

ENTRANCE	794 God is love, his the care
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Missa de Angelis
GOSPEL ACCL.	534 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	278 Now the green blade riseth
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	866 I will be with you
RECESSIONAL	356 Hail Queen of Heaven

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
 Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
 Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SYNOD & SOCIAL FEEDBACK
 Monsignor Roger invites you to join him on Tuesday 7th May at 7:00pm here in the Church to hear about the feedback from the Synodal questions and the recent Social Committee questionnaire. Refreshments will be served in the porch.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 9th May
 There will be two Masses on Thursday 9th May, the feast of the Ascension, one at 10am and one at 7pm.

CAKE NEEDED!
 We would really appreciate it if anyone felt the urge to bake a cake for us to sell on our Cake Stall after 10am Sunday Mass on 12th May. (You can also cheat and bring a premade one, shhh!) Thank you!

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION
 The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm. Homilist: Fr Pius Collins, O. Praem. of the Norbertine Canonry of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham.

4th May - 11th May

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 4th	5pm	Simon Lawrence (Birthday Anniversary)
Sun 5th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Robert Santos (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 6th	10am	Teresa Haloran RIP
Tues 7th	10am	Jawan Mirza (4th Anniversary)
Wed 8th	10am	Olivia Moraes (Birthday Intentions)
Thur 9th	10am	Mary Teahan (24th Anniversary)
	7pm	People of the Parish
Fri 10th	10am	Pierrette O'Callaghan (Anniversary)
Sat 11th	5pm	Shirley Smyth (Anniversary)



Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Simon Lawrence (Birthday Anniversary)
Our Lady	Yvette Stuart RIP

THE CASE OF THE MISSING CAKE TIN
 Our lovely weekly cake stall is missing a vital cake tin, used to transport those freshly baked goodies to the Church safely. Please could whoever borrowed it, return it when possible? It is a square, dark blue tin with a white design on it. Thank you so much!

CONFIRMATION SPONSORED WALKATHON
 Will take place at Roundwood Park on Saturday 11th May. Please do consider sponsoring one of our Candidates to raise money for Mary's Meals. Thank you.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS
 All new Catholics are invited to attend a special Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 May at 6:00pm. Nearer the date, please look on <https://rcdow.org.uk/events/> for further details of a talk beforehand.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	17th May 5:30pm Rehearsal Kensal Rise 18th May 12noon First Communion Mass
 CONFIRMATION	Confirmation Mass Wednesday 15th June Westminster Cathedral 7:15pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024

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Sunday Masses: (Sat 5pm)
 Sun 8am & 10am
Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am
Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
 £560.50

APRIL STANDING ORDERS
 £3,678.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME APRIL
 £782.00

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You are my friends if you do what I command you (Jn 15:9-17)

Meditation: What is the greatest act of love which one can give for the sake of another? Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

God is the source and origin of love - divine and human
 Scripture tells us that God is love (1 Jn 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

A new way of loving and serving one another
 Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment - a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others. He loves them for their sake and for their welfare. That is why he willingly laid down his own life for us to free us from sin, death, fear, and everything that could separate us from the love of God. Our love for God and our willingness to lay down our life for others is a response to the exceeding love God has given us in Christ. Paul the Apostle states, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rm 8:35,38-39).

Friendship with God
 Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare. He personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us. What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

Love to the death
 The Lord Jesus gives his followers a new commandment - a new way of love that goes beyond giving only what is required or what we think others might deserve. What is the essence of Jesus' new commandment of love? It is a love to the death - a purifying love that overcomes selfishness, fear, and pride. It is a total giving of oneself for the sake of others - a selfless and self-giving love that is oriented towards putting the welfare of others ahead of myself. Jesus says that there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love by giving his life for us on the cross of Calvary. Through the shedding of his blood for our sake, our sins are not only washed clean, but new life is poured out for us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the peace and joy of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love? The Lord Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbour, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do you wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

Fr Allan