

**Sunday Masses:**  
**Sacred Heart Church:**  
 Saturday: 6.00 pm *Vigil Mass*  
 Sunday : 8.30 am  
 10.00 am  
 11.30 am  
 6.00 pm

**Weekday Masses**  
 10.00 am Mon – Sat  
 & 7.30 pm on Monday only  
 and on the First Friday  
**Morning Prayer of the Church**  
 9.30 am Mon - Fri  
**Rosary** 9.40 am Mon - Sat

**Holy Day Masses**  
 10 am, 12.15 & 7.30 pm

## Parish Newsletter

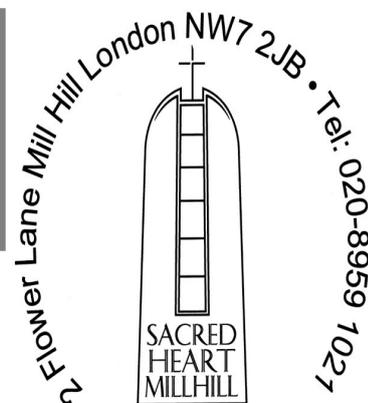
### 6th Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 26th May 2019

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Sat: 10.30 - 11.30 am and 5pm-5.45pm

**Adoration and Novena of the  
 Miraculous Medal and Sacred Heart**

**Monday after 7.30pm Mass** — 8.15 - 9pm  
**Wednesday & Thursday:** 10.30—12.00 noon  
**Saturday:** 10.30 - 11.30 am  
 and every **3rd Sunday** after 6pm Mass



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## Sunday Notes

Jesus tells us in today's gospel that 'if anyone love me, he will keep my word and my father will love him and we shall come to him and make our home with him.'

When we were men baptised, we became sons and daughter of God.

So we have God's life in us.  
 So we can feel at home with God.  
 Do I feel at home with God?

We know what it means to be in our own homes.  
 What it feels like – we can relax there.  
 We welcome people to our homes – we say, 'make yourselves at home.'  
 People will feel 'at home' in our homes if we are happy to see them and do our best to help them to relax with us.

Our faith tells me that I am a son/daughter of God because of my baptism.

I belong to God who gave me life through my parents and in a special way a share in His life through my baptism.  
 He waits for my response to his gift of sharing in His life.

Jesus' words are – 'if anyone love me, he will keep my word and my father will love him and we shall come to him and make our home with him.'

Do I feel relaxed, loved by God when I try to pray?

Do I love God?

Am I at home with God?

Maybe I should ask God if He feels at home with me?

*Fr Noel Travers cm*

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sun 26 May 6th Sunday of Easter**

8:30 Richard de Souza (Rec Dec)  
 10:00 For the people of the Parish  
 11:30 Priscilla Chinaka (Anniv)  
 6pm Private Intention (Lukas)

**Mon 27 May St Augustine of  
 Canterbury**

10:00 Dawn Croke (Rec Dec)

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Tues 28 May Easter feria**

10:00 Alfred Almeida (RIP)

**Wed 29 May Easter feria**

10:00 Mairead Boucherat (Anniv)

**Thurs 30 May The Ascension  
 of the Lord**

10:00 Paddy Harkins (Rec Dec)  
 12.15 Sauntry Sisters (RIP)  
 7.30pm Fr Hans Schrink (RIP)

**Fri 31 May The Visitation of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary**

10:00 Paddy Harkins (Rec Dec)  
**7pm End of May Devotion  
 Procession, Rosary  
 and Mass**

**Sat 1 June St Justin**

10:00 Patricia Sullivan (Anniv)  
 6:00pm Mary Mudie (RIP)

## Homeless Project

It has been suggested, by a number of involved parties, that a meeting be called of all Sacred Heart personnel who generously volunteer their time and talent to review, evaluate, and plan for long-term objectives in relation to the crisis and challenge of homelessness in the borough of Bar-net. Present volunteers and potential new members are welcome to attend. The suggested date for the meeting is **Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00** following the Evening Mass and Novena.

### **Tolle Lege – take up and read (From St. Augustine): Spiritual Reading**

A great spiritual writer Dom Eugene Boylan, a Cistercian monk, says in his book, *Difficulties in Mental Prayer*, that **Jesus grows in our souls**. Imagine! (Dom Eugene was involved in the splitting of the atom in Vienna before becoming a monk!). If Jesus grows in my soul then spiritual reading is the growth agent.

Some books of value out there.....

### **Man's Search for Meaning: Viktor E. Frankl**

This is an extraordinary little book about the life of the author in various concentration camps and how he even found meaning, understanding, forgiveness and love in this milieu of death. In the end he established a renowned school of psychotherapy or logotherapy, a way of curing the ills of our souls through finding meaning in life. Quoting Nietzsche often he says, **“He who has a why to live for can bear almost any How.”**

### **The Impact of God: Iain Matthew**

This book will lead you to pray. It speaks to you as you are, with your searching and struggles in faith. In it he distils the writings of St. John of the Cross and makes them accessible and relevant for modern-day living. An opening line says it all: “John of the cross speaks to people who feel unable to change.” He also deals with the darkness which enveloped John and our own darkness also. Regardless of how we feel there is always that deepest desire within all “to see the face of God and to rest in God’s abode.” (Hymn of Morning Prayer, Weeks 1 &3 in the Breviary)

### **Radcliffe, Timothy: Take the Plunge**

While this is not in the strictly spiritual genre, in other words a book you could use as a basis for Lectio Divina, it is most insightful on Baptism and Confirmation. In fact, your heart will warm within you as you savour his insights of the importance of these two sacraments in our lives. Pope John Paul said that the most important day of his life, was the day he was baptized. Radcliffe writes in such a user-friendly and familiar style that the reader’s appetite is continually whetted as he/she anticipates the insights of ensuing chapters.

### **Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish: Fr. James Mallon**

For anyone interested in parish renewal and revival this indeed is a must-read. In chapter Two he presents the core message of Pope Francis to young people in Rio de Janeiro:

“What do I expect as a consequence of Youth Day? I expect a mess.... there will be a mess here in Rio? There will be! But I want a mess in the dioceses! I want people to go out! I want the church to go out on the street! I want the church to go out to the street! I want us to defend ourselves against everything that is worldliness, that is installation, that is comfortableness, that is clericalism, that is being shut-in in ourselves. The parishes, the schools, the institutions, exist to go out!

This book is indeed also a practical manual on how to renew and renovate a parish and how to move it from a maintenance to a missionary model.

### **Haunted by Christ: Richard Harries**

This is a classic, presenting authors familiar to us and their struggle for faith. Among the authors he presents are Samuel Beckett, Emily Dickinson and Dostoevsky. However, one could start with W.H.Auden with the title line from his poem, “Bless what there is for Being” (The Precious Five, celebrating the five senses.)

I’m sure there are books you would also like to include in any further discussion. How wonderful it would be if there were a Spirituality Book Club in the parish as so many are already reading spirituality. If you are familiar with these books or would like to hear more, kindly email me on [michaelmccullaghcm@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmccullaghcm@gmail.com)

### **Silence in Church**

Those of you who go to the cinema, the theatre, musicals, art galleries or revered places of worship will readily admit that they insist on absolute silence.

Those who have been to Lourdes or Rue du Bac WILL REMEMBER HOW SILENT THEIR SACRED SPACES ARE – THE *SANCTUAIRE* IS TRULY SACROSANCT IN TERMS OF silence.

In Westminster cathedral one is gently reminded that silence is the norm.

Our church is a sanctuary for God upon earth – we have the sanctuary lamp positioned right beside the tabernacle to remind us that here that God was made flesh and dwells among us. Many times parishioners try to pray alone with the Alone after Mass or before Mass. The noise level must be a great distraction to them. We also need to model good practice for children and young adults.

At a school assembly one cannot but be impressed by how three hundred children can enter the Assembly hall in absolute silence and maintain that silence for a half an hour and more.

**A Yellow card, and perhaps a red one – “And the priests are the worst culprits of all.”**

About a year ago a very responsible parishioner drew my attention to the amount of talking in church and just as I was trying to take all this on board, the parishioner added, “and the priests are the worst culprits of all” – kindly reprimand us if we are disturbing the sacred silence of our sanctuaries.

Silence is potent; in silence I can sometimes be closer to my neighbour in my heart; I don’t always have to use words; in silence I am alone with the Alone; in silence the Holy Spirit will offer a solution for my problems; in silence I am in touch with all things eternal. Finally, in silence heart speaks to heart in prayer.

