

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

For Pat Dunne; Celeste Doyle, Richard Ogundiran, Doreen and Mike Rozwadowski,  
Prof Enitam Bababunmi, David Lincoln, Imelda Princess Forde,  
Giovanna Muszynska; and all the faithful departed.

**OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025**

**Saturday 24th May**

	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Pat Dunne (RIP - anniv)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 25th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Celeste Doyle (RIP)</b>
<b>OF EASTER</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Richard Ogundiran (RIP - anniv)</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>-</b>

**Monday 26th**                      **9.30 am**      **Ints of Dympna Ewings and family**  
St PHILIP NERI, Priest

**Tuesday 27th**                      **9.30 am**      **Doreen & Mike Rozwadowski (Anniv)**  
St AUGUSTINE OF                      **10.30 am**      **Tuesday Morning Prayer Group**  
CANTERBURY, Bishop                      **2.30pm**      **St Anthony Prayer Group**

**Wednesday 28th**                      **No Mass today - Parish Day Trip.**

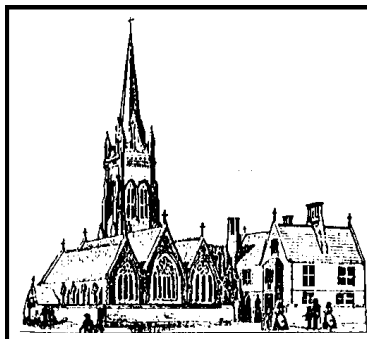
**Thursday 29th**                      **9.30am**      **Prof Enitam Bababunmi (RIP anniv)**  
**THE ASCENSION**                      **7.30pm**      **David Lincoln (RIP)**  
**OF THE LORD**

**Friday 30th**                      **9.30 am**      **-**  
   **11.00am**      **Funeral Mass of Imelda Forde**

**Saturday 31st**                      **10.00 am**      **The sick and housebound**  
**THE VISITATION**                      **10.30 am**      **Adoration and Benediction**  
**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY  
OR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Fr JAMES OR Fr LINFERD**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11AM - 3PM**



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Dear Friends

This week sees the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is the 40th day after Easter Sunday. Forty is always a significant number in the tradition of Holy Scripture - it is symbolic of completeness. This is why this day is so significant and why it is for us a Holy Day of Obligation. In the Ascension of the Lord Jesus we see the summit and completion of the meaning of the Incarnation of God, that in Jesus our human nature has been taken up into the very life of God, and for all eternity. Just pausing to contemplate that awesome reality should spur us on to change our lives.

After the Ascension comes the "Novena" - nine days of special grace and prayer leading to Pentecost Sunday. Think today of how you will use these days of grace to pray for the Church, our new Holy Father, for the needs of a suffering world and for each other.

Please pray also especially for our own Fr Linferd. He, as you know, will be moving to his next assignment in priestly ministry after Pentecost and leaving us after some five years. We will miss him - his quiet presence, his wisdom and dedication to preaching and teaching and guiding souls. I have myself great cause to be grateful to Fr Linferd for all his patient help and support as I arrived in the parish, without which I would have been "all over the place." I know that many have their own reasons to be grateful to Fr Linferd for his ministry among us. We will pray for him and you will hear more at Mass about how we say a formal farewell on Pentecost Sunday. (A reminder that if you wish to add something to a presentation to Fr L, please put it in an envelope so marked and add to the Offertory, or see Gerald in the Parish Office.)

The Ascension came as a surprise and challenge to the new-born Church, so our lives always change and move on - but Christ is Risen and therefore we are not afraid. Let all be for the Glory of God.

Fr James

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING

Don't forget you can also make an offering via the 'Touch & Tap' at the door. For details of methods of Planned Giving, see the leaflet at the door of Church. Parish bank account details are below, and on the website *Donate* page.

