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SUNDAY 6th MAY 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

May - The Month of Our Lady - the Holy Rosary

Our Blessed Mother, when she appeared to the three little shepherds in Fátima, introduced herself as, "...*the Lady of the Rosary*..." She spoke of the need for us to amend our lives and to seek pardon for our sins, which, daily, offend Our Lord. She urged the daily recitation of the Rosary, a powerful weapon against the evils of Satan and, therefore, a bountiful source of Grace for those who love her Son and constantly call on Him for aid. Ever concerned for our spiritual wellbeing, and conscious of our tendency to forget even essentials, Holy Mother Church sets aside two months during which this great Prayer is 'put in the spotlight' so to speak, both this month of May and later, October.

The Rosary is, of course, a prayer for all people, suitable for all ages and levels of intelligence or level of education, and for all times and situations. It is not limited in its use. While it may, profitably, be recited in its entirety in church before the Blessed Sacrament, it may also be prayed wholly or in sections, for instance at home by Parents and Children, on the way to work, whilst working round the house etc.

In essence, the Rosary consists of four sets of *Mysteries* (i.e. *Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious*). Look here for starters: http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html. Whilst meditating (i.e. considering mentally) each Mystery, one prays a *decade*, i.e. ten Hail Marys. Before each decade, comes the *Our Father*, and after each decade, comes the *Glory be to the Father*. The original 150 Hail Marys of which the Rosary was composed were associated with the 150 Psalms in the Prayer of the Church; by 'telling their beads', even those with no education or reading ability could unite themselves with the prayer of the Universal Church. This Prayer may be said on beads, on Rosary rings or even on one's fingers, all basic counting aids. In the dark days of the concentration camps, for example, Rosary beads might even have been made from bread pellets threaded onto string.

The prayers of the Rosary might be compared to the incidental music of a good Family film which serves to heighten awareness of emotions and actions of characters in different scenes. Almost in the background, these prayers serve to aid those praying in focussing upon the most notable scenes from the Lives of Mary and Jesus in particular. Parents are warmly encouraged to teach their children this invaluable Prayer from a very early age. As our youngsters grow in stature and intelligence, their insights into the Mysteries will deepen. Our Blessed Lady will be their constant companion throughout a lifetime in which their Faith will be strongly challenged. It is a prayer which will stand them in good stead from infancy (obviously on a more basic level) to old age, when they will, please God, draw on the fruits of a lifetime's Rosaries. How about searching this treasure trove together?! If not the internet then our own CTS (<http://www.ctsbooks.org/search?searchTerm=rosary>) is the place to go!

Throughout the centuries, this Prayer has developed and been presented in several forms. For example, the Luminous Mysteries, originally developed by Malta's Saint Ġorg Preca, were introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II through his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*' (https://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html) Other forms have focussed on particular episodes in the lives of Christ and His Mother. One example is the *Seven Dolours Rosary* in which one concentrates specifically on the seven sorrows of our Lady: - Simeon's prophecy that Mary would suffer witnessing her Son's Passion and Death (Lk. 2:34, 35); Herod's massacre of the Holy Innocents, which led to the flight of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph into Egypt (Mt. 2:13, 14); The finding of the 12 year old child Jesus in the temple (Lk. 2:43-45); Jesus meets Mary as he carries His Cross to Calvary (4th Station of the Cross); Jesus' Body being taken down from the Cross (13th Station); the burial of Jesus in the Tomb (14th Station). There is so much out there!

Thank you for your generosity

The collection for Sunday 29th April 2018 came to **£1939.00** (£1239.00 (baskets) & £700.00 (Standing Orders)).

Would Gift Aiders kindly ensure that they **use only the new pale green envelopes** to make their offering.

You also kindly gave a total of **£770.00** towards the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral, (**yellow envelopes**).

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Communications Day. The purpose of this collection is to assist the Bishops of England and Wales through the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) in the promotion of the Gospel, and in representing the Church when it comes to dealing with the Media.

Please note that Gift Aid does NOT apply to this collection, and you therefore should NOT use an envelope.

Please take away with you one of the special little information and prayer cards from the main porch.

GIFT AID SCHEME

To join this scheme, please contact John Byrne via the Parish Office. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself, if you are a taxpayer and you qualify for the scheme.**

Did you know that you can also Gift Aid your Mass Offerings, or indeed any donations you make to the Parish? Please destroy any old envelopes you have. Using old envelopes or non qualifying envelopes could cause us issues with H.M. Revenue and Customs. The current envelopes are a pale green colour, whilst those for second collections are yellow. If you have withdrawn from the Gift Aid scheme, please cease using numbered envelopes.

If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

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 with their details, and we shall contact them. Please note that dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals, provided they are informed by hospital staff or relatives.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 2 please:

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko.

If any more ladies and gentlemen would like to help clean God's house, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Sienna-Everly Alves**, who was Baptised here last Sunday.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

The Solemnity of the Ascension has been returned to the Thursday following this the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Masses this coming Thursday 10th May 2018, a **Holy Day of Obligation**, will be held at 7.30am, 10am and 8pm.

COFFEE MORNING NEXT WEEKEND FOR MISSIO

After 10am & 11.30am Masses. Please see the poster in the porch detailing sums raised here for MISSIO in 2017.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you think God may be calling you to serve Him, please contact Fr Deo or Fr Innocent, or Vocations Director, Fr John Diver, on 020 8300 2480. See: www.southwarkvocations.com or email: info@southwarkvocations.com

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would you all kindly provide your available dates for ministry for the month of June 2018, by the middle of May. .

