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4th Sunday of Easter – Vocation Sunday
21st April 2024

“We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song”

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April for the role of women - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sun 21st	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M Pegado Thanks V Ferrao R.I.P.; A Walsh R.I.P. L Bravette Int; J O’Sullivan R.I.P.; J Walker R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 22nd	Easter Feria	C Acres R.I.P.; M Doherty R.I.P.	
Tues 23rd	St George	C Ofere R.I.P.; Mgr R Ofere R.I.P.	
Wed 24th	St Erkenwald & Mellitus	11 a.m. Requiem Mass Paddy Flynn R.I.P. 7 p.m. J Murphy Int;	Confirmation Candidates 7 p.m.
Thurs 25th	St Mark	G Murphy R.I.P.	First Communion Children 6 p.m. Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 26th	St Alphege	M Gormley R.I.P.	
Sat 27th	Easter Feria	P D Dias R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.
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Called at Baptism

Following one’s vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world but with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them this love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be ‘people for others’ because our heart teaches us that with Jesus we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so. This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling at our Baptism; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world as a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.

REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

R: alleluia

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

R: alleluia!

V: Has risen, as he said,

R: alleluia!

V: Pray for us to God,

R: alleluia!

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes** available this week. Your box number remains the same. Standing Order & Gift Aid forms also available.

- **Brighton Marathon:** A huge thank you again to Martin who raised £2400 for our parish building fund. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him. Any outstanding sponsorship can be handed in at the presbytery. Please include your name so we can tick you off list. **Thank you**

- **Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers** to the Joan Murphy and family following the death of Gerry who died last weekend. Requiem Mass for Gerry will be on Thursday, 9th May at 11 a.m. May he rest in peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

*I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament
of the altar.*

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and

forever. Amen

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £740
Loose Plate: £1161 **Thank you for your support**

- Tickets are available for **Creating New Beginnings Autism Charity Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance** taking place on 4th May 2024, 5pm to midnight at the Hilton Hotel London Kensington. Tickets are £80 for singles, £150 for a couple and £750 for a Corporate table of 10. Don't miss out on the glitz, beautiful food, wine and music. All for a good cause. Go to Eventbrite for tickets or contact 07946327625.

- **Priest Training Fund This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday** and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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