

MASSES THIS WEEK, 14th – 21st May 2023

Sunday	14th May
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
6.00 pm (on Sat.)	Vigil Mass: <i>Souls of Perera and Fernando family</i>
8.30 am	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
10.00 am	Mass: <i>Michel family</i>
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Monday	15th May
St John Stone, Priest and Martyr – Memorial	
10.00am	Mass: <i>Teresa Bingham-Daly RIP</i>
Tuesday	16th May St Simon Stock, Priest – Memorial
10.00am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing David Reid</i>
4.00 pm	<u>BOOK CLUB (HALL: ENTER FROM OUTSIDE)</u>
Wednesday	17th May
10.00am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Antonella</i>
6.30 pm	<u>BIBLE STUDY(HALL:ENTER FROM OUTSIDE)</u>
Thursday	18th May
<u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</u>	
10.00am	Mass: <i>Anne Pobjoy RIP</i>
7.00 pm	<u>ASCENSION EVENING MASS</u>
7.30 pm	Adoration led by Women's group from Richmond
Friday	19th May
St Dunstan, Bishop (Novena to the Holy Spirit for reunion of Christendom (all non-Catholic Christians) begins today)	
10.00am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Caroline</i>
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Sunday	21st May
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Second collection for World Communications	
6.00 pm (on Sat.)	Vigil Mass: <i>Dolly and Napoelon Fernandes RIP</i>
8.30 am	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
10.00 am	Mass: <i>Genowefa Nazanik RIP</i>

Exposition: Monday-Friday 8.50-9.50am Saturday 5.10-5.50pm
Confessions: Mon-Fri after 10am Mass | Saturday 5.15-5.45pm before 6pm Mass



Parish prayer of St Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You, faithful perseverance in waiting for You, and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen.

ALL MASSES AVAILABLE TO WATCH LIVE ON YOUTUBE
(see website at www.stthomasaquinasham.org for details)

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14th May 2023 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings on p268

Entrance Antiphon read aloud by congregation

First Reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7,16,20

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Communion Antiphon read aloud by congregation



Parish Surgery Mondays 5-7:30pm

PARISH CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

Assistant Priest: Fr Tomasz Margol tomaszmargol@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Langridge richmondpp@rcaos.org.uk

Rosary after all weekday masses: All very welcome to join in – **stay for as long as you would like, even if its only 1 decade.** It's a great way to start the day, especially in this month of May which is dedicated to Mary. We would love to have as many people as possible join in! It will bring a blessing on the Parish. Thank you!



2nd collection for World Communications next week 20/21

An **Exhibition of Abstract Paintings** (Fr Tomasz' – see picture left) - Parish Hall, **Sunday 14th of May 11am-12noon and 4-7pm;** All welcome!

Applications for the *Loretto HOME September 2023* open now! Our vision at **Loretto is to raise a generation of young leaders saying YES to following Jesus and God's plans in their lives to transform Church and society.** We want the HOME Mission Base to become a 2 years part-time discipleship journey experienced in the context of intentional Christ-focused community life, rhythm of prayer and mission around the kitchen table. The programme starts in September 2023 and ends in August 2025. It is **ideal for young people age 18-26,** students or part-time workers. Could you please share it in your network? To sign up visit the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAAc0v1Vgp4IlgGuh7iPDQ56SUIk_NYHFwz2tkZNE9OLxKnDg/viewform Thanks!

Last week's collection: £708.80

This was made up of £430 standing orders, £30 Gift Aid, £248.80 plate collection (including cashless collection at door). **Thank you!**

Mass Attendance last week:

Sat6pm: 36 | Sun 8:30: 25 | Sun10am: 62 | Total: 123
 Mon: 22 | Tue: 14 | Wed: 18 | Thurs: 13 | ThursCafe: 35 | Fri: 13

Church offering: If you wish to make a donation online: **Account name: RCAS St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account Number: 79122469, Ref.: Offer;** Regarding standing orders and gift aid contact parish office or John Kane at 07920565330

Bible Study continues Wednesday 6:30pm, looking at Moses! We'd love to have as many people as possible come to this insightful, eye-opening discussion! (enter by open door right side)

Pray for sick & housebound: NEW: Bobby and Kim Noon, Ludy Reyes Fr Raymund Brennan, Shirly D'Silva, Pat Dawson, Mary Gibbs, Emmanuel Solomon, John Nolan

Pray for the deceased:

NEW: Michael Kelly Eddie Eyre, Ron Doyle, Michael McGovern, Kenneth Ellis (Fr Robert's father), Anne Pobjoy, Reuben Henriquez, Margie Burn, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Dorothy Caygill, Clive Edward Cook, Anna Marie Davis, Brendan Gately, Jennv Poole. Brian Whitty.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: JESUS' ASCENSION– THURS 18 MAY

ADORATION EVENING THURSDAY 18 May 7-9pm: Wonderful adoration service with music, confessions, prayer ministry and Benediction. Straight after Mass for Jesus' Ascension. **Come for as long or as little as you like** – many people really enjoy the atmosphere and the peace of this service. (Save the date for another one on the 8 June!)

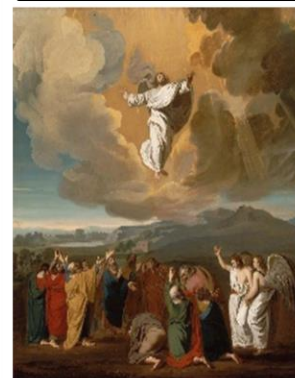


Book Club Tuesday 4:00PM. Continuing our insightful discussion into the life and history of St Thomas Aquinas as set out in Chesterton's book on him. In hall (enter from outside on right side of church). **Tea and snacks!** All welcome! **See picture on left**

St. Elizabeth's School will be holding their annual School May Fair on Sunday 21st May from 12-4pm. BBQ food, International food, cake and ice creams will be served, as well as a wide variety of drinks. Try your luck at the Tombola and Wheel of Fortune for some amazing prizes and have fun playing one of the many fairground games. A wide selection of external businesses will be selling their products alongside our regular Toy and Book Stalls. For the first year there will be an exciting Animal Experience. Music and Performances throughout the day with the school choir and orchestra performing from 2pm. **Please come along to an enjoyable afternoon of fun! Adults £2, OAP £1, children free.**



Save the date: Ham Fair Sat 10 June (need volunteers, stall setup: judithmagee@gmail.com)



The Feast of The Ascension Thursday 18 May celebrates Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, which occurred 40 days after his Resurrection. It is celebrated this Thursday, the 40th day after Easter. It is significant because it is the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry and shows how He has fulfilled the Father's will by being taken up into Heaven to sit with Him, just as Jesus had prophesied to the Apostles. It also allows Jesus to fulfil His promise to us that He will prepare a place for His disciples in Heaven. In the Middle Ages, it was sometimes commemorated by eating pigeons and other birds because Christ was lifted through the air into Heaven.

Today, some practices include mountain climbing and picnics in high places to commemorate the day (information from www.catholicculture.org)

Parish Safeguarding details (all other contact details on noticeboard in porch)

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