



## ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

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**3rd Sunday of Easter 1st May 2022**

*"We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song"*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May:** *For faith-filled young people* - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Sun 1st	(Sat) 8 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	A & M Menezes Int. B Moran R.I.P. S Teahan R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 2nd	St Athanasius	N O'Connor R.I.P.	
Tues 3rd	Sts Phillip & James	J Conway R.I.P.	
Wed 4th	The English Martyrs	T Greaney R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates after evening Mass
Thurs 5th	Easter Feria	J & P Costello R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 6th	Easter Feria	M Conway R.I.P.	First Friday Devotion 7 p.m.
Sat 7th	Easter Feria	R & L D'Souza R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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### **Tired disciples**

Jesus spent time lighting the fire so he could cook breakfast on the seashore. Reminds me of my mother getting the fire ready in the old days so we could make toast with red embers on the long toasting fork. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. No big apparitions in the sky, but just the simple act in the dawn of cooking bread and fish.

The meal was for tired disciples. Often in the gospel stories he talked about people preparing meals and serving them. He seemed to say a lot through meals and at meals. He allowed a woman dry his feet with her hair at a meal.

In cooking for people love is active. A mother might count up sometime how many meals she has cooked, and call them hours of love. This too is the mission and identity of Jesus.

After death and resurrection comes the Spirit of love. Love given, love received and love shared.

The breakfast meal will end with questions about love. Anything real about the resurrection always ends in being sent by God on the mission of Jesus. He gives little instruction about the mission nor even what it may entail. But it entails being led by God. Life for Jesus is life with Jesus and with the grace of God. We are never alone.

This is the company and the friendship at the source of the life of the soul, and which keeps our unique personality alive. This love comes in prayer and in love and in our loving service of others. This is mission with and for the risen Jesus Christ.



- **Fr Albert** will not be available this Monday.

**Priest Training Fund:** Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

- **Important notice** for parents who have children in the present Y2 and Y5 (at any school) and attend English Martyrs. There will be a meeting on Thursday, 19th May at 7 p.m. for parents who will be seeking to have secondary school's forms signed and/or wishing to join our First Communion programme for the coming year. Please email [wembley2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley2@rcdow.org.uk) if you plan to attend.

- **Refurbishment of Church Hall:** We are hoping to resume our plans for the hall. Michael Rushe our architect will do a presentation in the hall next Saturday 30th April after 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 1st May after the 11 a.m. Parishioners are invited to come along to have a look at the proposed plans for the hall.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament  
of the altar.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and  
forever. Amen

- **First Friday Devotion** this Friday at 7 p.m.

- **May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden,** Nicoll Road. Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine

- **St Margaret Clitherow Food Bank: Donations can be dropped at the school or the church. Thank you for your generosity.**
- **Foodbank is open Tuesday – Friday 12 – 1 p.m.**

- Creating New Beginnings Charity, the charity that runs the Saturday Food Hub and the Autism School in Ghana is holding its annual Fundraising Gala Dinner & Dance in aid of the autism school on 7 May 2022 6pm to midnight at the Hilton Hotel, Kensington, Holland Park Avenue W11. Another fabulous evening in store, in aid of a worthy cause. Tickets are £75 for single £140 for couple. Parishioners wanting to attend please call 07946327 625 for tickets. Thank you

- **Sacrament of Baptism:** We will resume celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on the third Sunday of each month. If you wish to have your child baptised, please collect an application form.

**Church Offerings by Card, using the contactless terminal at the back of the church. A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our church financially.**



**Last Week's Collection:**  
Envelope: £741 Loose Plate: £827  
Contactless: £59  
Building Fund: £649

#### REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,  
**R: alleluia**  
V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,  
**R: alleluia!**  
V: Has risen, as he said,  
**R: alleluia!**  
V: Pray for us to God,  
**R: alleluia!**  
V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
**R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!**  
Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen