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22 MAY 2022 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 15:1-2. 22-29.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. Rv.4: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse: 21:10-14. 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’ Alleluia!

Gospel: John: 14:23-29

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 21st  | 6.30pm | Pat Taylor, well-being |
| Sun 22nd  | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 22nd  | 10.00am | Jim Young, RIP |
| Sun 22nd  | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 23rd  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Tues 24th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Wed 25th  | 10.00am | Diago Paes, RIP |
| Wed 25th  | 11.00am | Teresa Trumper’s funeral |
| Thurs 26th  | 10.00am | Pro Populo |
| Thurs 26th  | 7.30pm | Prisca Saldanha, RIP |
| Fri 27th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sat 28th  | 6.30pm | Thanksgiving |
| Sun 29th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 29th  | 10.00am | Liz Oliver, RIP |
| Sun 29th  | 6.30pm | Special Intention |

*Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).*

THURSDAY: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

As it is a holyday of obligation, there will be two Masses to celebrate this important feast marking the ascension of Our Lord into heaven at the end of his earthly ministry. They will be at 10am and 7.30pm.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR  |
| Sat 21st  | Weekday of Easter orSs Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and companions, Martyrs |
| Sun 22nd  | [6th Sunday of Easter](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/EasterSunday.shtml#Easter4) |
| Mon 23rd  | Weekday of Easter |
| Tues 24th  | Weekday of Easter |
| Wed 25th  | St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church (memorial (E)); Weekday of Easter orSt Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin |
| Thurs 26th  | The Ascension of the Lord |
| Fri 27th  | Weekday of Easter orSt Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop |
| Sat 28th  | Weekday of Easter |
| Sun 29th  | 7th [Sunday of Easter](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/EasterSunday.shtml#Easter4)  |

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Anna Coppola, Martin Ford, Chris Jones, Albert Khayyat, Michael Edwards, Michael & Linda Watson, Leslie Jeyadeva, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four local residential homes.

FR DENIS PAUL RIP

The funeral of Fr Denis Paul, who will be well known to many St Columba’s parishioners, will take place at 12 noon on Monday (the 23rd) at Our Lady’s, Addiscombe. May he rest in peace.

HAVE YOU A RELIGIOUS VOCATION?

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday (the 24TH) at 7pm entitled ‘Here I am, send me’ where different presenters will speak about discovering God’s plan for each one of us. You can join the webinar by registering for the event in advance at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2VTaGI3c09Fa0tNbVVWZz09>

IN CONFERENCE…

Highly recommended is a conference being held at St Mary’s, West Croydon, on June 4 from 9.45am-5pm. The speakers are Fr Marcus Holden, Southwark diocese episcopal vicar for evangelisation & catechesis; Dr Ralph Martin, professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, USA; and Fr Andrew Pinsent, research director at the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science & Religion, Oxford University. Pre-booking (£22 per person) is essential: 01834 812 643 or [www.saintant.com](http://www.saintant.com) Bring a packed lunch.

SITUATIONS VACANT

There is a vacancy for a year 5/6 class teacher at Good Shepherd school in New Addington. Start date is September. For more details see the school website: [www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk)

There is also a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at Regina Coeli school in South Croydon. Hours are 11.45am-1.15pm Monday to Friday. For more details email office@reginacoelischool.co.uk

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday July 9 at St George’s Cathedral. You need to book in advance and

by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID BOXES STILL UNCOLLECTED

Quite a few new ones with envelopes for 2022-23 are still awaiting collection in the lady chapel. Please check whether your name is on one of them. Don’t take one if you haven’t previously signed a Gift Aid declaration – speak to organizer, Mervyn Ramos (or email him on mervynm.ramos@gmail.com) if you have any queries or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme.

VINE FOOD BANK STILL NEEDS HELP

The items we are short of currently are (in priority order!) - Meat Meals (sausage & beans, meatballs, mince, stews etc), Pasta Sauces, Ham, Corned Beef, Toilet roll, Tuna, Coffee, Nappies 5+, 6 and 6+ and Shower Gel. The Vine Food Bank very much appreciates our ongoing support. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch of the church. See the church noticeboard or parish website for a rota of deliveries to the food bank.

40 YEARS LATER…

On May 28 Abp John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, to mark the 40th anniversary of the visit of Pope St John Paul II to the Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. An exhibition relating to the visit will be open from May 16-30 at the Cathedral. More details: admin@stgeorges.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence:

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Claire Tucker (E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07774 659 966)

Richard Mills (E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07956 531 540). All are safeguarding coordinators.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

Make a note: every Saturday morning there are devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. They last about 20 minutes, starting at 10am and everyone is welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

May 8: £682 of which £286 Gift Aid; priests’ training fund £621 of which £273 Gift Aid. May 15: £763 of which £389 Gift Aid. Many thanks for your offerings.

PARISH CELEBRATION JUNE 12

On June 12, Mass will be at 10.30am NOT 10am. It will be followed by a combined celebration of St Columba’s feast day and the Queen’s platinum jubilee and include a hog roast plus fun galore. Do please bring along a plate of something tasty for the sharing table.

NEW FRIDAY ROSARY GROUP

All are welcome to join the group which will meet in the Lady Chapel to say the Rosary every Friday after 10am Mass.

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

This is the title of a new monthly podcast from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales bringing you the latest news, project updates, events, prayer and more. Topics include the bishops’ workstreams, from pro-life issues, Catholic life and worship and social action, to heritage and patrimony, environmental concerns and international aid and development. For more details visit the website: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

That’s the title of a highly-recommended Saturday morning online course organised by the Southwark diocesan Marriage & Family Life team. It takes place on June 11 and is recommended for any couple wanting to improve their relationship. There is no group sharing. More details: 07983 524 727