



# St Francis of Assisi Church

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Fr Phillip writes...

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are now six weeks into Eastertide and will be celebrating Ascension Day on Thursday and then will be waiting, just like the disciples after the Ascension, for Pentecost Sunday. It is not a time of emptiness, nor of loss, for as Jesus reminds us it is primarily a time for love: "If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love... This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you... What I command you is to love one another".

Living that love in our lives means being faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus. St John in our Second Reading urges us also to put this love into practice: "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."

Our Lord, as he was taken up into heaven, as we will hear in the Gospel on Thursday, tells the apostles – and us – "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation". Let us joyfully proclaim to the world today our love for and our faith in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour who loves us all so much. Let us reach out to others in love and pray that they may come to know his love for them and respond in love to him. Let us also be steadfast in our prayer life and let us pray especially at this time that love may overcome hatred in our troubled and war-torn world.

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✚ 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)
  - ✚ Monday 6th May: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
  - ✚ Tuesday 7th May, 6.30 pm: Sixth Week of Easter (The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, 1st Centenary of their foundation)
  - ✚ Wednesday 8th May, 10 am: Sixth Week of Easter (Tony McGovern R.I.P)
  - ✚ Thursday 9th May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
10 am: (Audrey Davis, in thanksgiving for her birthday)  
6.30 pm: (Mary Looney, in Thanksgiving)
  - ✚ Friday 10th May, 10 am: Sixth Week of Easter after Ascension (Tina Paino Anniversary R.I.P)
  - ✚ Saturday 11th May, 11.30 am: First Holy Communion Mass (NO 10 am MASS TODAY)
  - ✚ Saturday 11th May, 5.30 pm: Seventh Sunday of Easter
  - ✚ Sunday 12th May, Seventh Sunday of Easter  
8.30 am (People of the Parish)  
10 am (Therese Norton R.I.P)
- procession of Our Lady of Fatima after 10am Mass -

\*\*Weekend of 12/13 May Collection: Catholic Communications Network

### 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

Kindly note that we will NOT meet on Tuesday, 14th May. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. 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)



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AFTER 10AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

### First Holy Communion Children

Please keep the children making their First Holy Communion in May in your prayers, that they might continue to grow in their Faith!



### SVP TABLE SALES!

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

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

## Windsor & Ascot Pastoral Area

**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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### Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima Sunday 12th May, after 10 am Mass

Come and join the procession round the garden and Benediction.

### 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



### CAFOD & SVP

Thank you to all who contributed to the Cafod Lenten appeal either by Direct Debit, online or cash in the green buckets. This Lent we were able to send £677 cash from the parish. Also, we were able to send £477 to the SVP, collected over the last ten months from the "hole in the wall" by St. Joseph. Thank you all for your continued support of both charities in these difficult times.



### 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.



### 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!

#### 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.

### Carer looking for a Job in the Area

RC Live-in companion/carers available, DBS, excellent references, for more details, call Helen on 07867978558.





**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 6th May - FRI 10th May

**ZOOM ID : 863 6110 6453**

**PASSWORD : rosary**



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