

**THIS WEEK**  
beginning Sunday 29 May 2022

<b>Observances</b>	Monday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
	Tuesday:	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <b>Holy Rosary: 11.30am</b> <b>Low Mass: <u>12 noon</u></b>
	Wednesday:	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i> <b>Low Mass: 7.30pm</b>
	Thursday:	<i>Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>
	Friday:	<i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>
	Saturday:	<i>Of Our Lady</i> <b>Holy Rosary: 11.00am</b> <b>Low Mass: 11.30am</b>
	Sunday	<b>PENTECOST</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 11.00am</b> <i>with prayers for Her Majesty the Queen, followed by a bring-and- share lunch.</i>

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## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### *Those in need*

Joan Aubee, Hazel Sack, Ruth Cansdale, Arthur Shorey, Constance, Joanne Donaghy, Kingsley Eson, Beryl Hodges, Siobhan Manning, Roberto Sanchat, Sergio, Elly Kostur, Bernadette Savage, Catherine.

*We pray for peace in Ukraine.*

### *Anniversaries of death*

30: Herbert Edward Cullum, Flora Oaks, Clifford Ward

31: Edwin Arthur Pink, Sr Mary Magdalen SSM

1: Mary Seabrook, Adelaide Jones

2: Henry Smithson Milner (pr)

3: Lethem White

4: Margaret Maxwell Mulvaney, Eliza-Mary Pittock

## NOTICES

### WELCOME

to all our visitors. Thank you for your presence with us today; we hope you will be able to stay after Mass for refreshments.

### THANK YOU

to those who have worked very hard in preparation for today – with preparing the church, the flowers, the refreshments, the music and the liturgy. Thank you to members of the Choir of St Giles-in-the-Fields for being with us too.

### PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC: SUNDAY 5 JUNE

We will mark the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. The Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost that day, and during Mass there will be special prayers for the Queen. After Mass there will be a bring-and-share Jubilee picnic, which we will hopefully be able to have outside. Pray for good weather!

### TABLETOP SALE

The next fundraising sale will be on Saturday 18 June between 10am and 2pm. Any offers of help to Ann Warwick, please.

### WALSINGHAM CELL SOCIAL EVENING: SAT 11 JUNE

From 7pm, hosted by Ann & Jim Warwick. Tickets for entry and the raffle available from Ann or Barbara.

**FRIDAY 24 JUNE: SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Solemn Mass at 7.00pm, followed by drinks

*Visiting Preacher:* Fr Damien Mason, Parish Priest of St Mary, Brookfield NW5.

**SUNDAY 3 JULY: DEDICATION FESTIVAL**

Our church building was consecrated on the Feast of St Peter & St Paul 1883 by Anthony Thorold, Bishop of Rochester. It is an opportunity to give thanks for and to pray for the repose of the souls of our founders and benefactors, deceased clergy and worshippers; and also to dedicate ourselves afresh to the ministry of the Church in this place.

*Visiting Preacher:* Fr Max Marsh,  
Assistant Curate, St Mary, Lewisham

**FR LUKE DEMETRI: ORDINATION & FIRST MASS**

Please remember Fr Luke (our sometime parishioner & Churchwarden) who is preparing for his ordination to the Priesthood. The traditional prayer cards are available at the back of church: please take one away with you and please pray for him.

*Ordination:* Saturday 9 July at 3pm; *First Mass:* Sunday 10 July at 5pm. Both services at St Michael's, Croydon CR0 1UA. To help with seating and catering arrangements, please sign the lists at the back of church if you intend to be present.

The PCC has agreed that a gift be sourced for Fr Luke to mark these two important occasions. If you would like to make a contribution please see Ann Warwick.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The meeting took place last Sunday following Mass, and the following have been elected as Parish Officers for the next year. Thank you to them for their willingness to stand and to serve in the Parish in this way:

*Churchwardens:* Esther Mercer & Ann Warwick

*Deanery Synod Reps:* Ruthlyn Cansdale & David Neil-Smith

*PCC Members:* Collet Blake, Cynthia Buchanan, Robin Farquhar-Thomson, Gloria Harper, Barbara Marcham, Cath Papangelou, Carlene Powell, Dean Warwick, Jacqui Wilkinson

## ASCENSION TO PENTECOST

In the 19th Century Blessed Elena Guerra, the founder of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, felt it was important that the Church be renewed in zeal, after the example of the first Christians at Pentecost, and petitioned Pope Leo XXIII in the following manner: *Pentecost is not over. In fact it is continuously going on in every time and in every place because the Holy Spirit desired to give Himself to all men and all who want Him can always receive Him, so we do not envy the apostles and the first believers; we only have to dispose ourselves like them to receive Him well, and He will come to us as He did to them.*

As a result of her promptings the Pope issued several important documents about the Holy Spirit. He also asked the Church to celebrate a novena (nine days of prayer) every year between the Ascension and Pentecost. We are therefore invited to pray the Pentecost Novena for this fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and in our own lives, especially since it is through the Holy Spirit that a person can encounter Jesus Christ and experience the love of God our Father.

*The nine days of prayer begin on Friday 27 May and continue until Pentecost.*

*We follow the example of Mary and the Apostles who, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, met together in the upper room and devoted themselves to prayer before the Holy Spirit descended.*

### A PRAYER TO SAY EACH DAY FROM FRIDAY 27 MAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the hearts of your Apostles and Disciples, grant me the same Holy Spirit, that He may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may not cling to the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with you, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect under the protection of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety that I may dedicate myself to the service of God; the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may strive always to please him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples and fill me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.