



# Sacred Heart Parish

## Ascension Thursday Sunday

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

#### Sunday 28th

Ascension Thursday Sunday

9:00am Mass -

Catriona & Phillip Ints  
(Peggy)

10:45am Mass -

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass -

Brendan Finnegan RIP

#### Monday 29th

10am Mass -

Mr F O'Brien (P Ryan)

#### Tuesday 30th

10am Mass -

Secular Priests' Common  
Fund

#### Wednesday 31st

Visitation of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

10am Latin Mass -

Fr Scarborough RIP

#### Thursday 1st June

St Justin

10am Mass -

Thanksgiving Mass for  
Bijo family

#### Friday 2nd

Srs Marcellinus & Peter

7pm Mass -

Tony McCall RIP  
(Hooper family)

#### Saturday 3rd

St Charles Lwanga &  
companions

12pm Mass -

First Holy Communion

#### Sunday 4th

Pentecost

9:00am Mass -

Agnes Theodora Perera RIP  
(J Perera)

10:45am Mass -

Ralph Tween RIP  
(G Adamson)

5:15pm Mass -

People of the Parish



### First Holy Communion

Our candidates have now completed their preparation. The second group of children will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd June. Please keep them in your prayers.

Isaac Anderson

Olivia Arthur

Benedict Bijo Thomas

Nicholas Cole

Seren Cunningham

Freddy Dennis

Tristan Emery

Fionn Flaherty

Harry Goodwin

James Hart

Eva Holden

Leila Idiculla

Frankie James

Romeo Kiroro

Victor Kfima

Jack Prior

Chloe Sellar

Kristina Simpson

Alexander Smith



This week (30th May) is half-term, and therefore we don't meet. Next week (7th June) we celebrate Pentecost! Join us then!

A Parish Diary was found in McColl's newsagents in Old Coulsdon. If it is yours please contact the Parish Office.

**Romero Centenary Pilgrimage to El Salvador:** The Archbishop Romero Trust has organized a third pilgrimage to El Salvador to coincide with the Centenary of Blessed Oscar Romero's birth which is being celebrated throughout 2017. It will take place from 13-25 November 2017. Bookings are now open but will close in June. For further information and to make a

booking or to reserve a place on the pilgrimage please contact by **mid-June:** Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX. Tel: 020 7431 3414 Fax: 020 7794

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With so much talent in the Parish, the CAFOD group are planning to put it to good use! On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October there will be a relaxed evening of entertainment in the Centenary Hall, with supper included. At this early stage of planning we would love to hear from all those in the Parish who might be prepared to share their talents and help us to raise much-needed funds for the people of El Salvador. Please telephone Vera (348373) or Biddy (345749) to find out more. We are hoping to have a varied programme of music, song, dance, comedy, verse etc.

Today there will be a collection for the Catholic Communications Network, this collection is not eligible for no Parish Gift Aid.

### SVP news

SVP Support - The Parish SVP Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599890043

**Fundanami Trust** - please leave any pre-loved children's books by the entrance to the shop in the porch OR phone 01883 348081. Books will be appreciated by the children in KZN school.

### Health & Safety

#### Steps

As the weather is improving the doors at the back of Church will be opened after Mass. Please can we ask all Parishioners to exercise cau-

tion using the steps, if you have any mobility issues please use the ramp at the side of Church where there is a handrail.

### Annual National Justice & Peace Conference:

21-23 July 2017 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire on 'A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor: The Challenge of Pope Francis. For more information contact: Email:

[admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk);

Tel : 0207 901 4864

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £822.54

(Gift Aid: £357.58)

**A Lifeline for Marriage - Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to re-discover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the programme - commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June 2017 in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham - email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) : call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## CONTACTS

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Proper Psalms

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

*John 20:19-23*

**Morning Prayer** every Monday 9:40am  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
every Tuesday 9am to 10am

**Rosary** every Wednesday & Thursday  
9:40am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Saturdays: 9am – 10am

**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30am  
– 11:00am (cancelled on 3rd)

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Succour** - after Saturday Mass

**Benediction** every Sunday 4:45pm



### Your Prayers are requested for the following people who are ill or housebound:

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Derek Walker & Richard Sowa.



### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 28th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses  
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass  
4pm Confirmation Session (Old Hall)

Mon 29th: Teas & coffee after Mass

Tues 30th: No Toddler group (Half term)

Wed 31st: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Whyteleafe Free Church)

Sat 3rd: 12pm First Holy Communion Day (group 2)

Sun 4th: No children's liturgy  
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass  
Confirmation Session (Old Hall)

### Gospel Reflection

*Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state*

*but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.* So says the liturgy for today, and it neatly sketches out for us once again the great Christian hope of eternal life, and the inner meaning of the Lord's glorification, which this mystery concludes.

For St John, the entire last portion of the Lord's life is part of his glorification; the last supper, his passion and death, above all his resurrection, and finally his ascension to glory. All of this he has done precisely to make it possible for us to follow him. Our sins deserve condemnation, and we have that condemnation in our sufferings and death. But hell is not inevitable now, since Christ has made us part of his body. Yes, like him we must suffer and die, but because he has divinized us by making us part of himself, by the divine life he shares with us in the form of grace, received above all through the sacraments, then death is not the end, but his body (the Church) follows the head (Christ) through death to the resurrection.

The ascension is part of this. *If I do not go*, he says, *the Spirit cannot come*. His earthly work is done, but the Holy Spirit was only beginning its work. It is the work of the Spirit to guide the Church down through the ages, to lead it into all truth; to inspire each Christian to live the life of the Gospel to the full, and ultimately make him or her like Christ. *Since we have been raised to life with Christ, we should seek the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of the Father.* We should turn our minds from earthly things.

The days intervening between the feast of the Ascension and the feast of Pentecost form the original Novena; nine days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. Well, we don't have nine days any longer. but that doesn't stop us praying for the Holy Spirit to bless and inspire us as we face everyday life under God's guidance.

### Other CAFOD NEWS:

You are invited to come and find out about CAFOD's work overseas and how we are trying to end poverty on Saturday 1st July at English Martyrs' Church Hall Horley RH6 8AR from 2:30-4:30pm. Cakes and tea will be provided so please let us know if you would like to come (for catering purposes) by emailing [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) or calling Martin or Jo at the Arundel and Brighton CAFOD volunteer centre 01483 898866.

### Understanding CAFOD Morning

You are invited to come and find out about CAFOD's work overseas and how we are trying to end poverty on **Wednesday 14th June at Holy Family Church Hall Lanc-**

**ing BN15 9BB** from 11:30-1pm. The morning will end with a simple lunch so please let us know if you would like to come (for catering purposes) by emailing [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) or calling Martin or Jo at the Arundel and Brighton CAFOD volunteer centre 01483 898866.

### GIFT AID ANNUAL STATEMENTS

If you have not yet collected (or received by e-mail) your annual statement of your Gift Aid donations for the last tax year, they are available from the Sacristy after all Masses this Sunday. If you would like your statement e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail to the Parish Organiser at [peterkelly67@gmail.com](mailto:peterkelly67@gmail.com).