



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH (Vol 8: Issue 165)**

**SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

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**Reflection:** In this month of Our Blessed Lady, we are now in the **Novena** time between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday – the 9-day period where our main focus is upon **the Holy Spirit**.

At the Annunciation of Our Lord, Mary replied to the Archangel Gabriel with the words: “**I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done unto me.**” As the handmaid of the Lord, she is the best placed to show us how to fittingly engage with the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

During the recent two centuries, she has communicated openly with our world. **In 1858 at Lourdes**, she revealed herself as **the Immaculate Conception**. **In 1917 at Fatima** in Portugal, she expressly stated the acute need for human repentance to God, and the regular recitation of the Holy Rosary. More recently, she has given monthly messages for the world from **Medjugorje** in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

When asked by one of the teenage visionaries of Medjugorje which of her apparitions was the primary one, her response was “**KNOCK**”.

Knock shrine is in County Mayo, in the west of Ireland. The apparition there dates from **21st August 1879**. It had been a day of total mist and heavy rainfall. At nightfall, word quickly spread throughout the village that a heavenly manifestation was occurring on the gable wall of the local church.

**Our Lady** was seen, flanked by **St. Joseph** and **St. John the Evangelist**. **The Lamb of God** was stationed on the altar nearby. Nothing was said by Our Lady or by either of these saints. They all deferred to the altar presence of **the Lamb** in the apparition. Therefore, Knock is utterly unique and points us straightaway to **the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. The Mass is our great encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, in both Word and Sacrament – both individually and as community.

May **the Holy Spirit** draw us ever closer to a fuller appreciation of the wonder of the Mass.

**Saturday 20th May 2023**

**Confessions: 10.30 – 11am & 5.45pm – 6.15pm**  
**6.30pm – Sean Gavigan R.I.P. (KC)**

**SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023**

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

**7.30am - Adoration**

**8.30am Mass – George Desmond R.I.P.**

**11am Mass – Emmanuel & Rita Ughanze R.I.P.**

**Monday 22nd May 2023 St Rita of Cascia**

**8.30am - Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – For St. Rita’s intercession for unremitting patience & faithfulness to God’s will**

**Tuesday 23rd May 2023 Feria**

**8.30am - Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – In thanksgiving for the graces and blessings of Holy Matrimony (3rd wedding anniversary of Marietta & Vinnie)**

**Wednesday 24th May 2023 Feria**

**8.30am - Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – Kofi Antoine R.I.P. (Rita’s uncle)**

**Thursday 25th May 2023 St. Bede the Venerable**

**8.00am - Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – Carmela Vassallo R.I.P. (17th anniversary was on 23rd May 2023)**

**Friday 26th May 2023 St. Philip Neri (Priest)**

**8.30am - Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – Sean Conneely R.I.P. (2nd anniversary was on 22nd May 2023)**

**Saturday 27th May 2023 St. Augustine of Canterbury**

**Confessions: 10.30-11am & 5.45-6.15pm**

**10am Mass: Thanking God for His Grace & faithfulness (The Bruce family)**

**6.30pm Mass – James & Nora McDonagh R.I.P. (and the deceased members of the McDonagh family)**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**“MAY TOGETHERNESS OF THIS EARTH CONTINUE TO GUIDE US, AND MAY THE DIVINE BRING PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING TO PROTECT THE WORLD.”**

**(NIGERIAN PRAYER)**

**Annual Bazaar 2023:** This year, the date will be **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th** (11am to 4pm, as usual). The dates of the preparation meetings will be Wednesdays at 7.30pm: **MAY 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>; JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; JULY 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>; AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>; SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>; OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** it will not be administered in 2023. The next Confirmation Mass will be at 6pm on **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**. Application forms will be available from the opening half of July this year, and the preparation sessions will begin in **January 2024** and will be on a monthly basis.

Croydon Council are trialling a new **Healthy School Street** scheme on Dunley Drive (down to Walker Close), for the benefit of pupils and staff of our primary school. **This scheme commenced on MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023.** These 2 roads have become a **Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only** (except for those eligible for exemption permits, and except for buses) between the hours of **8.00-9.30am and 2.00-4.00pm from Monday to Friday**, during school term time only. **Expressing views on the above scheme** Objections can be submitted upto and including **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023: Online: www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk** **Email: [goodshepherd@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:goodshepherd@croydon.gov.uk)** (reference GOODSHSS/2023). **Post: same reference: Highway Improvements Team, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1EA.**

**New Addington Foodbank:** Many thanks for your contributions. Special thanks to Richard (Francis) who faithfully takes them to the Foodbank on Tuesday evenings. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 **& higher**; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

**2020 Diamond Fund:** this dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60<sup>th</sup> Year (Diamond Anniversary) as a parish. 2020 marks 60 years of our church being built, before its final unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

**Gift Aid Scheme:** Parishioners not currently members are encouraged to join. You have paid tax on your weekly-giving to the parish. We can claim this back from HMR & C, at no cost to you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE HEALTH ISSUES:** Winston Daniel, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Grace Sebastian-Price, Sally Grante, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Alexandra Munn, Ann Gavigan, Caroline Morrison, Cathy Joyce, Peter Enohoro, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Pat & Chris McRedmond, Monica & Pat Courtman, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Ainsley Carr, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, George Peach, Edith Mack, Mary Johnston, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Teresa Holmes, Mike Cogavin, Salvatore Basilio, Rebekah Stone (17), Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, Enis Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, Mike Slattery.

### **COLLECTION DETAILS**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>: Attendance: 239 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: £705.58 (Gift-aided: £362 Loose: £343.58)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £120.98 (plus £105 received late for priesthood training in our Archdiocese).**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Attendance: 235 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: £422.45 (Gift-aided: £207 Loose: £215.45).  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £125.86**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CUSTOMARY WEEKLY GENEROSITY**

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