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7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension)

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8th May 2016

Sunday Reflection: – Today's feast of the Ascension speaks of Jesus "going to the Father", and the "coming of the Holy Spirit". The Ascension marks an 'ending' and a 'beginning'. In the Gospel of John, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost are aspects of the One Great Event. In this event which transcends time and space, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and sends forth the Holy Spirit. The disciples who continue to live within the limitations of time and space need to separate these parts of the event in order to understand them and extend them into time and space. In that way each aspect of the mystery of Jesus' new life is duly recognized and emphasized. They come to a realization that Jesus will no longer walk with them, as his presence on earth comes to an end and he must return to the Father. St. Luke closes his Gospel with the story of the Ascension, and he opens his second work, the Acts of the Apostles, with the Ascension. The Ascension marks the completion of the earthly mission of Jesus and the beginning of the Church. Jesus blesses the Apostles and tells them to wait to be empowered. They need to be "clothed with power from on high". Just as he began his public ministry he was invested with the power of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus realizes too that the Apostles could not rely on their own resources, but they also needed "a new outfit" for what lies ahead. Jesus must go to the Father and send the Holy Spirit upon them. The community of the believers today is equally reliant on the Holy Spirit to empower them for ministry and service. *Where Jesus has gone we can follow.*

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat	6.30 pm
Sunday	8.30 am
	10 am
(Spanish)	11.15 am
	12.15 pm
	7 pm
Mon - Sat	10 am
	6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965

Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Tues 11 th	– Bl Benincasa of Montepulciano
Thur 12 th	– Sts Nereus & Achilleus
	Bl. Francis of Siena
Fri 13 th	– Our Lady of Fatima
Sat 14 th	– St Matthias

The Second collection today will be for "Catholic Communications". Thank you for your support & generosity.

Diocese of Westminster

Youth Ministry: Launching Summit on Fri 13th May, 14 – 18yr olds, will run from 7-9pm, includes guest speakers, live music, prayer and lovely food! Held at the Centre for Youth Ministry, Ldn NW1 1TA. Visit dowym.com/events/the-summit

World Communications Day – Today is World Communications Sunday – a day set aside to pray for the work of the Church in spreading the Gospel of Jesus to the modern world, using all the technology and means of communications available to us. We pray for this work and let us help the Church's mission of 'spreading the Good News' by giving generously in the 2nd collection today.

Baptismal Preparation Course – Next and final session for parents is on Tues 10th May at 7.30pm in the Founders Room.

Cardinal's Mass of the Thanksgiving – For the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3pm.

Familias Friends' Event 2016 – Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse on 16th May 10am - 3pm at The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR. Booking: Phil Pond T: 0208 651 2477. E: philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

Course on Sermon on the Mount – St. Matthew Chapters 5-7 deal with the Great Charter of Christianity, the yardstick of our spiritual life. Theologian Jean Khoury will be giving a refreshing, practical and in-depth view on the Sermon on Saturdays 14th, 21st and 28th May 2016 10am – 4.30pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Room, Moorhouse Road, London W2 5DJ. Booking: schoolofmarylondon@gmail.com or 07527 907642

A New Pentecost? We look forward to the great feast of Pentecost, which is next Sunday 15th May. In this feast we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. A good feast to look at how we are living as Church and also to look at new possibilities. In the light of the recent 'Proclaim' initiative, it is time now for a development of structure in our Parish. This structure would assist and guide ongoing development in our Parish Community. In an effort to develop lay participation in the leadership of our Parish Community it is being suggested that we move from the 'Parish Team' to 'Parish Council' model. This will enable Parish Counsellors to be elected by Parishioners for a certain period, and also be answerable to fellow parishioners. Hopefully we could also get the different Parish groups and organizations more involved and more united in the Pastoral work of the Parish. Can we begin to discuss these ideas amongst ourselves? Then we can all meet to discuss and plan our future approach at an open Parish meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7.30pm, the Feast of Mary's Visitation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place on Saturday 9th July. A 51 seater coach has been booked for our Deanery and Fr. Vincent will lead this group on behalf of the Deanery. If you are interested in coming please add your name to the list in the colonnade. Price £20. Coach will leave at 7.15am.