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**Charity Number: 234092**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (26/05/2019)**

Dear Parishioners,

There have been many Councils in the history of the Church. They were often called to settle some doctrinal controversy or bring the Church and contemporary culture into dialogue.

Today's first reading gives the background to the first Council of Jerusalem, called to settle a pressing query at the time: whether Gentile converts to Christianity were to be obligated to keep the law of Moses concerning male circumcision. The decision: they were not. The reading goes on to detail how the communication of Catholic teaching was beginning to take place by letter, with delegates despatched to deliver the letter to far-flung communities in the now-expanding Church. In this way, both the letter and spirit of the teaching of the Church were being faithfully communicated. The intention was, and remains, to keep the Body of Christ united as the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. This is chiefly the role of the Pope. He is the fulcrum of authority, the first among equals in the College of Bishops- the visible foundation and the source of unity in the Church.

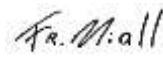
On Wednesday next, we will celebrate for the first time the Feast of Pope St. Paul VI. Pope Paul VI was Pope from 1963 to 1978; together with Archbishop Oscar Romero and a number of others, he was canonised by Pope Francis on 14 October 2018.

He became Pope during the Second Vatican Council, the latest example of the Great Councils stretching back to the early Church. He brought that Council to its conclusion and presided over the delivery of its teaching and developments. These were difficult years. He was prophetic in so many ways: calming the choppy waters in which the Church and the world were moving at the time, and yet defiantly and correctly defending Catholic teaching which was being condemned from many corners.

Pope Paul VI championed the importance of witness as the best way of teaching the Gospel. Today's Gospel says unity is the best witness to truth. As he canonised him in

October, Pope Francis said, 'Today, Paul VI still urges us, together with the Council whose wise helmsman he was, to live our common vocation: the universal call to holiness. Not to half measure, but to holiness.'

Have a Blessed Week

 (Fr. Niall)

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

**Baptism Preparation** The next parish Baptism Preparation programme will be at 7:00p.m. on Monday 10th June in the church.

Thursday 30th May is the Ascension of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation. Times of Masses: Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7:30p.m.. Thursday 9:15a.m. and 7:30p.m.

At all the weekend Masses this week 25th and 26th of May a speaker from Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will give an awareness talk to parishioners.

**Parish Over 60s Club** Bored with daytime television? The parish Over 60s Club invite you to join them every Wednesday in the church Meeting Room. 10' clock to 3 p.m. for a chat, game of Bingo, cup of tea and cake. All welcome.

**CAFOD Sri Lanka:**The tragic nature of the Easter Sunday bombings means that many families will need support over the coming days, weeks and indeed years to come . Caritas Sri Lanka has already established psychological centres to spearhead the trauma counselling that is now urgently needed. Donations may be sent to support the victims of the Sri Lanka terrorist attack. If you wish to donate please write to : Cafod, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

Come this summer on **Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes** with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please 'phoneTangey Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

Parish Groups

If you are making your own arrangements for bringing a parish group with the diocesan pilgrimage, please contact the pilgrimage's administrator Cathy O'Connor, so that we can plan well: cathy\_oconnor83@hotmail.com

In such cases, we would ask for a donation of £10 per pilgrim for which you will

receive a diocesan lanyard, liturgy booklet and pilgrimage booklet

## **Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event in Trafalgar Square - Pentecost Sunday, 9th June**

If you are fed up of hearing bad news and wonder what it would be like to see a glimpse of heaven on earth we would love you to join thousands of others to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event has a family friendly festival from 12 pm – 4 pm or 4 pm to 6 pm an Ecumenical service with Cardinal Vincent and other Christian leaders. For more information or to register your interest please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. The Brentwood Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary tour being the main part of the presentation. We will be engaging people to come and pray the rosary and mingling in the crowds to encourage them over. Can you be there to be a witness to your faith, chat with those who are looking for more information about Jesus Christ and join with thousands of others in prayer. If you can help or are going along please get in contact – [adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Pilgrimage to India** Due to the success of our journey to India last year, I am very pleased to present another Pilgrimage to India / 25th November to 4th December 2019 Delhi/ Rajasthan / Ranthambhore - Saints of India. Price includes Flights/ DBB /excursions £1,479. To book or view itinerary, please see [www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk) Any further queries please call Stella Kearns 02085273879.

Mass attendance last weekend 759 and at the Syro Malabar mass 105 . The collection last week was £1363.81p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you.

### **ROTAS**

<b><u>Counting Rota</u></b>	28/4B	05/5F	12/5E	19/5B	26/05F	02/6B
<b><u>Hospital Rota</u></b>	28/4d	05/5A	12/5B	19/5D	26/05A	02/06B



Joke of the Week: So I went to the petrol station to fill up my car with petrol. and there was nothing coming out of the nozzle. I went to reception and asked if he had his pumps on. He said "no, I'm wearing flip-flops"

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Sr. Scholastica Igboanugo (Intentions)
<b>Sun 26 May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Erlinda Kim (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
<b>10:00am</b>	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Antonio Cassillo (Rest in Peace) (Friends)
<b>02:30 pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>Mon 27 May</b>	<b>STAINT AUGUSTINE OF CATERBURY, BISHOP</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Tessie and Krishna Kalpee (Tnanksgiving)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Mary Mann (Rest in Peace) (Josie and Pat)
<b>Tue 28 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murtagh (Rest in Peace) (Ann O'Donovan)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Victoria Kestow (Intentions)
<b>Wed 29 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Almo's Intentions (Parishioners)
<b>07:30pm</b>	Philomena Spranklen (Intentions)
<b>Thu 30 May</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Agnelo and Louella Rodrigues (Intentions) (Louella)
<b>07:30pm</b>	Darren Rodrigues (Intentions) (Louella)
<b>Fri 31 May</b>	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St. Helen, Brentwood Diocesan Feast</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Sr. Pachelia Ereonu
<b>06:00pm</b>	Joan O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
<b>Sat 01 June</b>	<b>SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Maria Hishon's Intentions (Over 60's Club)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Ikenna Kenneth Ezerioha (Rest in Peace) (Roseline Ezerioha)
<b>Sun 02 June</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	John Joseph Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Christoper Cullen)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Anne and Mike Whitlam (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Parishioners
<b>02:30 pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, ,Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Agnes Fadina, Jadwiga, Canon William Young, Matthias Fredberg

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.