



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays

9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Communications Sunday

12 MAY 2024

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - We are in the powerful ten days between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit. And today's readings focus on the foundations of the church, our community, before the Holy Spirit empowers it. In the first reading Matthias is chosen to carry on the work of the twelve and in the Gospel we hear the prayer of Jesus to his Father at the last supper, remembered by the apostles as guidance as to how they should live after Jesus leaves them.

Two messages are prominent in Jesus' prayer: He prays for his followers' relationship with the world and he prays that they should be consecrated in truth.

Jesus prays that we should not be removed from the world, detached from it or live in opposition to it. Instead we are called to live out the impact of the Incarnation: By becoming a human and living in this world, God has made the whole world holy, we need to respect this and love the world as deeply as God loves it. But we must be protected from the hate and harm that surround us. And this can only happen if we're "consecrated in truth" which means we turn to God as our energy and live in his love.

Getting the balance right between our relationship with God and our love for the world is really hard. It's hard for us as individuals and it's hard for us as the Church. But by reading this Gospel passage today, we are assured that God will help fulfil our calling to do both, when we are filled with the joy, confidence, love and hope of the Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrate next Sunday at Pentecost. JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 2:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25, John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - 2nd Collection this weekend

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) which seeks to be of service both to the church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and helping to promote Gospel through the media
Thank you for your generosity.

STREET PARTY IN MEMORY OF ADRIAN MCGURRAN - SUNDAY 12 MAY 1-4PM

The Northwood Road residents would like to invite you to join us in celebrating and raising funds to plant trees in memory of Adrian McGurran, a long time and active member of the street community. Bringing together the SWOY congregation with those from Northwood Road, would be a wonderful opportunity to unite the communities that Adrian loved so dearly.

More information is included in the poster and it would be great to welcome as many of you as possible. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation please scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 19 MAY 2024, we will be celebrating one **Sunday Mass at 10:30am**. Please remember to put this in your diary.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS Please remember that we will be celebrating the parish international Mass on **Sunday 9th June 2024 at 10.30am**, followed by shared lunch at the school hall. Children will be involved in the liturgy, music and various shows at the school grounds

The hymns, readings and the Gospel will be proclaimed in foreign languages and so will the prayers of the faithful. Parishioners of diverse nationalities and languages are encouraged to participate in the celebration. Both in the liturgy and the shared lunch afterwards.
Everyone is invited to this Joyful day of celebration and unity



INTERNATIONAL MASS

Our International Mass will be a vibrant celebration of the many different cultures which make up our parish. The Art Group are calling on you to help us to decorate the church to match the joyful liturgy.

Please take a piece of A4 card from church and decorate it with a greeting in your native or heritage language. This needs to be in big bold letters. You may also want to include your country's flag or other national symbols. You can also download instructions [HERE](#)

Please return your decorated card by **Sunday 2nd June** to allow the art group to prepare the display.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 24

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE IS 40

As part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration, CARJ is launching 'The Agenda for Change' to bring about greater equality and create a racially just society. This free event takes place on 25 May at 10.30am in Amigo Hall, followed by a 3pm Mass.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to info@carj.org.uk

CAFOD'S BIG PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 1st June at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, 12 -5.

The day will offer a short (walking) pilgrimage of 2-3 miles (or a longer one!), refreshment and entertainment and interactive activities for the whole family, sharing CAFOD's Catholic Values. Sign up at cafod.org.uk/thebigpilgrimage

FORMATION FAYRE – “Made for More”

Saturday 8th June at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, 9.30 – 4.30

An enriching day of faith development. Archbishop John Wilson is the keynote speaker. The event promises dynamic breakout sessions, times of prayer, and opportunities for spiritual reflection. Don't miss this chance to deepen your understanding of Catholicism and emerge renewed and empowered.

Register now at aec.rcaos.org.uk and be part of this transformative event.

FIRST SATURDAY DAY OF RECOLLECTION - 1ST JUNE 2024 11AM TO 4.30PM

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome to attend.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23 to 30 August. Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the [Archdiocesan website](#):



Pilgrimages to Lourdes are a wonderful opportunity to pray and journey together as you seek a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus. Lourdes provides healing and peace, strengthened by the prayers of Our Lady and St Bernadette as pilgrims seek comfort in Christ our Lord.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH - is pleased to announce that several Youth Days for 10 - 14-year-olds will be held across the Diocese during 2024. Each event will take place between 11 am - 6 pm, with a charge of £5 per child or £8 per family, payable on the day. Lunch and dinner will be included. All are welcome [sign up here](#)

YEAR OF PRAYER In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer. The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.

MASS ATTENDEES

20/21 April - 267 27/28 April - 292 4/5 May - 264

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12 May 1-4pm	Street Party in memory of Adrian McGurran RIP	Northwood Road
Sunday 12 May 3pm	Eucharist 4 Session	Church
Monday 13 May 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Friday 17 May 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Sunday 19 May 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 19 May 6pm	Confirmation Session 8	Church
Monday 20 May 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 1	Church
Tuesday 28 May 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Communications Sunday

Saturday 11 May 2024

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 12 May 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Margaret O'Sullivan RIP

Monday 13 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Patrick Maguire RIP

Tuesday 14 May 2024 - St. Matthias, Apostle

09:30 Alphonse Williams RIP Anniversary

Wednesday 15 May 2024 - St. John Stone, Priest & Martyr

09:30 Sheena Robbins RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 16 May 2024 - St. Simon Stock, Priest

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 17 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Gallagher RIP

Saturday 18 May - Feria

10:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

Saturday 18 May 2024

18:00 Kathleen Garvey RIP

Sunday 19 May 2024

10:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



NORTHWOOD RD STREET PARTY!

SUNDAY 12 MAY 1-4PM

Cake Sale • Sausage Sizzle • BYOB • Fire Engine
Bric a Brac Sale • Bake Off • Raffle • Music • Plant Sale

We'll have music from Ramfunk, a jazz collective, the Northwood Road band and more!

Invite Friends and family!

Please move cars by 11am

Any volunteers to help with set up and clearing gratefully appreciated!

Bric a Brac contribution welcome

Sample the Bake off Cakes when they're sold after judging!

Proceeds will go to fund street trees in memory of our neighbours Alan & Adrian

All donations welcome [HERE](#) or using the QR code below