THERE IS ONCE AGAIN A SPUC GROUP IN OUR PARISH!

A new group has been formed here at St Bartholomew's. Further details will be provided shortly.

SPUC PETITION AGAINST BUFFER ZONES AROUND ABORTION CENTRES

You are invited to sign the petition which you will find on the right hand shelf in the main porch. There are those who seek to restrict the freedom to pray and to bear witness in defence of unborn children and their mothers outside abortion centres. The valuable work of SPUC and other pro-life organisation will be affected by this. Of course your prayers are also vital in the cause of life, so please do continue to pray for all affected by abortion.

THE PILGRIM

The May edition of our Diocesan Newspaper is available in the main porch. We do not charge the 50p cover price.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FATHER DEO ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

New General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on Friday 25th May 2018. This will affect us all. We are now required to both ensure and indeed demonstrate that we know everybody who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish, what information they hold, and in which format/s. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and therefore you may well have some personal information at your home or office, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please could you let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies to you, so that I can inform you as to what actions, if any, you will need to take going forward. Most people have now responded, and members of the clergy, the PPC and the Parish Secretary have attended training sessions on GDPR. Things will become clearer over the next few weeks. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. I cannot stress strongly enough the important impact which this new legislation will have upon the parish, and I am mindful of the most severe penalties which may be imposed for non compliance. Please therefore do come forward, whether or not you think you may be affected.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

This coming Saturday 12th May 2018, Candidates will attend the 10am Mass followed by reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This involves Candidates and parents. Please ensure that you all arrive in time. Then on Wednesday 16th May 2018, the rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the church at 7.30pm. This event is for Candidates, their Sponsors (if available) and parents. Please be prompt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Session 10 for Candidates and parents, "Body of Christ", takes place in the hall on Saturday 12th May 2018 from 10am to 11.30am. Our Meditation & Shared Meal takes place in the hall on Saturday 19th May 2018 from 10am - 12 Noon. Again, this is for Candidates and their parents. Also candidates will have the important opportunity to practice how they should receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM

In every case, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. The next course takes place across two consecutive afternoons, on Saturdays 7th & 14th July 2018 at 3pm on both dates. You must attend both sessions. If you have had a child Baptised in the past three years, you will not need to go on a course.

REPOSITORY

Confirmation and First Holy Communion items are still available. There are plenty of cards and appropriate gifts available to commemorate these important Sacraments. These events are now just a few weeks away!

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

This takes place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May 2018 at 11am. Please see the poster in the main porch for details of this event, which will begin with a procession at 10.45am.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK

This annual celebration, with the opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows, takes place at 3pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. If you are celebrating either your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or greater anniversary, and would like to attend this Mass, kindly contact the Parish Office, as soon as possible, with your name and address details, together with the number of people you would like to go along with you. The Archbishop will be sent your details so that he can then issue formal invitations. Whilst the deadline has passed, it may still be possible to join.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY, WONERSH

The seminary in which many of our priests receive their formation is in desperate need of refurbishment. The buildings in which our students for the Priesthood live have had not much more than a coat of paint in over 40 years. The threadbare carpets, torn curtains and very old furniture are well past their sell-by dates! If you can spare something to help your future priests, please send a cheque, *payable to St John's Seminary*, to this address: **Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0QX.** On behalf of those who will one day serve you as priests, and upon whom you may well one day come to rely, thank you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

This takes place from 24th - 31st August 2018, together with the dioceses of Clifton, East Anglia and Northampton. This year Archbishop Peter Smith will be leading the pilgrimage. Those interested in going should visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk or go to www.tangney-tours.com/CA Flights will be from London Stansted. For further information, you may also call: 01732 886666 or 0800 917357.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2018, reopening on Tuesday 8th May 2018.



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.270; Ascension Thursday - p.275 (readings p.273)

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)
On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 6th May 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.15pm (Saturday 5th May)	Elisabeth Davies RIP

	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10am	Bridie Raftery RIP
	11.30am (Polyphony Choir)	Tom O'Connor RIP
Rosary & Benediction	4pm	
	5pm	Ellis Foundation Mass

Monday 7th May 2018	7.30am	Eamon Gillespie RIP
	10am	Welfare of Elvira Menezes, (80th Birthday)

Tuesday 8th May 2018	7.30am	John Eaton RIP
	10am	Welfare of Onwuekwe & Ilobi families and friends

Wednesday 9th May 2018	7.30am	Arthur Moynihan RIP
	10am	Eamon Gillespie RIP

Thursday 10th May 2018 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Solemnity) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	7.30am	Wladyslaw Barzowski RIP
	10am	Francis D'Souza RIP
	8pm	People of the Parish

Friday 11th May 2018	7.30am	Clarice Durrant RIP
	10am	Vivienne Briton RIP

Saturday 12th May 2018 St Pancras, Martyr (Memorial)	10am	Confirmandi Reconciliation Mass
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Next Sunday 13th May 2018 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.15pm (Saturday 12th May)	Richard Cottom RIP
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	8.30am	People of the Parish
(MISSIO COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS)	10am	Abraham Ghandi RIP
(MISSIO COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS)	11.30am	Valencio Dourado RIP
Rosary & Benediction	4pm	
	5pm	Thomas Corr RIP