

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter 15th May 2022

"We are the Easter People and Alleluía 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 15th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	C Durham R.I.P. M & H Hennessy R.I.P. V Okafor R.I.P.	
	6 p.m.	People of the Parish	
Mon 16th	Easter Feria	N Irshad R.I.P.; S O'Donnell R.I.P.	
Tues 17th	Easter Feria	I O'Sullivan Int	
Wed 18th	Easter Feria	A & R Brazington Int	Confirmation Candidates after evening Mass
Thurs 19th	Easter Feria	R Fernando R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 20th	Easter Feria	M O'Donnell Int	Confirmation Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Sat 21st	Easter Feria	Sick & Housebound of Parish	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.



We have types of love, and for most of us we find it in our lasting friendships, our spouses, our partners, our family – those without whom life would be so much the poorer.

Real love transforms. Opens the heart more and more. We get out of ourselves in real love – caring, forgiving, getting over things. In all sincere and outgoing love between any two people, God is present. Love brings God alive in us. Not the love that is in name only and uses each other. But love that sees the other as more important than myself.

We say, 'love made him'. Parents say – 'I hope they find friends who will bring the best out of each other'. Mauriac writes- "To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others." The example of Jesus can help us at times when it can be hard to see goodness even in those we love.

Real love heals. Only love makes the best out of the worst. In concentration camps the survivors were often those who had love to remember or go back to. Even when things go very badly in life, the forgiveness of love can help us move forward.

Lord, help me to be truly grateful for love in my life.

Priest Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

- **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.
- Today we welcome to the Lord's Table Aniela, Zuzanna, Cacey, Gabriela, Rachel, Lizanne, Elisha, Kezia, Acacia, Pius, Lucja, Oskar, Justin, Jerrill, Avner, Alvia, Franek and Oliwier. Please remember them in your prayers.



Dates for your Diary

- First Communion next Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Confirmation: Tuesday, 24th at 7 p.m.
- Ascension Thursday, 26th May
- Pentecost Sunday: Sunday 5th June
- 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 ST. ROSES, 160, ANSON ROAD. Please come and join us for our May Procession on Saturday, May 21st at 3.00pm. We will pray for peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine.
- Returning to Mass for Pentecost An Invitation from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Please see letter on our website http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark
- Wanted: We are looking for a TV for family recently arrived in the parish. If you can help please let us know. 07484680296
- 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 in the porch 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: £600 Loose Plate: £787 Contactless: £120 Building Fund: £35

Priest Training Fund: £799

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