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11th/12th May 2019

Holy Communion: Congratulations to the children who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. This celebration will take place at each of the three Masses. Please pray for them and for their families, who have all been carefully preparing for this day over the last year, with the help of our team of catechists. Well done, all of you!

Saturday 6.30pm: Santiago Ozon-Gonzalez, Eva Muñoz, Natalia Krawiec, Ashton Gooding, Dean Fernandes, Ailish O'Hara, Owen Lucas, Alaister Aguila, Alexavier Aguila, Bethany Carnell. **Sunday 10.00am:** Tara Shahedi, Jo-Benoit Boga, Kathleen Moore, Ikenna Ohagi, Oliver Philp, Martin Uzoh. **Sunday 12 pm:** Ndukuba Shaun-Keoni, Muna Beshaw, Niniola Laniyan, Nylah Bynoe-Daniel, Sidney Porritt, Kayla Awoyemi, Adriana Ndjoli, Ikechukwu Agbonye, Victor Alozie, Rayhan Afful.

A Big Thank You to our team of catechists, Anne, Hilary, Susan, Marian, Carolina and Frank, who have given up their time on the first Saturday of each month to help the children prepare to receive both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Thank you ☺.

Bishop Patrick Lynch's Pastoral Visit to our Parish: We welcome Bishop Patrick who will be in our parish for three days this week. On Friday, he will visit Holy Cross school [10am], offer a funeral Mass [11.30am], and visit the sick and the housebound [from 3pm]. On Saturday, he will minister the Sacrament of Confirmation [11.30am], and in the afternoon he will meet with the parish priest to sign parish registers and meet the Finance Committee members. He will meet with extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, readers, members of church cleaning and decoration team, SVP members, catechists, leaders of altar servers, welcoming ministers, sacristans, representatives of Diamond Club and TTT, UCM, and everyone who wishes to have a chat with him regarding our parish, in Hartley Hall from 4pm. He will also meet members of Parish Council [Saturday 5pm at Hartley Hall]. He will preside over and preach at all weekend Masses. Bishop Patrick says, "A parish visitation is not an examination. It is an opportunity for the Bishop to listen and learn, to advise and suggest and most of all to affirm how a parish might grow as a community of faith and mission. An essential element of the process is praying with, meeting with and talking to the people of the parish..."



Message for the Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



My dear brothers and sisters,
 Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please particularly pray this week that those God our Father is calling to ministry in the Church may have the listening ear to discern that call. This is the first step on a journey, but obviously not the last. Pope Francis has entitled his Vocations Day message this year "The courage to take a risk for God's promise", as responding to our 'Vocational Call' from God can be a risky venture; as we must let go and trust in Him. That promise, the Gospel Good News, needs all Christian people to bear it to the world, but especially those in Holy Orders and the Religious Life.

This diocese has been fortunate over the years to have been blessed with many priests from different backgrounds and cultures... In the Gospel today we heard that Jesus said "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice" – in a special way the priest both listens to that voice and also speaks with that voice. Without priests that voice can become muted or even unheard. I would ask you to pray for your own Clergy and Religious, who dedicate their lives to service of God and the Church.

To pray for the inspiration to see where God is calling you in your life.
 And to pray for wisdom, to recognise those who need encouragement to consider Religious Life or Ordination.

With an assurance of my prayers,

+Peter

A warm welcome to Bishop Nazarene Soosai, Bishop of Kottar, India, who will be in our parish for a few days this week and will concelebrate the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick on Saturday.

Baptism Course The next Baptism courses will take place on Saturdays, 18th and 25th of May, 10am -11.30am in Hartley Hall. If you have already submitted your application to the parish office, you are invited to attend either of the Baptism courses, and we look forward to seeing you. If you have any queries, please contact Fr Antony.

Catholic Mothers invite you to spend some time learning more about the Heart of Mary and Jesus with Fr Sean Davidson. The Talks for Mothers series will take place in Hartley Hall and the next has been arranged as follows: Resting upon the Heart of Jesus, 7th June at 7.30 pm. Come and find some rest and meet new faith-filled friends.

Third Thursday Time This Thursday, 16th, drop in to Hartley Hall 5.30-8.30 for cafe, Zumba (5.45pm), board games, art materials, singing, quiet space, book swap and more. All welcome.

Funerals Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Bamigboye whose funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 14th May at 12.30pm and Jackey Folkes whose funeral Mass will be on Friday 17th May at 11.30 am. Please also include their families and friends in your prayers, that they may receive comfort and strength at this difficult time.

Pray for the sick: Let us pray for the sick including Mariam Philomin, Fabian Chen, Fidelis D'Mello, Charlie Hyam, Rose Calver, Clifford Aristide, Agatha Lewis and Ann Whittington. To include anyone's name, kindly contact Lesley Allen.

A Message from Mariam Philomin On behalf of both myself and my family, I wish to express our gratitude for all the kind messages and Mass cards received from you all. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. God bless you all.

The next Servers Club is at 3-4pm on 29th June. This is an opportunity for new Altar Servers to join the team and begin to learn how to serve at Mass. Children should be in Year 3 or above and have made their first Holy communion.

Second Collections: Today's second collection is for Ecclesiastical Education.

Please join

Rosary:
 Mon Tues Thurs 9.40am / Wed 8.50am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wed 9.40am

Confessions: Sat 6 pm

Parish Diary

First Holy Communion: 11th / 12th May
 Bishop Pat 's visit 17-19 May
 Confirmation 18 May
 Baptism Course: 18th and 25th May

Contact Numbers

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 Third Thursday Time TTT
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Hartley Hall - Parish Community Centre
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Finance: Loose £720.13 SO: £503.00
 Sri Lankan Collection: £292.98 Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS		
MASS TIME	WEEK (11 - 17 May)	NEXT WEEK (18 - 25 May)
SUN 6.30 pm [Sat] 10.00 am 12.00 pm Baptism	Thierry Gnanakumar <i>RIP</i> Theresa Green <i>RIP</i> Genevieve Stanislaus <i>RIP</i> Carlos & Rafael Branco Sarmiento Florence Amelia Unwin	Joseph Ford <i>Recovery</i> Ogbuji Family <i>Thanksgiving</i> People of the Parish (11.30 am) Mallena Canneddu
MON 9.15 am	Out Lady of Fatima Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>	Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>
TUE 9.15 am	St Matthias, Apostle Mary Monaghan <i>RIP</i>	Mina Bernardi <i>RIP</i>
WED 9.15 am	Grace Morango <i>Wellbeing</i>	St Rita of Cascia. Religious Thelma Sydonnie Green <i>RIP</i>
THURS 9.15 am	Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>	Francesca Candita-Simpkins <i>RIP</i>
FRI 7.30 pm 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mary Monaghan <i>RIP</i>	Jackey <i>RIP</i>