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Sunday 8th May - 4th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Tim Healy RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Mina Crawley RIP

3.00pm *May Procession in honour of Our Lady*

Monday 9th May Feria in Eastertide

10.00am Yvonne Charles

Tuesday 10th May Feria in Eastertide

10.00am The Sheridan & Horrocks family

Wednesday 11th May Feria in Eastertides

12.00noon The Holy Souls

Thursday 12th May Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

10.00am The Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

10.00am The deceased members of the Hamerton Fraser Family

A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 14th May St. Matthias

10.00am The Holy Souls

Sunday 15th May - 5th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Mark Dixon

11.30am Cyro Fonseca RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

(1.30pm 1st Holy Communion Mass)

No Rosary & Benediction today

MASS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1982 VISIT OF POPE ST JOHN PAUL II TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On 28 May at 12.30pm Archbishop John will celebrate Mass to mark the fortieth anniversary of the visit of St John Paul II to St. George's Cathedral. During this celebration, the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be administered, as it was on the occasion of St John Paul II's visit. If you would like more information on this - either for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please speak to Fr. Michael.

The Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition in the period 16 - 30 May about the visit of St John Paul II to St George's. Those who have photographs or other items relating to the visit which they might wish to loan are asked to write to admin@stgeorges.org.uk with details.

FR MICHAEL WRITES:

We were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Kingston and Mathew, her Consort to the 9.30 Mass last Sunday. She mentioned the collection we have been running for unwanted electrical items and was impressed with the amount we had already sent to the Guildhall for her charities. The former Headteacher of our primary school was presented with a gift from the parish, a framed print of a familiar river scene here in Kingston. She will be placing this in her current Headteacher's study. A lively reception followed in the hall afterwards. Thanks go to several ladies who baked cakes for the occasion.

Last Wednesday we welcomed two local Police community officers after midday Mass, to the hall. Their talk was very informative, with sound advice for everyone. They plan to return on a Sunday for a wider audience.

OF YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the repose of
the souls of

Cornelius O'Driscoll

whose Requiem Mass will be
celebrated on 19th May at
2.00pm.

Margaret Wendy Ford

whose Requiem Mass will be
celebrated on 30th May at
10.00am.

May they Rest Peace

JANE DALY RIP

Many of you will remember
Jane who died last year.
Sadly because of the Covid
restrictions in place at the
time, we were unable to have
a Requiem Mass. A Memorial
Mass for her will be offered on
Friday 27th May at 11.00am
followed by a reception in the
Hall. All are welcome to
attend.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am.
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am -
11.00am

2ND COLLECTION

Today there will be the annual
2nd collection for Ecclesiastical
Education. This fund helps
pay for the training of students
for the priesthood and the
permanent diaconate. There
are some special collection
envelopes available at the
back of the Church for this.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Faith Formation group will
meet today at 10:30am in the
library. We would like to invite
all the children and their
families to stay and join us for
Sunday lunch.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9th July at St. George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give, a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9th May. Every £1.00 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9th May makes £2.00 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

PROTECTING THE THAMES RIVERSIDE

The Thames Landscape Strategy is a non-profit organisation that was created to ensure that the riverside is protected from overdevelopment and can be accessible to everyone. We have an exciting new project called 'Rewilding Arcadia', which focuses on using nature-based solutions as a sustainable way to reduce flood risk in the communities along the Thames. We are currently in Phase one of the project, which involves carrying out a survey within the local community to gain an understanding of who uses the towpath along the river and what their thoughts are.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8zd6jd>

MAY THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

In 1917 in Fatima Our Blessed Lady asked three shepherd children to pray the rosary every day for peace in the world and for the end to 1st World War. Sr. Lucia, one of the children later said 'There is no problem a rosary can't solve.' The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, during this month let us say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine.

The rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and on Sundays at 4.00pm
This afternoon we will have our May Procession around the grounds of the Church at 3.00pm

This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd. Now how do these points affect me personally? a) My Shepherd's death means my deliverance—why, even at this very moment of Mass, redemption's graces are flooding my soul. b) Between Christ and myself there must exist a closer intimacy than even that between brothers, relatives, or friends. c) It is through Christ's efforts that I have been brought into the fold, and He is ever striving to make me a more perfect member of His flock.

In order to realize these ends, Christ instituted His Church, His representative. There we may approach Him, there He is close to us, there He continues His presence: "I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." Through the Church He speaks to us; in the Church flow the rivers of grace from Calvary's Cross; by means of the Church Christ seeks to become united personally with each of us. The words He spoke will never die. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." He instructs, warns and consoles us; they are the words of a father, a mother, a brother, a friend, a judge. The Eucharist gives flesh to His words - never disjoin one from the other. For together they constitute our most valuable earthly treasure, together they give us the whole Christ. What He promises in the Gospel He fulfils in the Eucharist. And thus the Mass, comprising the word and the body of Christ, brings Him completely to us. In the Mass, the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep — He pours His life into our souls. These, then, are our two greatest treasures, Christ's words and Christ's body. By embracing both we embrace our Saviour whole and entire.