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### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: THURSDAY 29 MAY:

Thursday this week is for us a Holy Day. All Catholics should attend Mass on that day. Holy Day Masses in the parish will be at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

**"MAGNIFICAT"**: We are now stocking copies of Magnificat, which is a well known and loved monthly guide to Mass for every day together with a host of supporting articles, meditations and information. Excellent to use for Sunday Mass. Price £6.50. **JUNE ISSUE AVAILABLE TODAY.**

**"MY DAY BY DAY" (£2.00) + "BIBLE ALIVE" (£3.00) JUNE 2025:** These excellent publications giving daily prayers and meditations and reflections on the Mass readings are available for you to purchase TODAY.

**200 CLUB MAY DRAW:** There were 128 members in the draw, the winners are: 190: £160; Steve & Lilian Greene; 68: £32; Elizabeth Mariano; 87: £32; Paul Mullen; 24: £19.20; Luis Lopes; 38: £19.20 Charles Kavanagh-Brown; 164: £19.20; Gabriella Logue. ***You have to be in it to win it. Membership forms in the literature rack by the side door of church.***

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP):** The SVP is well known to many as an association of the Catholic faithful who work together to bring practical charitable help to all kinds of needs. Over the weekend of 14/15 June representatives from the SVP will be visiting and speaking at Mass to tell us more, with a view to re-founding a SVP conference in our parish as a forum for voluntary work. There will be an **INFORMATION MEETING on Thurs 19 June at 7.30pm in the hall, No.62.** Find out more about the SVP at [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk)

**JUBILEE YEAR TALK AT ALLEN HALL:** To Celebrate the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope and the 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea, the first Ecumenical Council, there will be a talk at Allen Hall Seminary on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday, 7 June at 3pm on Hope and the Holy Spirit. It will be given by Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall. You are invited to stay for refreshments, and tour of Allen Hall with an explanation of its rich history starting at 5pm. You are also most welcome to join the Allen Hall community for Vespers at 5:30 pm. This will end with devotions to the Douai Martyrs - including veneration of St John Southworth's relic. The afternoon will finish at about 6 pm. To help plan for numbers, please register to attend by emailing [parector@rcdow.org](mailto:parector@rcdow.org).

**INVITATION TO AN EVENT BY "OPEN DOORS":** a day of worship, fellowship and prayer for our persecuted family in sub-Saharan Africa. St Mark's Church, 337 Kennington Park Road, SE11 Sat, June 7· 10am - 3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arise-africa-london-tickets-1336535727339?aff=oddtcreator>

**EMMAUS JUBILEE YOUTH FESTIVAL:** 2-3 August at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, the festival will offer an encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. For more information and registration please visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/>

**PATTERN OF WORSHIP STARTING MONDAY 9 JUNE:** For the next few weeks this will be in the Newsletter so we can all get familiar with it. The schedule is as follows:

#### Sunday Mass:

**(6.00pm** Saturday Anticipated Mass for those forced to work on Sunday)

This time changes to allow Confessions before Mass instead of afterwards.

**8.30am**

**10.00am** (with Children's Liturgy)

**12 Noon**

**6.00pm**

#### Weekday Mass:

will continue as presently at **9.30am**, except that there will be **no Mass in the parish on Wednesdays**, except Holy Days, to allow me a day off. Saturday Mass remains at **10.00am**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This pattern of worship is an experiment to see if it can be sustained.

I am taking some annual leave whilst Fr Linferd is still here. In the future when it is appropriate for me to be on leave, some changes will have to be made to this schedule depending on the "cover" arrangements that can be made.

The other important practical change to our usual arrangements will be the times that the church building is open for private prayer. As far as possible the church will open as usual at **8am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and close on those days at 6pm.** On Saturday we will open at 9am and Sunday at 7.30am, closing after the last Mass on those days.

***On Wednesdays at present, I regret, the church will be closed.*** On all weekdays, when nobody is present on site the building will be closed. At all such times a notice will be posted in the side door window with relevant information.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: The regular times will be on Saturday between 10.30 - 11.20am and 5.00 - 5.40pm.***

Look for up-to-date notices about all this in the window of No.62 and on the notice board in church.