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**Normal Mass Times**

**Saturday**  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
8.00am Mass  
10.00am Family Mass  
12.00pm Mass

**Weekday Masses**  
See back of the newsletter  
or church noticeboard

**Holydays of Obligation**  
7.00pm Vigil Mass  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am  
and 5.00 to 5.30pm  
or by appointment

**Baptisms**  
**Weddings** (6 months notice)  
Contact the Parish Priest

**Sixth Sunday Of Easter**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 8:5-8.14-17**

Luke marks each stage of the spread of the Gospel with a 'Pentecost'. The Gospel was preached in Samaria by Philip, one of the seven deacons, with marked success. Our reading describes a 'Samaritan Pentecost'. It tells of the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel. The statement that the Samaritan converts, baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus, had not received the Holy Spirit has puzzled many. The explanation lies in the fact that Luke required that each new stage in the growth of the community had to be authenticated by an official representative of the Church. Here Peter and John put their stamp of approval on the work of Philip. It doesn't mean that the Spirit is bestowed only in a 'second baptism'.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Peter 3:15-18**

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ. The Christian way of life is to be defended but this should be done with courtesy and respect. Their good lives will be the best way to counter false accusations. If they suffer for doing good, they should remember that Jesus, though innocent, suffered and died to lead us to God.

**Gospel John 14:15-21**

This is part of Jesus' farewell discourse. Loving Jesus means listening to his word and putting into practice. To those who respond in this way he promises the gift of the Spirit. Jesus will not leave his disciples orphaned. By their faith, they will be able to 'see' him and share in his life and in the life of the Father. From this we learn that we cannot claim to be one with Jesus, and to be living according to the Spirit, unless we observe his commands in our lives.

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**(Please join in)**

<b>Collection 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	
Planned	£678.30
Loose Plate	£946.70
Priest's Training	£403.12

**Thank you for your continuous generosity and to all who pay by bankers order which is £799.88 weekly.**

**Holy Souls**  
The two red sanctuary lamps in the sanctuary are permanently lit for the Holy Souls.

**Lost Property**  
Any lost items may now be found in the lost property box which is located under the table in porch.

**Parish Hall Bookings**  
Please call Mary Bradley (**not the parish office**) on 07709639628.

**Celebrate Twickenham**  
17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June. A Catholic Charismatic weekend conference  
Venue: St Mary's University, Twickenham  
A day for all the family, a day to experience the exciting and challenging teachings of being a Christian today.

**ELECTRONIC LINKS**  
The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week.  
**To subscribe, please email [subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk)**  
**Follow us on Twitter too: [twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7](https://twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7)**

**Visit the Parish Website [www.stbridgets.org.uk](http://www.stbridgets.org.uk)**  
As some of you will have seen we now have an exciting new version of the website. See **Getting Involved** on the Top Menu to learn more about what you can join and what you can do to help the parish in any way.  
**Guide to the Church** for a Tour Guide of St Brigid's  
**New Parishioners** information can be found by clicking on the article in Recent and Regular News. We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – please follow the Get Information link or ask in the Parish Office.

**NOTICES**

**Father Stewart's Thought For The Week**

**NARRATIVE THEOLOGY**

Its 31 years since I did this at seminary. It sounds good doesn't it? But, it simply involves teaching "the things of God" in story form!. So that's what we're going to do today; "narrative theology". Today's gospel in 4 stories.

- 1) A boy aged 5, came home from Church and solemnly announced that he knew what they call men who love each other! Mum, not sure that granny really wanted to hear this, nervously asked. "What's that darling?" "Christians," he answered knowledgeably.
- 2) Aristides, a non-Christian, defended the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, in the second century with the following words. "Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows, they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, treating him as if he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in gaol, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs... This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them...
- 3) There is a true story of a young nun working in a leper colony in the tropical heat of West Africa. A journalist was visiting the colony and stood there amazed, as he watched the sister, gently washing the wounds of a leprosy victim. "I wouldn't do that for £100,000," said the journalist. "Neither would I," said the nun, "but I'd do it for love!"
- 4) A woman was hiking in the mountains, when she found a precious stone in a stream. Later, she came across a beggar who was very hungry. The woman opened her bag to share her food. As she did so, she noticed the man's face light up as he eyed the precious stone. She readily offered it to him, which he gladly accepted and ran off with joy in his heart. A few days later, he came back to return the stone to the woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I want to give it back to you, in the hope you give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you, that enabled you to so freely give me the stone in the first place!"

