

CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 28 th April	9 am	Margaret McWeeney RIP	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11am	Noel Sims RIP	
	5pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 29 th April			<i>St Catherine of Sienna</i>
Tuesday 30 th April			<i>St Pius V Pope</i>
Wednesday 1 st May	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word & Communion	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>
Thursday 2 nd May	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word & Communion	<i>St Athanasius</i>
Friday 3 rd May	9.30 am	Tony Galcius RIP	<i>Sts. Phillip & James</i>
Saturday 4 th May	9.30 am	Bridie Doolin RIP	<i>English Martyrs</i>
	11-11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 5 th May	9 am	Donna Marie Briggs RIP	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11 am	Eleanor Tierney RIP	
	5pm	People of the Parish	

Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 26-31	1 John 3:18-24	John 15:1-8
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 John 4: 7-10	John 15:9-17

CAFOD SUDAN: When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out. But the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. The Church in Sudan is already responding and asking us to help them do more. Even in this year of economic stretch for many people here, we know that the Catholic community will want to respond with compassion to help people facing famine. Second collection today will be for CAFOD.

ARTHUR DEWEY RIP: On Monday 15th April Arthur died peacefully after a long illness. We offer our condolences and prayers to Carmen and her family. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 10.30 am here in Gidea Park.

BISHOP'S VISITATION AND CONFIRMATIONS: Bishop Alan will visit our parish on Wednesday 29th May. He will celebrate Mass at 7 pm, during which 20 of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All parishioners are invited to this special Mass.

CWL: Catholic Women's League present their second Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18th May at 3.00pm. Tickets are now available from members of CWL or Hilary Wraight on hilarywraight@hotmail.com. £15 each and £5 for children.

CAKE SALE IN AID OF ST FRANCIS HOSPICE: Since Covid ended we have been holding a cake sale to raise funds for St Francis Hospice on the last Sunday of every month. It has been very successful and we are very grateful for your ongoing support and also welcome donations of cakes Any queries contact Noreen Bentley 07983471887.

COFFEE MORNING: Thanks to Gwen and Anita £200 has been raised for Aid to the Church in Need.

MISSIO: Will any red box holders without a collector please bring your red boxes to church in the next 3 weeks. Please take a mission magazine from the church porch.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday the 9th May is the solemnity of the Ascension. We remember Christ's return to the Father. Masses will be at the usual Holy Day times: 9.30am and 6pm.

GIFT AID BOXES 2024/2025: The Gift Aid boxes are available for collection after all Masses this weekend. Last Tax Year, we were able to claim back £9400 from the Inland Revenue. This is thanks to all those parishioners who are signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer and regularly contribute to the Parish either by Standing Order or Loose Collection Plate, please consider signing up to this scheme. The Parish can claim back 25% of all that you contribute. This provides the Parish with valuable funds. Any queries please contact: Gwen Button – 01708452400.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 1st May, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

CAFOD & SVP: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [//cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Derek Barton, Marc Bernard, Marie-Thérèse & Serge Bosson, Margaret Corry, Marc & Margaret Dalton, Kath Davis, Daniella & Lucia di Lisio, Selina Etherton, Paul Gilligan, Gregory Hart, Kevin Hartie, Doreen Hughes, Theresa Lawlor, Peter Madden, Emily Mears, Doreen Moran, Maureen Morris, Maureen O'Mahoney, Teresa Pycroft, Angela Radley, Edward Rajadurai, Callan Rogers, Teresa Search, Kath Sims, Greta Street, Anne Sullivan, Alex Tecza, Mena Townsend, Marie Turner, Steven Wagstaff, Emily Pougnet, Bruce May, Ricky Madge, Cristina Corsoni, Michael Lowry, Michael Ryan, Bertha Musiwa, Sophie Hutton, Niall Kennelly, Barbara Sillett, Patricka Amos, Magali Cattell and all who are sick in hospital or housebound.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerrard Fletcher (2014), Betty Bibby (2019), Kathleen Oxland (2015), Ana Guerrero (2017),

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: (Readings available on www.universalis.com)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15: 1-8)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away, - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'