**CAN WE KINDLY HELP EACH OTHER TO CREATE A REVERENTIAL AND PRAYERFUL SILENCE IN OUR CHURCH. WE ARE MERELY CARRYING OUT THE COMMAND OF JESUS: “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER.” (MATTHEW 21:13)**

## Babies, Toddlers and their Families Mass

The Community Babies and Toddlers with their families welcome you to come to this special mass on  
**Tuesday 18th June 10am**

## Holy Day of Obligation

**Ascension of the Lord  
Thursday 30th May  
Mass at 10am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm.**

## End of May Devotion

May is Mary's Month there is an End of May devotion on  
**Friday 31 May at 7pm**—  
Procession, Rosary and Holy Mass

## Priests Training Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend that totalled **£990.46**. 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

## Cafod

Thank you for your generosity to the Lent Family Fast Day that totalled **£853.52**. It means that the Mahinur's family and community in Bangladesh can receive the help they need. We will be able to fund training in new farming skills, provide hardy seeds that will grow despite salty floodwater or droughts and give chicken and ducks for families to breed and sell. We will also teach trades like mechanics and tailoring so people are not reliant on farming in unpredictable weather. 1,403 people have been taught how to adapt farming methods, 17 sites have been identified for new community vegetable, 233 fruit trees have been planted in schools and 27 nurses and community health workers have been trained to spot malnutrition. We have reached 4,293 people in Zimbabwe and are on track to reach 239,000 across Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Zambia by the end of 2021. Thank you

**Sunday Collection for  
19th May 2019 £2,692.49  
Thank you for your offering**

Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood at Sacred Heart Church of **Rev Chinedu Enuh**



*On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon  
First Mass on Sunday 16 June 12 noon  
All Welcome*

Saturday 15th June there is no 10am or 6pm Mass.

Sunday 16th June Mass is at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon.

No parking available on 15th or 16th.  
*Ordination cards are available in the Parish Office*

**Full detail for the Ordination weekend will be published next week.**

*In your prayers please remember*

**James Fenton**

*Funeral Mass  
on  
Monday 3rd June at 10am*

*May he rest in peace*

## Restored Lives

Developing pastoral care for separated and divorced Catholics. The course helps those who have experienced separation and divorce to recover from the trauma of relationship breakdown and rebuild their self-confidence, offering them the tools and skills needed to live a restored happy and fulfilled life. Price of Workshop, *including materials*: £35 per person  
**Booking for all venues is essential via:** [fammflew@gmail.com](mailto:fammflew@gmail.com) **Thursday 20th June**, Vaughan House 46 Francis St. SW1P 1QN Local contact: Roger Carr- Jones family@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 020 7798 9363

## Caritas Volunteer Fair

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** -Caritas Volunteer Service will be holding its annual Volunteers' Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Those attending will have the chance to chat with different charities and find out more about their work and the roles available and hear talks and testimonials from different organisations.

The event will be on **Saturday 8th June**, from **1:00-3:00pm**, at **St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA**. [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), 020 7931 6077

## Our prayers are requested for the sick and housebound

Rita O'Brien Betty Allen  
Maria Darico Mary Raye  
Iris Moore Ulla Gemen  
Allan Van Der Loo  
Raymond Treanor Pauline O'Mahony

## Urgent Request

**Parishioners who are or were tax payers and have signed for Gift Aid are kindly requested to inform the Parish Office urgently if they have stopped being a taxpayer and date of stoppage.**

Also, parishioners who pay by standing order please ensure you have set up to our new bank account WRCDT Mill Hill HSBC Bank, 69 Pall Mall Sort Code 40 05 20 account number 52149591 and if you are a tax kindly sign the gift aid declaration which helps the parish.

## 200 Club

The subscriptions for the 220 Club are now due **£20 per year**. Please see Dave Kennedy after mass on Sunday. The funds are allocated 50% to church heating and 50% to prizes once a month. New members are welcome to join. See Melanie in the Parish Office for Membership forms.

## Baptism

The next Baptism Course is on **28th May at 8pm and 4th June** in the Bethany Room.

## SERVING THE PARISH IN THE SPIRIT OF

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

*Fr Michael McCullagh CM.*

*Fr Noel Travers CM*

*Ray Armstrong CM*

*(Chaplain to Provincial House Daughters of Charity of SVP)*

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