**Fr Stewart**  
Please continue to keep him in your prayers whilst he is off sick. He is recovering slowly and feels better than when first signed off.  
**Baptism** enquiry forms can now be completed and given to Marie in the parish office. *We can take enquiries only from St Bridget's parishioners* i.e those who reside in our parish.  
**We welcome Fr János Csicó** from the Hungarian Chaplaincy, Ealing who will be saying the 6.00pm Saturday vigil & the 12.00noon Mass. Fr David will say the 8.00am & Fr Chris the 10.00am Mass. Some weekday Masses will be Eucharistic Services.  
**Confirmation**  
This Wednesday we welcome Bishop John Wilson who will be ministering the sacrament of Confirmation to 35 young people. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. A special "Thank you" to Pauline and all the Catechists.  
**Rehearsal: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

## NOTICES

### Ordination of Patrick Allsop

We are now delighted to announce that Patrick will be ordained deacon by Bishop Paul McAleenan in Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome to come along. There are six Westminster deacons and one each from Nottingham and Cardiff, but there should be plenty of room for anyone who'd like to come.

### First Holy Communion 2017

Congratulations to the 110 children who have received and will receive their First Communion: The last session will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. We are very grateful to Fr Gerard Quinn & Fr Peter Andrews for conducting the services. **A BIG thank you to Eileen and all the catechists who have given up so much time** to prepare what has been a record number of children. Without them these First Communions will not have been possible.

### Robert Bright's 300 Miles Sponsored Ultra Duathlon.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May parishioner Robert Bright will be setting off an epic 300 Miles fundraising journey for ACROSS and Starlight Children's Foundation. He will run 150 miles, cycle 149 miles and then run 1 mile along "the most famous mile in the world" concluding his 300 miles Ultra Duathlon.

**ACROSS** is a national charity which provides holidays and pilgrimages to Lourdes for the sick and disabled and for the past 10 years Robert has been supporting and travelling with The Heston and Isleworth ACROSS Group and helping to make it possible for others to travel.

**Starlight** is dedicated to brightening the lives of children and teenagers suffering from a serious or terminal illness. They grant wishes of a lifetime and entertain over 500,000 children in hospitals.

Please show your support for these 2 great charities by sponsoring Robert at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/300milestogo](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/300milestogo) or you can fill in the sponsorship forms in the porch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Special Collection for Ukraine

Cardinal Pietro Parolin has written on behalf of the Holy Father acknowledging the offering of £66,921.56, which represents the proceeds from the special collection for Ukraine taken up in parishes on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. In the letter he also writes that the Holy Father 'is grateful for this donation and the sentiments that inspired it' and that he 'imparts his Apostolic Blessing' on clergy, religious and laity of the diocese.

### Missio

Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, has written thanking Catholics in the diocese for their generosity to Missio. In 2016, a total of £219,575 was raised in the Diocese of Westminster.

Fr Chantry expresses his 'deep gratitude for the loyal support and hard work of the Diocesan Director, Parish Priests, Local Secretaries, Promoters and people of the diocese'.

### Marriage Preparation Courses

Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7 2RP are offering a one-day course on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The cost per couple (which includes lunch) is £70. Please contact Fr Michael Lang.

Our Lady of the Rosary, 211 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QT, telephone: 0207 7235101 are offering a course from 7pm to 8.30pm on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### Home Help Needed

An 81 year old gentleman requires home help. For further information regarding hours of work and pay please call 07967624518.

### Regular Groups & Events

In the Parish Hall unless  
otherwise stated

#### Monday

#### Club for Older People

Next meeting will be 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
12noon – 3pm

#### Legion of Mary

Every Monday at 7.30pm

#### Tuesday

#### Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

£1.50 child, £2.50 max  
2 – 3pm

#### Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs

7.00 – 9.00pm (Term time)

#### Wednesday

#### Partially Sighted Meeting Place Every other Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May

#### Thursday

#### Church Cleaning after 9.00am

Mass (Approx 9.25am)

#### Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 – 4.00pm (*Not 8<sup>th</sup> June as General Election Day*)

#### Friday

#### Mental Health Drop-In 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### Sunday

#### Refreshments after 10.00am

Mass.

