



# St Francis of Assisi Church

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Fr Phillip writes...

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday, we continue to follow the early stages of the spread of the good news. St Paul – still bearing the name of Saul at this early stage after his miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus – is introduced to the apostles by Barnabas. Quickly he shows his enthusiasm and boldness and we are told that “he started to go round boldly with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord.”

St John in our Second Reading impresses on his readers the importance of living our faith in God in a real way: “... our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active...” and that “we live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.”

In today’s Gospel, Our Lord presents us with the beautiful image of the vine. He himself is the true vine and we, as those who belong to him – all the baptised throughout the ages – are the branches. We see this reflected in the lives of the saints, those who have gone before us like Paul, Barnabas and John. We can see a strong image of the Church and how we are never just isolated individuals but, as members together, are all called to bear fruit.

Let us pray that we may bear much fruit, living faithful and active lives of love for the Lord in our world today.

\*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✠ Saturday 27th April, 5.30 pm: Fifth Sunday of Easter (People of the Parish)
- ✠ Sunday 28th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter  
8.30 am (Francesco & Nicolina Bruno R.I.P)  
10 am (Ellen (Helen) Magee R.I.P)
- ✠ Monday 29th April: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✠ Tuesday 30th April, 6.30 pm: Fifth Week of Easter
- ✠ Wednesday 1st May, 10 am: Fifth Week of Easter
- ✠ Thursday 2nd May, 6.30 pm: St Athanasius, Bishop, memorial
- ✠ Friday 3rd May, 10 am: Ss Philip & James, apostles, feast
- ✠ Saturday 4th May, 10 am: The English Martyrs, feast
- ✠ Saturday 4th May, 5.30 pm: Sixth Sunday of Easter (People of the Parish)
- ✠ Sunday 5th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8.30 am  
10 am (Deceased Members of the Berkeley Family R.I.P)

*\*Confessions after 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment*



### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER & MAGORZATA CORDOBA.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

*"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"*

- Dom Helder Camara  
Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



**Little Franciscan Toddler Group**  
During term time, every **Tuesday** from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email **Sue Roche** on: [sue.roche1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.roche1@btinternet.com)

Enjoy refreshments after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 am Mass!



### Sunday 12th May, after 10 am Mass

Come and join the procession round the garden and Benediction.



### First Holy Communion Children



Please keep the children making their First Holy Communion in May in your prayers.

### SVP TABLE SALES!



SVP - TABLE TOP SALES return this week, LOTS OF BAR-GAINS - take a look

- lovely selection of China and many other items, your donations needed and always welcome. Thank you.

## Windsor & Ascot Amalgamation

**Parish Finance Committee** - We are in the process of assembling a new finance council for our two parishes As they move towards becoming one. If there is anyone within the community who would be willing to serve on such a committee (perhaps meeting four or five times a year) then please speak to or email Fr Phillip or Fr David.

**Communications Group** - We are at present looking at the websites and newsletters of our two parishes of Windsor and Ascot. We certainly need a couple of people from our parish of Saint Francis to join The joint communication group with Windsor - if you are interested then please contact Father Phillip or Fr David.

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### FUNERALS IN MAY 2024 - PLEASE SAY A PRAYER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nora Teresa Annan**, whose Funeral Mass will be **Tuesday, 14th May at 12 pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerald Griffiths**, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be on **Wednesday 29th May at 11 am.**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Prayer for the departed



### Baptism of Baby Aamaya Duffield-Singh

On **Saturday, 4th May**, baby Aamaya will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for her and her family, so they can carry on teaching her in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless her with a long-lasting faith, love & hope.



### Information & signup booklet available in the Church Porch

*Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

A **Week of Accompanied Prayer** may be the special retreat time just for you!

✓ *Do you find yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship*

*with Jesus?*

✓ *Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?*

✓ *Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?*

*Who is this week for?*

For YOU. It is a like a "mini retreat in daily life" just 5 days, led by professionally trained Retreat Guides.

**The week at a glance:**

✓ Sunday 19 May at 5pm a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting

✓ Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you

✓ Friday 24 May at 6.30pm a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.



### A Day with Mary

A day of instruction & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.

**At Bournemouth Oratory - Richmond Hill, Bournemouth - on Saturday 18 May 2024.**

For more details, check the poster on the Church Notice Board, in the porch.





**FATIMA DEVOTIONS**  
**KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP**  
**Monday - Friday at 1.30pm**  
**30 Minutes of praying the Rosary**  
**As requested by Our Lady**  
**ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW**  
**MON 29th April - FRI 3rd May 2024**  
**ZOOM ID : 892 0249 7735**  
**PASSWORD : rosary**



**Sponsored by the KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER**  
**London North - Hanwell - Edmonton - Palmers Green - Sudbury - Harrow - St Albans - Uxbridge -**  
**Willesden Green - Mill Hill High Wycombe - Wood Green - Chiswick - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead -**  
**Letchworth - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square - Yeading - Whitton Wembley - Thames Valley**  
**ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - [www.stfrancisascot.co.uk/NEWSLETTER](http://www.stfrancisascot.co.uk/NEWSLETTER)**