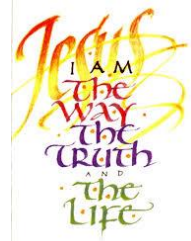




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Fr Albert Ofere
5th Sunday of Easter – 3rd May

“We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song”

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for May: That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Sun 3rd	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	A Potts R.I.P.; People of the Parish T Sherlock R.I.P.; P Nagle R.I.P. B Dias R.I.P.; H Tucker R.I.P.	
Mon 4th	The English Martyrs	CB Cantillon R.I.P.; B Howley R.I.P.	
Tues 5th	Easter Feria	Fr Malcolm R.I.P.	
Wed 6th	Easter Feria	E Novaes R.I.P.; Holy Souls	.Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thurs 7th	Easter Feria	Sick & Housebound	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 8th	Easter Feria	B Moran R.I.P.	
Sat 9th	Easter Feria	M & J Zippo R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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The Centre Holds

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. **Mother Teresa** was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people/ spiritualities stress different aspects of Jesus as a sign. **The Eastern approach** to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. **The European stress** is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the **African and Latin American expressions** of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

Jesus, our way - guide me in life;
Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;
Jesus, our life - love me always.

- **Priests Training Fund:** A huge thank you for your generosity last weekend. Collection came to £1029.

- **Pentecost Sunday** (24th May) Let's celebrate our unity in diversity and the different Nationalities that are part of our Parish.
- Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, it would be very helpful if you could complete the forms in the porch to indicate your donation of food/drink and return to presbytery. *A huge thank you to the parishioners who provide the food. Also to Val and friends for their wonderful music.*
- Once again we ask for a donation for the lunch - suggested donation Adults: £10; Senior Citizens & Children over 12 years: £5. Children under 12 years free. **[All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.]** The money raised will go towards the Parish Building Fund. Tickets are available this weekend.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
Body of Christ, save us.
Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
O Good Jesus, hear us.
Within Thy wounds hide us.
Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend us.
In the hour of our death call us.
And bid us come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
we may praise thee
Forever and ever. Amen

Parish Finance: Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £1293 Loose Plate £581 Thank you

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- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguard-rcdow.org.uk

REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

R: alleluia

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

R: alleluia!

V: Has risen, as he said,

R: alleluia!

V: Pray for us to God,

R: alleluia!

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **St Luke's Hospice Annual Walk 23rd – 27th May- Cornish Coastal Challenge.** Mary will once again be taking part in the annual walk. If you would like to sponsor her, forms are available in the porches. *Please include your post code only.* (Data Protection) or https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-boyle-1777670418063?utm_source=EM&utm_medium=DT
- Thank you for your support in the past. St Luke's is a very worthy cause.

- **Margaret Tiernan R.I.P.**
- **Reception** on Tuesday, 5th at 6.30 p.m.
- **Requiem Mass** on Wed 6th May at 11.00 a.m.
- **Burial** will take place in Ireland.
- **Our sympathy and prayers** to the family of Declan O'Sullivan who died last weekend.
- **Reception** on Thursday, 7th at 7 p.m.
- **Requiem Mass** on Friday, 8th at 1 p.m.
- May they both rest in peace.

- **Polite Notice:** Please do not leave clothing or other items in the presbytery porch.