

For the Diary: What is God saying to Brook Green at this time?
Tuesday, 24th May, 8:00pm – 9:30 PM (get together at 7.45 PM)

We've been through a pandemic which has changed our way of living, working, interacting globally: *is there something we can uniquely contribute as Christians, that makes our world better, advances God's kingdom?* We, as a parish, in Brook Green, London, in the 2022? The answer is yes! God is always inviting us, but it is not always easy to listen.

This Tuesday 24th May, we have an opportunity to come together to watch and discuss just such a conversation between Bishop Robert Barron and two prominent Church leaders – Nicky Gumbel from Holy Trinity Brompton and Fr James Mallon from Canada. This is the kind of synodality Pope Francis has been inviting us into – to listen together what the Spirit is saying to us. It promises to be an exciting evening with good conversation over wine. Come!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated NEXT SUNDAY 29th. May at 10.00am Mass, on Sunday 5th. June at 10.00am. and on Sunday 12th. June at 10.00 & 11.30am. Mass. Please pray for the children and their families, the catechists and all who have helped them prepare for this great Sacrament

The EASTER GARDEN remains in place in the Lady Chapel until Ascension
Repeat: Please pray for our candidates who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday 13th. May, for their continuing growth in faith.

The next Prayer Workshop 9th. June at 2.00pm. at Nazareth House. All welcome.

Summer Youth Camps

There are two summer youth camps coming up: **Chemin-Neuf**, a Catholic lay community with a long tradition of Summer festivals and camps for young people will be hosting their **third summer camp in England for 14-18 year olds**, between **1st-6th August 2022** at Storrington Priory, West Sussex. See www.chemin-neuf.org.uk
Contact: Br. Paul Renaud (07510 560 581), 1418.uk@gmail.com

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will happen at Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire, over the **bank holiday weekend, Fri Aug 26th – Mon, Aug 29th**. **Fr Rajiv** will be taking a group from the parish. **Open to two age groups – 14-17yrs old and 18-35 yrs.** *Promises to be an exciting weekend!* **Contact if interested. See www.youth2000.org** for more info.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 22nd May 2022

Today's Readings p.443-447

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apoc 21:10-14,22-23, Jn 14:23-29



Mass and Devotions for the Week

Saturday 21st May	9.30 am Mass, 6.00 pm Mass followed by Confessions
Sunday 22nd May	8.30 am Mass, 10.00 am (Family Mass)
<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	11.30 am (Solemn Mass) followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass
Monday 23rd May	12.15 pm Funeral Mass of Fr Tony Brunning, RIP 6.00 pm Mass with Adoration & Benediction till 7.00 pm
Tuesday 24th May	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday 25th May	6.00 pm Mass (<i>Vigil of the Ascension</i>)
Thursday 26th May	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary

Solemnity of Ascension 6 PM Solemn Mass

Friday 27th May 9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy
St Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday 28th May 9.30 am Mass
6.00 pm Mass followed by Confessions

Sunday 29th May 8.30 am Mass
7th Sunday of Easter 10.00 am Family Mass: First Communions
11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions
6.30 pm Mass

Today's Bible Readings

The First reading on Sundays in the Easter season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Today the apostles and elders in Jerusalem send an apostolic letter to the church in Antioch to make it clear that Gentile converts to Christ do not also have to follow the prescriptions of the Jewish Law. They speak with authority: 'It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves....'

The Second reading. We continue with the climax of the book of the Apocalypse, with John's vision of the holy city of the heavenly Jerusalem which shines with the radiant glory of God and of the Lamb. Each of the twelve foundation stones of the city walls is marked with the name of one of the Apostles.

In the Gospel, Jesus leaves a parting gift of peace before his Ascension into heaven and promises that the Father will then send the Holy Spirit who will remind the Apostles of all that Jesus has said to them.

Welcome back to Archbishop Nathaniel (Nizar) Semaan, now Archbishop of a Diocese in Iraq, who is staying with us in the parish during his visit to the UK. He will celebrate the 10.00 am Mass today, and also speak at the 11.30 am Mass. Up until 2019, he was Syriac Chaplain in the UK, in residence here, and a very good friend to our parish.

The Funeral Mass of Father Tony Brunning will be here in Holy Trinity on Monday at 12.15 pm. The main celebrant will be Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, and priests of the diocese will be concelebrating, with Fr Anthony Pellegrini giving the homily. Holy Trinity Parishioners are warmly welcome. All are invited after the Mass to a reception in the Parish Centre. Fr Tony resided in our parish 2014-20 at St Joseph's House next door, and assisted us in priestly ministry for several years.

The Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on Thursday 26th May **and is a holy day of Obligation**. Mass is at 9.00 am, and Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm. The Mass of the Vigil on Wednesday 25th May at 6.00 pm also fulfils the obligation. Our primary schools of St Mary's and Larmenier Sacred Heart will also be celebrating Mass.

In Mary's Month of May:

- We are invited to use the Rosary as a way of praying in union with Mary by meditating on the mysteries of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. We can pray the Rosary together in church or individually, wherever we are.
- Offerings of flowers are invited for our Lady's shrine in our church during May.
- We are invited to unite ourselves spiritually to the pilgrimage of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (27th May-3rd June,) in which Fr Richard and a few parishioners are taking part, by handing in to the parish office by Wednesday prayer petitions to be offered in the grotto, especially for the sick, and by making a donation towards a large parish candle to burn there for Brook Green.

We have started **the devotion of the First Five Saturdays** of the month to Our Lady as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. It will take place in our church each month, and began last Saturday. The next occasion will be 4th June at 2.00 pm. Five mysteries of the rosary will be recited, and there will be a meditation of fifteen minutes on a mystery of the rosary. Holy Communion should also be received that day, and you should go to confession, or during the week before or after. The promises attached to this devotion are salvation of our own soul and of sinners, and peace in the world.

Return of the Sunday Obligation

Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost (5th June), the Bishops of England and Wales now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.... As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.... It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

The Parish Office will be closed on the two Bank Holidays, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June. A Special Prayer for the Queen will be said at all Masses of Sunday 5th June, Pentecost and included in the newsletter for use at home.

There will be no Parish Newsletter on Sunday 5th June, so please ensure all information for that week reaches the Parish Office by Thursday this week, ready for the 29th May newsletter.