#### Sunday Breakfast This Sunday after 8.00am Mass.



### REPOSITORY GIFT SHOP

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Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Wladzia Siedlecka R.I.P (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sixth Sunday Of Easter	8.00am	Ranjit Vireed (Intentions)
		10.00am	John & Ellen Teresa Hurley R.I.P (35 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) From Skibbereen
		12.00noon	Bernadette Mc Loughlin (Sick), Michael Fitzgerald R.I.P (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv), Wladzia Siedlecka R.I.P (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Easter Feria	10.00am	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.00am	John Farrell R.I.P (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.00am	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede	9.00am	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	St Philip Neri, Priest	7.00pm	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	10.00am	Chris & Anna Hughes (Intentions)
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Kathleen & Joseph Colgan R.I.P (Anniv)

**Sick** Fr Stewart, Fr David, Abel Rebello, Adebisi Mafe, Agnes Molloy, Alistair Love, Amaro Rebello, Angela Convery, Andrew Sloman, Anne Higgins, Archie Douglas, Baby Duguid, Bela Dias, Beryl Kellett, Bob Stainton, Bradán Peacock, Brendan Covill, Brian McMillan, Catherina Harrington, Catherine Regan, Carol Ofogu, Chick Colquhoun, Chris Hughes, Christinana Ziregbe, Christine Morris, Christopher O'Regan, Clarina Dias, Conchita Gregg, Connor, Dana Siedlecka, Dave Marshall, Desmond Clements, Diana Renton, Dickie Bell, Elizabeth Clare, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Bradley, Ellis Addison (Baby), Else Hansen, Emma Hennessey, Emma Wilson, Flora Ziregbe, Gabriella Rutzler, Gary Hales, Gerald Kausar, Gwen Barry, Heather McMillan, Jack Brady, Jackie McGuinness, Jacques Le Rout, James Magee, Jim Convery, John Amooty, John Okonjo, Josie Higgins, Joyce Clarke, Joyce Denhare, Julie Smith, Justin Douglas, Kathleen Brinkley, Kiana Gooding, Lee Brinkley, Leslie Reed, Loretta De'Silva, Lynn Casey, Mabel D'Cruz, Manney Rowthorn, Margaret Howard, Margaret McCarthy, Maria Bosi, Maria Zehetner, Marie Aiyadorai, Marie Donnelly, Marie Seymour, Martin Russell, Martyn Lee, Mary Nathan, Mary Sweeny, Mary Walsh, May Connolly, Maureen Pierce, Meme Higgins, Mishael Nathan, Miriam Gutteridge, Nathan Williams, Mr Naresh T Paryani, Naval Mair, Niamh Murphy (Baby), Nora Higgins, Odette Barnes, Onyeta Okonjo, Pamela Fernando, Pat & Roy Edwards, Patients at Lakeside, Patricia O'Driscoll, Paddy Williams, Pauline Ross Ryan, Pauline Williams, Patsy Saukur, Pawla Dennison, Peter Drury, Peter Fisher, Peter Smith, Phyllis Lewis, Peggy Convery, Pete McGlenn, Peter Oliver, Peter Smith, Philip Casey, Phillip Goodwin, Richard Atterwill, Ronald Peacock, Ronnie Lillywhite, Ronnie Snell, Rosemary McEachard, Rupert Phillips, Seamus Mc Cusker, Sheila Dodd, Sheila O'Hara, Shirley Jackson, Simon Allad, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Sophia Addison, Sr Anne Marie, Stephen Regan, Svend Boerge Hansen, Sylvia Dooley, Tanya Lewis, Ted Reilly, Terry Murphy, Tessa Poiret, Theresa Breen, Tom O'Driscoll

**Recently Deceased:** Chrsi Beckwith

**Anniversaries :** Carlito Geroche

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace*