children that the Faith would always be kept in Portugal!