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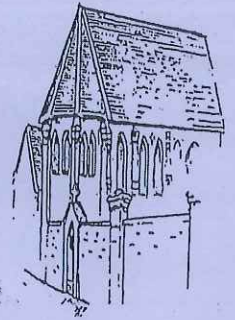
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7th Sunday of Easter & Pentecost (Year B) 13 - 26 May 2018

From Fr. Sean,

In our world of verbal exaggeration and hyperbole two men have been legitimately associated routinely with the word legend in recent weeks by the media. Whilst the definition, "one who inspires legends" may not precisely capture the greatness of either Alex Ferguson or Arsène Wenger, in their chosen field of football management they have been at the helm of two major teams in world football for a length of time and with such success that future generations of fans will undoubtedly speak of their era in hushed tones of awe and reverence. You may not care too much about football or the two clubs concerned and it may have all passed you by, but I have been fascinated how the former's serious illness and the latter's retirement have united people in their praise and admiration. There was a time, in Wenger's case very recently from his own club's fans, when some people struggled to say a good word about either. Of course it is sometimes the case that it is only after death that a person's positive contribution is appreciated and spoken of, so it is good that both men have lived to soak up the plaudits. Neither man can be said to be a saint. Both have a public record of things said and done in the heat of the moment that are best forgotten. Indeed, both have not always had much good to say about the other, so it is good too that recent events have united them also. Famously, another (past) great, Bill Shankley, wittily remarked that football was more important than life and death. It isn't. Sport and competition are significant to human life, and what these two men have done is stuck at it with a passion that must surely inspire over what now appears an inordinate length of time. When premier league managers are out on their ear in months because they don't get instant results, and when the obscene amounts of cash washing over the game distorts everyone's values and priorities, this really will feel like the end of an era. But it doesn't have to be old-fashioned. We don't have to let go of all that these two men stood for and lived by at their best. Indeed, it is our responsibility to live it out in our own field for those who come after us.

Services for the weeks beginning 13 & 20 May

*Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.*

Sat 12	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 13	9.00am 11.00am	Sylvester Correia RIP (A) Len & Ann Graves RIP (A)
Mon 14	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Tues 15	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Wed 16	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 17	9.15am 9.45am	Mary Staunton RIP Adoration
Fri 18	9.15am 10.00am	Danny & Kath Gallagher RIP Whole School Assembly
Sat 19	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sr. Gabielle O'Regan RIP
Sun 20	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Hannah Falvey RIP
Mon 21	9.15am	William Corry RIP
Tues 22	9.15am	Christina Arukwa RIP
Wed 23	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 24	9.15am 9.45am	Gertrude (intentions) Adoration
Fri 25	9.15am 10.00am	Eucharistic Service Whole School Assembly
Sat 26	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sr. Kathleen O'Donovan (intentions)
Sun 27	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Monica & Gwen Murphy-Graves RIP

14 May: feast of St. Matthias, apostle

Please pray for those who are sick:

Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole, Denzil Lang,
John Oruche, Patrick Berton, Christine Jones,
& Christine Kristen

Rotas for weekends 19/20 & 26/27 May

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.30pm	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch
9.00am			
11.00am			

Parish Diary

Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Fri	Confirmation practice	7.00pm	Church
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Thurs	Deanery Conference	11.00am	Upton Park

The Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for our young people preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation at Pentecost. A reminder that we are gathering on Friday 18 May at 7.00pm in the church to run through what happens on the day. All our young people and their sponsors are requested to come.

First Holy Communion. We welcome our first two groups of children who will be receiving holy communion for the first time this weekend, at 6.00pm and 11.00am mass. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they take this important step in their life of faith, and do encourage them by your word and example to deepen their understanding of communion by helping them to be a real part of our community. We give a warm welcome to all our visitors who are with us for this occasion.

Building Community. On the 26 April, over 50 parishioners from St Stephen's went to meet the Newham Candidates for Mayor, thanks to our work, they committed to a number of improvements to local housing and job prospects. Our next meeting is an exciting chance to celebrate what has happened, to build on this work and make some practical next steps. It will be Monday 14th May – The Community Room – 6:45 for 7:00-8:30pm meeting. You are most welcome whether you have come before or it's your first time.

Senior Citizens. The May gathering for our happy band of seniors is Thursday 31 May 2.00pm - 4.00pm. There will be the usual good fun, chat, and fabulous refreshments. Everyone warmly welcome, especially if you haven't been before.

Cafod. Last Friday at our school assembly in church we welcomed Sr. Dorothy and a representative from Cafod to celebrate the great events that have been taking place at school and in church during Lent to raise money for Cafod to support its work overseas with those most in need in our world. I am delighted to tell you that together we have raised £3,564.42. Thank you for your generosity.

World Communications Day. We are asked today to pray for all those who work professionally in the media, and to reflect on the ways that we all use media. Pope Francis reminds us that persons are at the heart of the media and so informing others means forming others. Ensuring accuracy and protecting communication are the real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace. Please visit www.catholicnews.org.uk for more information, how the Church uses digital media, and to support this work. Please also take a prayer card.

Pilgrimages to Lourdes, the Holy land, and Fatima during 2018. Please contact Mrs. Mozzi for further information on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301.

Bollards. Following recommendations to improve security at St. Winefride's School, we will be installing bollards to protect the car park, school gate, and front of the church. **Please note that the car park will be closed and out of use between Friday 25 May and Friday 1 June** so that this work can be carried out.

Thank you for your generous offerings

29 April

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£480.76	£518.49	£344.00	£1,343.25

6 May

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£369.76	£572.75	£344.00	£1,286.51

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm and by appointment.

Weddings (minimum 6 months notice) and Baptisms (minimum 2 months notice) are by appointment.

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