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4th Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

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

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power of the
message – not the
image of the
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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 8th	(Sat) 8 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M McGinty R.I.P.. B Nawab R.I.P.. C Eloji R.I.P. G Griffin R.I.P.. People of the Parish	Filipino Mass 2 p.m.
Mon 9th	St Athanasius	B Moran R.I.P.; B Nugent R.I.P.; R Pini R.I.P.	
Tues 10th	Sts Phillip & James	M Fahy Thanksgiving; R Orr R.I.P.	
Wed 11th	The English Martyrs	A Mc R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates after evening Mass
Thurs 12th	Easter Feria	J & P Costello R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. Family Reconciliation Service 6.30 p.m.
Fri 13th	Easter Feria	M Conway R.I.P.	First Communion Rehearsals 6 p.m. & 6.45 p.m.
Sat 14th	Easter Feria	D D'Souza Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Christian love

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes — we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.

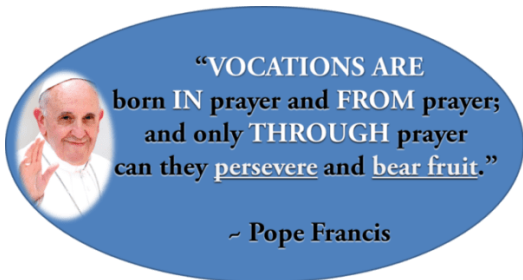
'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.



- **Next Sunday**, 20 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Mass. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.



Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit 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 if you plan to attend.

- **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

- **Kathy, Tom & Sharon O'Connor** would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners for their prayers and support following Neil's sudden death. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions on Wednesday, 25th May.

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

- **Sponsored Walk:** Mary Boyle will be taking part in St Luke's Hospice annual long distance walk "St Oswald's Way Kirkwhelpington - Bamburgh" at the end of the month. Sponsorship forms will be available next week-end for anyone wishing to sponsor Mary. Thank you.

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: £830 Loose Plate: £790

Contactless: £50

Building Fund: £55

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*

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