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7th Sunday of Easter (Year C) 2nd June 2019

Sunday Reflection - 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 fully 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 realises 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.*

World Communication 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.

Confirmation Ceremony: We Welcome Bishop John Wilson who will be with us this Sunday 2nd June to celebrate the 12.15pm Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young Parishioners. Do pray for all our Candidates and their Sponsors.

Safeguarding Meeting - All Parishioners who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults in our Parish on behalf of our Church are invited to a Safeguarding meeting here at Servite Church on Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm in the Founders Room. This will be directed by Fr. Vincent Coyne OSM our Provincial Safeguarding Officer.

International Sunday - Will be held on Sunday 30th June and will start with the 12.15pm Mass followed by lunch in the school playground. A meeting will be held to make arrangements for this event on Tues 4th June at 7.30pm. Anyone willing to help with the Liturgy and those who can provide food are asked to attend this meeting. A good attendance is necessary in order to Plan the event properly and have as many nationalities as possible represented.

Parish Outing - Will be on Saturday 6th July, leave at 7am and returning at 5pm. This year we are going to Secrets Hurst Farm to pick fruit and vegetables, then going to West Wittering Beach. Adult ticket prices are £25 and Children £15. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by calling or email fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Times

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

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 - 11.15am
6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 11.15am

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

Legion of Mary - Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is
on Thursdays at 11am in
the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Mon 3rd - Ss Charles Lwanga
and Companions
Wed 5th - St Boniface
Thu 6th - St Norbert