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Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 27th/28th 2024

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm 21:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.



Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Brendan McLarnon RIP (Valerie Swail)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Fr. David Maskell RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Paula King (In Thanksgiving)

Saints of the Week

Monday	29 th	April:	St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday	30 th	April:	St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday	1 st	May:	St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday	2 nd	May:	St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church
Friday	3 rd	May:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday	4 th	May:	St. Florian, Patron of Firefighters

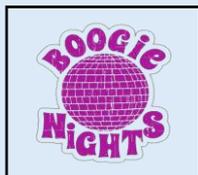
EVENTS

Classical Music Evening

Join us for an evening of Baroque musical splendor on **Saturday, the 18th of May at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets: £20 (£10 for children). Available from our Pastoral Team. Stay for wine and nibbles in the Church Hall. Proceeds support the Nekemte School Project. Following the performance, join us in the Church Hall for wine and nibbles. Come for an evening that will lift your spirits and enrich our soul.



Fancy Dress Disco with Auction: 'Boogie Nights'



Join us for the retro-themed dance party on **Friday, May 24th**, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets: £35 each and available from Nuala and Sonia. Buffet included, plus an auction that's hotter than Saturday night fever! Gather your squad, and let's groove together for a night of funkadelic fun and fundraising for our Nekemte School Project.

First Holy Communion Candidates – First Reconciliation

Next Saturday, **4th May at 2:30 pm**, our First Holy Communion Candidates will take a significant step in their faith journey by making their first confession at our Church. This marks a beautiful progression in their faith, leading to their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi June 2nd, 2024. Let's surround them with support and prayers as they continue on their spiritual path.



ART EXHIBITION – May 11th and 12th

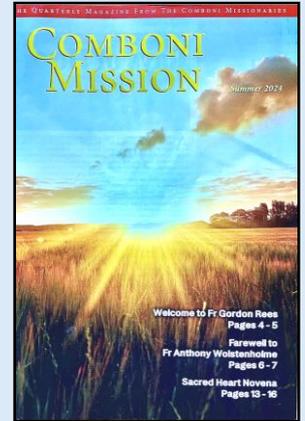


The Church Hall will host an art exhibit showcasing original paintings by **Harvey Martin**, May 11th & 12th. View captivating landscapes, seascapes and enjoy his interpretations of masterpieces by renowned artists like Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Gauguin and more! A portion of all sales will be given to help support our Nekemte School Project.

Stories of Faith, Service, and Hope

At the Church entrance, be sure to grab your copy of the latest edition of the Comboni Mission Magazine, testament to our collective commitment to faith, service, and unity. Within these pages, you'll encounter the heartfelt introduction of **Father Gordon Rees**, Comboni Missionary hailing from South Africa. His arrival in the UK marks the beginning of a new chapter, infused with hope and purpose. Our parishioner, **Harvey Martin**, writes about his Prison Ministry. His story reminds us of the transformative power of mercy and forgiveness.

There is also a Novena to the Sacred Heart, the namesake of our beloved Church, commencing at the end of May. Use the short prayer provided for each day, together with your own special intention, as part of your personal preparation for this feast.



Journey to Israel through the eyes of a Comboni Sister, whose reflections offer a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of faith amidst adversity. And finally, we can witness the progress of our Nekemte School Project with dramatic photos of what a classroom has looked like and a photo of their new school, still in the process of being built, though it will begin with classes this Autumn. It is no small effort, and a joy for us as a community to be a part of this school project. Together, we're making a difference!

YOUTH CORNER

Our Catholic faith is not a comfortable faith. It does not say to us: "Hey, you're OK, don't worry about how you live your life; just enjoy yourself." That message comes from popular culture, not from Jesus Christ. It is a comfortable message, but it is false. You see, comfortable is not always good. Jesus loves us too much to wink at us and let us stroll through our lives in superficiality, meaninglessness, self-indulgence, and comfortable immorality. And so, he makes it clear that we who claim to be his followers have to do two things. We must talk the talk *and* walk the walk = being involved in our faith, and speaking up for Christ's truth, this is a daily effort!



Jesus is like a good coach: he never lets us get too comfortable, because he knows we are still capable of improving as human beings and as Catholics. He loves us too much to let us rest on our laurels. He knows that constant growth in the Christian virtues is hard work and so he gives us a secret ingredient to ensure that we never run out of spiritual gas: prayer. Prayer is a great privilege. The Lord of the universe, our Creator and Redeemer, is online 24/7, always watching over us and listening for when we call out to him. Whenever we send him a message, he reads it right away and answers by sending an attachment of grace into our hearts. Daily, personal prayer is the bridge that turns our Catholic talk into a powerful Catholic walk. Daily, personal prayer is the heart of our relationship with Christ, a bridge that links our knowledge of Jesus with our day-to-day actions. Jesus passionately wants us to become mature men and women of prayer. This is what he means when he says in

today's Gospel: "I am the vine and you are the branches... Remain in me... because without me you can do nothing."

