

Thank you to the parish from Honor and family for your kind words, expressions of sympathy and support and for attending Michael's funeral in such large numbers. A Mass for your intentions will be said on Sunday 23rd June at 11.30am.

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

This year we are organising a pilgrimage to walk the Portuguese Camino towards Compostela, the place that holds the relics of the Apostle Saint James.

It will be an 8 day trip (25th of August to 1st September) for the young people of the parish. There are still vacancies for young people over 15 who may want to come. Please contact Fr Juan if you are interested. We are also looking for benefactors and people who may like to contribute so that the cost of their pilgrimage can be reduced as much as possible. Please contact Fr Juan or give an envelope to one of the parish team if you would like to give a donation.

Please pray for the sick especially: Martin Foster, Peter Henderson, Maria Townsend, Alson Beinhorn, Andrew Wingfield, Breeda Moloney, Denise Warriner, Philip Chiang, Gregory Gilmartin, Phoebe Daniela, Denis Quilligan, Christina Philbin, Breeda Cleary, Nicholas Tilbury, Ann McInally, Kizi Kamasho, Michael McGlynn, Carol Burnett, Michel Gastrein, Sebastian Pereira, Oliver Hurrell, Billie Clinton, Fr Nigel, James Downes, Jenny Majumdar, Susan Gent, Frances Brady, Peter Dewar, Mae Higgins, Linda Pick, Sue Pachoa, Eulalia Morales, Raymond Gibbs and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Maria Westcott **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Eileen Morony.

Bible Reflection

'Saul went preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.' (Acts 9: 28)

Boldness: parrhesia in Greek, is candid speech, speaking and acting freely. This gift grants lack of hesitation or fear in the face of risk or danger. It is the opposite of shyness. To be bold implies a willingness to get things done despite risks. And there are always risks in life. But how can we risk seriously and not live imprisoned by fear if we have no firm confidence that any evil we may endure is relative, i.e., will pass away?

Christ through his resurrection has manifested in his own human body that the divine power has rendered evil and death relative, useless, transitory, ephemeral. Job, in the Old Testament, is a figure full of boldness. He is a man who, like all the saints, lives in the middle of many sufferings and yet does not need to speak badly about God. The saints are not too attached to the realities of this passing world. They live in a different world. They are aware that there are future realities that vastly surpass the worldly, to the point that almost any earthly good (careers, money, an ideal project over friendship or family, fitness, prestige...) weigh little in comparison with some heavenly goods (communion, life, forgiveness, generosity, kindness, fellowship... ultimately, presence of God). They are sure of these signs of hope of God's kingdom; hence they are free. Utterly free. Free to speak, free to risk, free to give, free to lose, free to love. They are free to live this life in its fullness and they are free to leave this world and go to the Father as well.

Fr Juan

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

Today's Readings p. 439-443

Acts 9:26-31; John 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 28th April 2024

Saturday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 28th April <i>5th of Easter</i> <i>Dedication of the Church</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass
Monday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction until 7.00pm

Tuesday <i>Easter feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	6.00 pm Mass
Thursday <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>SS Philip & James</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 5th May <i>6th of Easter</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

Today we celebrate the Anniversary of Dedication of our Church in 1866. The candles lit around the walls indicate the places where they were anointed with chrism by Cardinal Manning to consecrate the church.

In Today's Gospel Jesus tells us he is the True Vine and that we are the branches of the vine. This is a lovely image of the church for our Dedication Anniversary. It reminds us we can only bear fruit, (the fruits of the Spirit,) if we remain part of the vine, and also that we will be pruned, (by the Word of God,) so that we will be strengthened to bear even more fruit.

Wednesday 1st May is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Litany of St Joseph will be said after Mass.

May is the special month of devotion to Mary Gifts of flowers for her shrine throughout the month will be welcomed.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster last week, So far £920 has been raised. It is not too late to receive any further donations.

Our Parishioner Karen Townsend was one of the volunteer helpers on the Easter Week HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The group leader has sent us a lovely letter thanking us for raising funds for a child to go, and also a photo of the group in Lourdes – they can be seen on the porch noticeboard.

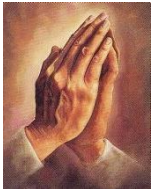
Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday. Mass is at 12 noon only.

Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day. Mass at 9.30 am, and Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm. (Mass of the Vigil on Wednesday at 6.00 pm also fulfils the obligation.)

The Climax of this Easter Season is Pentecost Sunday, 19th May, the day of the sending of the Holy Spirit to begin the life of the Church and the preaching of the Gospel to all nations. To celebrate the international nature of the Church – and of our Parish – we are having an International Lunch at 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre, when we shall be inviting you to contribute a national dish, and if you wish to wear national dress. More details shortly, but please keep the day free! Our newly forming Justice and Peace Group will be encouraging us to donate through this occasion to Friends of the Holy Land, and thereby help relief work in Gaza.

**YEAR OF PRAYER AT HOLY TRINITY BROOK GREEN
SEMINARS ON THE 'OUR FATHER'**

SEMINAR 2 – Wednesday 15th of May at 6.30 pm in Church
'HALLOWED BE THY NAME' 'THY KINGDOM COME' '
THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN'
Given by Fr Richard



SEMINAR 3 – Wednesday 5th of June at 6.30 pm in Church
'GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD' 'FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,
'AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US' '
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION' 'BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL'
Given by Fr Juan

Congratulations to our parish Confirmation group who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. Thank you to Bishop Michael Campbell OSA who officiated.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 12th, 19th & 26th May.

Welcome to the new Readers at 10.00am. Mass. Teens, adults or children who would like to read at the Family Mass please see Sr. Jenefer.

TODAY Sunday Cake sale in aid of Children's Liturgy.

Next Prayer Workshop 2.00pm, Thursday 9th May at Nazareth House Prayer Centre. All welcome.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.