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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 14th May 2017

Sunday Reflection: – “Have you people, any homes to go to? A question occasionally jokingly put by a host who wants guests to think about leaving! Everybody who needs to belong and feel secure needs a home. One of the sad facts about living in London is meeting and seeing so many people who are “homeless”. We do our best to help such people but we can never compensate for their terrible loss. To be homeless is to be in dire poverty. To have a home is not just to have a house. It is to have a set of close bonds with people who love us, who accept us for who we are, and who assure us that we belong. For a little child, home is not so much a place or an address as a secure relationship of love, acceptance, and trust with parents and brothers and sisters. Home is where we are safe. Home is an experience of communion and love. When we have to go home, the journey is never too long. But it is not only on earth that we need a home. We all need to ask ourselves, “Do I have an eternal home to go to?” as we journey through life. Are you going home or are you eternally homeless? At the Last Supper Jesus talked to the Apostles about his leaving them. This plunged them into sorrow. He consoled them with some of the loveliest words in the gospel’ “There are many rooms in my Father’s house. I am going to prepare a place for you. I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too”. So we all have an eternal home to go to! In Jesus and with Jesus we can enter the Father’s house where we know we are loved and accepted. Jesus said to his disciples, “Where I am you may be too”. Our faith in Jesus tells us clearly ‘where we belong!’ With Jesus, to die is to go to God, and to go to God is to go home!

First Holy Communion – The children from our Parish School and the wider Parish will celebrate their First Holy Communion at a special Mass on next Saturday 20th May at 11am in our Church. Please note there will not be a 10am Mass next Saturday; just the one morning Mass at 11am. Please pray for those making their First Communion as well as their Parents, families and friends. It should be a happy, joyful and memorable day for the children. We thank the Teachers and Catechists who helped bring them to this Happy Day. The practice for the special Mass is on Wednesday next 17th May at 3.45pm in the Church. At least one parent should be at the practice. We pray for a happy celebration on Saturday 20th at 11am.

Baptism Preparation Course: Second and concluding evening is on Tues 16th May in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions.

Flores de Mayo (Santacruzán) – Will be celebrated by the Filipino Community and will be held on Saturday 27th May at 5pm. All are Welcome!

Priest Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It’s 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 at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Thy Kingdom Come – is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension 25th May and Pentecost 4th June 2017 for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. ‘To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. Please do join in before Pentecost, this drive to pray together for the gift of God’s spirit for our mission. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too - if we ask God for it’. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**

Admitted to Hospital – If you or a family member is admitted to hospital for medical treatment, do indicate on entering hospital that you or your relative would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit so your details may be passed on to the duty Chaplain so that a visit can be arranged.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Thur 9am to 5pm
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10 am
(Spanish) 11.15 am
12.15 pm
7 pm
Mon - Sat 10 am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 - 6.30 pm
Saturday 10.45 - 11.15 am
6.00 - 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Thur 10.30 am - 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders’ Room. Tea served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Thu 18th – St John I
Sat 20th – St Bernadine of Siena

Toddler Group: Meeting on Tues Morning @ 9.30am. All are Welcome!

Christian Aid Week: is from Sat 14th May to Sat 20th May 2017.

Growing in Faith: Spring Newsletter is available in the Colonnade.