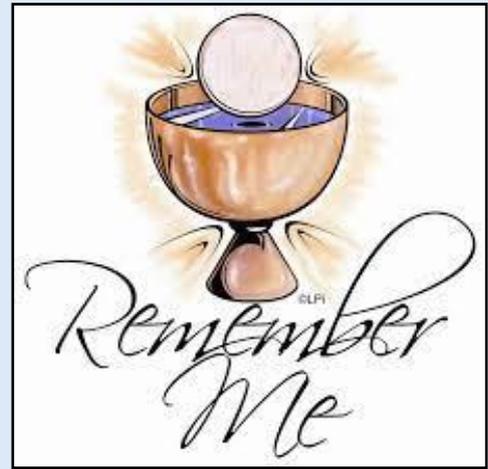
Today, let's ask ourselves what we can do to improve our prayer life this week: Maybe it's taking a few minutes more to spend some quiet time alone with God in the morning or before going to sleep at night. During this Mass, Jesus, the vine, will renew his commitment to us in the sacrifice of the Eucharist. When he does, let's renew our commitment to be faithful branches, by making prayer a real priority.

THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Take a moment to reflect on those cherished individuals and significant moments that have deeply touched your soul. Think of those you hold in your thoughts and prayers, or those you wish to express profound gratitude towards.

Participating in a Mass is a profoundly reverent act of prayer, one that not only nourishes the spiritual well-being of its intended recipients but also offers invaluable support to our Fathers and the entire Faith Community. As Saint Teresa of Ávila once said, "Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." The Mass stands as the ultimate expression of prayer, the cornerstone of our faith-filled lives, and the primary way we gather as a community to honor and worship God.

If you would like to request a Mass, please fill out an envelope available at the rear of the Church, and then either place it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it in the letterbox at the Fathers' House.



SACRED HEART WEBSITE



Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

To receive our newsletter via email every Saturday morning, simply notify one of the Fathers, and we'll ensure you're added to the list. If you know someone who would like to stay informed, please let us know, and we'll include them on our mailing list with their consent.

For those without computer or internet access, we're delighted to send a paper copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post. Kindly provide your/their name and address, and if necessary, obtain the person's consent. Thank you for staying connected with Sacred Heart Sunningdale!

Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Moment of Prayer:** We hold a prayer service every Friday following the spirituality of *Taizé* which is characterised by silent contemplation of the Word of God and inspired by *Music*. The Prayer will take place after the 6:00 p.m. Mass and will last approximately 30 minutes in the meeting room of the Father's house. All Are Welcome!
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning. If you would like to receive it, simply give one of the Father's your email address.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** in person in the Father's house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be **2nd May** and we will begin at: **7:30 p.m.** You will be able to connect via Zoom beginning at 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will be on **Thursday 16th May**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will cover the last chapter of our book: *God's Big Picture, A Bible Overview* by Vaughan Roberts.
- **Confessions:** Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on call. *Just ring the bell at the main door to the House.*
- **Daily Mass:** From Monday through Friday daily Mass is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Father's House. Mass is preceded by Evening Prayer beginning at 5:45 p.m.

SERVICES TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Church Cleaning Roster:

April 27th Katria, Kan and Gabriel Li

Next Week:

May 4th Noelle McNelis and Christopher Wood

Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or by mobile telephone on 07973 724404.

Readers:

April 27th 6:00 p.m.: **Shiphrah Johnson**

April 28th 10:00 a.m.: **Valerie Pike**

April 28th 11:30 a.m.: **Pat Smyth**

Next week:

May 4th 6:00 p.m.: **Vittoria Baruchello**

May 5th 10:00 a.m.: **Sue Douet**

May 5th 11:30 a.m.: **Siobhan Burn**

Flower Rota:

April 28th **Pat Smyth**

Next week:

May 5th **Nicky Pardo**

Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

April 28th **Margaret and Rosa**

Next week:

May 5th **Sonia, Trudy and Oscar**



Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£983.21** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, during the week. We warmly thank all those who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through the Sunday Collection and/or a regular **Bankers/Standing Order**.

LOST & FOUND



A cloth purse was found in the car park of the Church last Sunday, if you are the owner, please contact one of the fathers, we are holding it for you.

Prayer Requests for this Week

For our Candidates celebrating their Confirmation this Sunday afternoon, **28th April at 5:00 p.m.** at St George, Weybridge; May their Confirmation be a profound moment of spiritual growth and renewal in their lives.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **John McKenna**, brother-in-law of Pauline McKenna who died on 14th April 2024 at the age of 71.

For the good health and recovery of **Rick Johnstone**, who has recently had heart surgery.

For continued good health & well-being of **Christopher Rowbotham**, recovering from a fall.

For the good health and well-being of Pastoral Team Member **Anne Colquhoun**.

For the good health and recovery of **Julie Mallinson**, who is in hospital with pneumonia.

For the eternal rest of **Richard Mitura**, uncle of Tom Chekiewicz, who died 31st March 2024.

For the good health and continued recovery of **Kathleen Berry** who is now home from hospital.

For continued good health & well-being of **Jill McPhillips**, we pray for her strength and healing.

For the continued good health and recovery of **Terence Pike** who is now home from hospital.

We would like to encourage you not to hesitate to ring or send a message if the Fathers are able to assist you in any way.