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**Newsletter for the week commencing Saturday 4th May/ Sunday 5th May**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40-41.** The high priest inadvertently admits that he has no power to control the apostles from preaching in the name of Jesus. Peter makes it clear that he and his associates will obey God rather than men.

**Psalm: 30 Response:**  I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me

**Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14.** John hears the voice of the multitude of angels singing the praises of the Lamb. All the created beings in heaven, on the earth and the sea worship and honour God who is seated on the throne, and the Lamb.

**Gospel: John 21: 1-19.** Following the death of Jesus, Peter and his companions decide to go back to their fishing profession. The appearance of Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish bring new direction to their lives.

**Father John writes:** I like to keep you in touch with items discussed at our Parish Council Meetings. We decided last Tuesday that we should proceed with refreshing our church building, giving priority to attending to the damp patches and to explore ways of improving the insulation, and the internal lighting. We hope to be able to decorate the church, but first of all to improve the whole sanctuary area by some rearrangement. I have already discussed these proposals with a number of parishioners and met with approval, and I am always very happy to explain our proposals in greater detail by doing a tour of the church with you (preferably in groups). This is far more useful as you can ask questions and also may have helpful suggestions. The matter has already been discussed with the Diocesan Finance Office, and with the Diocesan Art & Architecture Committee Chairman. The Diocese have recommended a building firm who have proved very reliable in other parishes.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased.**

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Claire Calydon, Nigel Collins, Mary Hoogewers, Ninette Newling, Winifred Price, Alfred Kettle and Richard Brennan.

**This week’s events**

**Next Saturday 11th May**  Our organist, Andrew Butler, is giving a short organ recital (about 40 minutes) at the Unitarian Old Meeting House in Ashford Road (on the right, towards the town) at 11.00 am preceded by coffee etc at 10.30. All welcome; free admission with a voluntary collection. Music by Walton, Anon, Boyce, Bach, Lopez, Butler, and Scotson-Clark.

**No coffee morning** this month due to medical commitments. However, we do have tea and coffee after the 8.30 and 10.30am **Sunday** Masses. Come & join us!

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** "Just as there are seasons in the world around us, so there are in our interior life," Teresa of Avila wisely observed. "We cannot expect it to be otherwise." “Walking with the Risen Christ” is an online retreat for the six weeks of Eastertide. It offers the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on our relationship to the Risen Lord as we encounter Christ in ourselves, in other people and in the whole of creation. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources, on [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**CAFOD Volunteer Day:** Celebrating our Common Home  
Saturday, 11th May 2019, 9.30 – 14.30  
Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB  
This volunteer meeting will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work overseas and an introduction to our new Climate Campaign “Our Common Home”.  There will also be an opportunity to participate in a number of interesting workshops. We will finish the meeting with a Laudato Si-inspired Creation Mass.  
For more information and to book a place, please contact Sarah Cadwallader on 0208 466 9901 or email [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk)

**'Gift Aid envelopes for the next year** will be available for collection at all masses this weekend.  Gift Aid enables the parish to claim 25p for each pound which is donated in weekly and special collections.  If you wish to join the scheme, forms will be available.  Liz Walker, our gift aid coordinator, will be available to answer any queries which you may have.'

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 4th May | The English Martyrs | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 5th May | Third Sunday of Easter | 8:30am Mass *People of the parish*  10:30am Mass *Josephine Kelly RIP* |
| Monday | 6th May | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Rev Alex Fraser RIP* |
| Tuesday | 7th May | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Rev Charles Jeffries RIP* |
| Wednesday | 8th May | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 9th May | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Rev Alan Wright RIP* |
| Friday | 10th May | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 11th May | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 12th May | Fourth Sunday of Easter  2nd collection for Ecclesiastical Education | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel | Peter L | Chris L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Peter Lonergan  Elena Peck | Liz Dumbleton  Frances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Suzanne V | **Cleaners** | - |

**Forthcoming events**

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage** **on** **July 13th 2019 at St George’s Cathedral:** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible.  Get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.  Please let us have the location of your parish in the title of your email.

**Christian Aid Big Breakfast Saturday May 25th Saint Andrew's Parish Centre at 08:30**

Christian Aid along with CAFOD, Islamic Relief, World Vision and the Tear Fund are the faith-based charities along with 9 others, who form the Disasters Emergency Committee, that respond to world-wide charitable needs.

Please join us to support Christian Aid Week and demonstrate our Christian Unity in this town and district.

A continental breakfast, a presentation on the work of Christian Aid will proceed a short service to celebrate Christian Unity.

The charge will be £10 per person and all "profits" will go to Christian Aid. The event should end by 10:30.

Offers of help to set up the room on Friday evening and to serve and clear up on Saturday would be welcomed - please contact Jolyon.([j.vickers1@btinternet.com](mailto:j.vickers1@btinternet.com)).

Please book your place for breakfast with Deacon Jolyon, either by email or after Mass.

**Second collection next weekend** 11th/12th May for Ecclesiastical Education.