

# SUNDAY *Plus*

7th Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week III** Year A

**World Communications Day**

## Tell the Good News

If a chance occurs [to] explain our faith; at all events we shall be able to. We shall have to know it so well that it is in our blood, and to adhere to it so well that we can, in a certain way, give it, just by being what we are. Thus, we must be the book of the Gospels ourselves, with the words and teachings of Christ in our minds, but also in our hearts, and whenever the occasion demands, upon our lips...

Thus, we return to the primitive Christianity of the apostles, and having, as Christ had, only ourselves, we require no more. All that was false or doubtful will drop off like a dead branch, the wheat will be made white in the

fire. It is Christ's passion, and his resurrection is just as certain as it was when he went up to the cross. But his resurrection, like his passion, will not vary from what it was like in his own life. He will not rise in us through force... He will not rise through legislation, or powerful movements, or brilliant organisation, and his rising will not be delayed until there is peace in Europe. He will rise in the humility, the courage and love of those few Christians who will keep his kingdom in their individual souls.

Caryll Houselander, *This War is the Passion*



Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.

Pope Leo XIV


### The voice of an angel

A mother found a note written by her child, who was deaf. It went something like this: "Dear God: I don't want to hurt your feelings but I wish you hadn't made me deaf. Could you change me back? [signed] Sue. PS Say hello to my guardian angel."

The next day, Sue found a note. It was written in gold ink and went something like this: "Dear Sue: I am your guardian angel, and I asked God if I could

answer your note. You see, God made me deaf, too. But God did give me two fast legs, so I can run like the wind; two lovely arms, so I can hug everybody; and an imagination, so I can fly anywhere. What I really like most, however, is being able to turn off my hearing aid when the other angels are yelling. It makes things quiet so I can better hear God singing love songs to me in my heart. [signed] Your guardian angel. PS We love more and more every day!"

Mark Link SJ, *Jesus 2000: a contemporary walk with Jesus*

Lord, when I was a child, I took risks that, years later, I would never dare consider. Yet it's good to sometimes step out into the unknown without fearing the consequences. Lord, take my hand and let me walk with you.  Amen.

### Feast of the week Sunday 17 May

### Monks of Tibhirine

"I should like, when the time comes, to have a clear space which would allow me to beg forgiveness of God and of all my fellow human beings, and at the same time to forgive with all my heart the one who would strike me down"...

"For this life given up, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God who seems to have wished it entirely for the sake of that joy in everything and in spite of everything. In this 'thank you', which is said for everything in my life from now on, I certainly include you, friends of yesterday and today, and you my friends of this place, along with my mother and father, my brothers and sisters and their families – the hundredfold granted as was promised!"

"And you also, the friend of my final moment, who would not be aware of what you were doing. Yes, for you also I wish this 'thank you' - and this adieu - to commend you to the God whose face I see in yours."

"And may we find each other, happy 'good thieves', in Paradise, if it pleases God, the Father of us both. Amen."

*From the Last Testament of Fr Christian de Chergé*



### READINGS

**Today:**  
Acts 1:12-14  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11

**Monday:**  
Acts 19:1-8  
John 16:29-33

**Tuesday:**  
Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11

**Wednesday:**  
Acts 19:1-8  
John 16:29-33

**Thursday:**  
Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11

**Friday:**  
Acts 20:28-38  
John 17:11-19

**Saturday:**  
Acts 22:30;  
23:6-11  
John 17:20-26

**Next Sunday:**  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians  
12:3-7. 12-13  
John 20:19-23



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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website at [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) and the Sutton Deanery Website at [www.suttondeanery.weebly.com](http://www.suttondeanery.weebly.com)

*"Whenever we think of Christ, let us always bear in mind that love of His which drove Him to bestow upon us so many gifts and graces." St Teresa of Avila*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**60th World Communications Day**

- Sat. 16th May 6:30pm. Theresa Nita Antony (RIP) & Anna Thamboe (RIP)
- Sun. 17th May 9:30am. Teresa (Kiki) Escalona (RIP)
- 11:00am. Eric & Edna Desouza Pinto (First Wedding Anniversary)
- William McFadden (Wellbeing)
- 4:00pm. Cassian & Ann Mendes In Thanksgiving
- 25th Wedding Anniversary 

**Saints of the Week**

- 16th St Simon Stock
  - 18th St John I
  - 19th St Dunstan
  - 20th St Bernadine of Siena
  - 21st St Christopher of Magallanes
  - 22nd St Rita of Cascia
- Pray for us. 



- Mon. 18th May 10:00am. NO MASS
- Tues. 19th May 10:00am. Xavier Mendes (Wellbeing)
- 12:30pm Funeral Mass Mary McFarlane (RIP)
- Wed. 20th May 10:00am. Donal Smith (RIP)
- Thur. 21st May 10:00am. Gail McCarthy (RIP) Died Easter Sunday
- Fri. 22nd May 6:00pm. Adoration and Benediction
- 7:00pm. Georgina McKenzie (RIP)

**Upcoming Mass Intentions**

- 26th Henry and Beryl Green
- 27th Josie Garvey
- 28th Albert D'Mello
- 29th Julien Ratnasekera
- 30th Sahadeo Jagdeo
- 31st Dennis Cooke
- 31st Teresa Mary Hook

**REPOSE OF THE SOUL**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: **Moya Condon** who died on the 24th April. Her funeral is Wednesday 3rd June at 12.30pm and at the Morden Crematorium at 2pm.

- VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST**
  - Sat. 23rd May 6:30pm. Maura Oates Adams (RIP) (Recently deceased)
  - PENTECOST SUNDAY**
  - Sun. 24th May 9:30am. Irene Gatens (Birthday RIP)
  - 11:00am. Mick Costello (RIP)
- End of the Season of Easter, Paschaltide.*

**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:**

- Please pray for the wellbeing of:
- D.H.
  - Adelaide Cotter,
  - Paul Fairhall,
  - Amy Bradbury
  - Marie Goti
  - Michael Christou
  - John Rosenow
  - Mary Silva
  - Michael Hoskins
  - Mary McFarlane
  - Brian Newman
  - Phyllis Sibley
  - Marco Chavrimootoo
  - Martha Gilbert

**Kathleen Webster** who died Friday 8th May. Her funeral is Thursday 11th June at 12.30pm and burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetery.

*May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory*



\*\* As space is limited please visit the parish website or QR code for more parish information.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026** Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open for the next six weeks. The closing date for applications is *Sunday 28th June*. Registrations received after this date will not be accepted. All applications will be acknowledged. Classes start in July. Please ensure your family is registered as members of the parish, for parish alerts and communication. Thank you. our compliance.

**Second Offertory** this week is for World Communions Day. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme *'Preserving Human Voices and Faces*, focusing on safeguarding the human person in an age of artificial intelligence.

**St Raphael's Hospice** Martin Brown will be collecting donations following his appeal last weekend for the hospice. Thank you for your support.

Mass & Candle Offerings: 9th/10th May will be available next week.

## Parish Life

**Parish Surgery:** Parish Office hours for are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal or personal.

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**Parish Gift Aid Scheme** thank you to those who have collected their Gift Aid letters already. Please check the letter rack, letters are filed under surnames. Remember we are able to claim an extra 25% on contributions from those who are tax payers. Gift Aid boxes are in the narthex. Should you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please send an email to the parish office.

**Church Parade** It was lovely to have 5th Worcester Park Rainbow Group join us last Sunday for Church Parade. If your daughter is aged between 5 and 7 and would like to join in with lots of fun activities, the group is open to new members. Contact Jo Cole at 'NC6Rainbows@outlook.com.

**St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre 2026** is on Saturday 11th July 1pm to 4pm. If you would like to lend a hand, send an email to Louise at [tceciliasschurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:tceciliasschurchevents@outlook.com) and come along to the Summer Fayre Volunteers Meeting Wednesday 27th May at 7pm in the CB Room.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Parish Volunteers Mass** Saturday 30th May 3pm for a Special Mass of Thanksgiving followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

**Altar Servers Mass** Saturday 20th June at 2pm.

**Mass of the Sick** Saturday 4th July at 2.30pm

More information to follow.

### THE PARISH HALL

is available to hire.

For all enquiries send an email to [stceciliasschurchevents@outlook.com](mailto:stceciliasschurchevents@outlook.com)

**A Seat at the Table (by Caeli Lumen CIC)** is an independently organised monthly supper gathering for Catholics in their 30s and 40s to meet, build friendships, and form meaningful connections outside of Mass. Open to Catholics across London.

♦ Wimbledon, Friday 27th June, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

£5 booking fee (food purchased separately)

Look out for the posters in church. To reserve your place contact: [Caelilumen@outlook.com](mailto:Caelilumen@outlook.com)

**Faith In Action** a charitable group offering assistance for the homeless in neighbouring Merton are struggling to find new premises at affordable prices, and are asking for support in persuading their landlords to reverse their decision. If you are willing please sign the petition by clicking this link <https://www.change.org/SaveMertonFaithInAction>

**Encounter Pentecost** Saturday 23rd May at 10.15am A day of praise and worship activities, witness testimonies. There is something for all the family including stalls, music workshops, the day ends with Mass at 4pm. Charismatic prayers lead by Canon Michael Branch at St George's Cathedral.

**Tyburn Martyrs Walk 2026** to commemorate the 105 Catholic Martyrs. Meet at Churchyard of St Giles in the Field on Sunday 17th May at 1.30pm ending at Tyburn Convent for Benediction at 3.30pm, praying for England. See [www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk](http://www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk)



**An Evening with Scott Hahn.** Meet Scott Hahn (of Hallow) Thursday 28th May 6pm to 10pm at St George's Cathedral for this special event on the Eucharist and a reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Sign up at <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/hoi9ldf> for tickets.

**The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 - The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life** Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ, places you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Book tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

*The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of May. He invites us to pray 'That everyone might have food.' Millions continue to suffer from hunger while so much is wasted at our table. That we learn to consume simply, to share with joy and care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from God, destined for all not just the few.*

### Our Safeguarding Team

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**Lorna Gallagher**

*The Safeguarding representatives have special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.*

**The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator can be contacted on 020 761 1606**

Find out more at

[www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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