



# NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

Jesus the Way to the Father



## 5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Full marks to the King's speech writers and to Charles for his excellent delivery of some home truths to the American government and people. Standing ovations in Congress showed support for several policy precepts that were at odds with the words and actions of the current US president. My gut feeling about the present American regime is that it will eventually be replaced by people who value our shared history and can rebuild trust between nations for our peaceful coexistence. The Holy Spirit has given the Church its first American born Pope who speaks only of Gospel values as the way to build a more just society. Today's readings point us towards a vision of humanity united by the love of God for his creation. Christ has come that we may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10). May the light of the Gospel dispel the darkness of that sin which makes false gods out of material prosperity and the use of political power to ride rough shod over human dignity.

Fr. Anthony Furlong IC

## Let us remember in our prayers:

Eleanor James and Edward Hurd married here recently. Those who are sick, especially John Manning, Olive Maughan and John Young.

## Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

**Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint**. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

## Today's Readings

Acts 6: 1-7; [9 am Mass only: Psalm 32. **Response; "May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord."]; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12.**

## Sunday's Music (11am)

**Nibelle** Mass in Bb  
**Durufé** Tantum Ergo  
**Fauré** En Prière  
*Credo III, Regina caeli, Domine salvam fac*  
**Organ Voluntary: Vierne** Carillon

**Music Director:** Robert Patterson

## Thought for the week

Let us find rest in the hands of God, our Father; and in the peace that comes from Jesus, let us continue to draw closer to Him and never to draw breath except for Him, for His love, in His service and for the fulfilment of His adorable will. It often happens that one on a bed of pain draws closer to God in a few hours than in many years in the prosperity of the world. God is just, and no merit is lost or hidden from His eyes. Our most tender Mother Mary is our unfailing advocate before Him. He will refuse her nothing. We have her sacred name on our lips and filial tenderness in our heart.

**Blessed Antonio Rosmini**

## Please Support Us



## Retiring Collection

Last week's collection for the Rosminian Priests' Training Fund did not happen at the 11 o'clock Mass due to crossed wires! Please be generous this week.

## Communion Under Both Kinds

There will be opportunities to receive from the chalice as well as the sacred Host at the 11 o'clock Masses today and 7 June. The frequency will increase as and when we can prepare more Eucharistic Ministers.

## Presbytery Cleaner

We are currently seeking to recruit a cleaner to carry out general cleaning duties in the presbytery for four hours per week (Saturdays are preferable). If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in this position, please kindly ask them to speak to Fr Anthony for further details.

## Parish Gift Aid Scheme – Change in Tax Status

Parishioners participating in the Gift Aid Scheme who are no longer paying tax are respectfully requested to notify the Parish Administrator by email at [enquiries@stetheldreda.com](mailto:enquiries@stetheldreda.com)

## Getting married at St Etheldreda's – how to proceed

You should e-mail the Parish Priest at least 6 months before your intended wedding explaining who you are, your religious background, why you wish to get married at St Etheldreda's, and when (exact day, if possible). If the church accepts your request you will be invited to a preliminary meeting where the initial paperwork will be completed and the whole procedure will be explained and set in motion.

## Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

## Coffee Morning

Call into the crypt for coffee and delicious home-made cakes after the 11 am Mass today. It will be an opportunity, among other things, for visitors and newcomers to the parish to introduce themselves and for us to make them feel at home.

## The Feast of St Etheldreda

Will be celebrated this year on 5 July. 'Bring and share' lunch after the 11 am Mass. Details to follow.

## Readers' Meeting

All available readers are meeting in the church at 6pm on Wednesday 13 May in response to an invitation of Pope Leo to develop this ministry beyond our present practice. This would be an opportunity for anyone who would like to join the Sunday reading rotas to come along and contribute to discussions.

## Tyburn Martyrs Walk

Will be held on Sunday 17th May 2026, gather at 1.30pm St Giles in the Fields and walk from there along the route of the hurdle to Tyburn. An opportunity to venerate the place of martyrdom. The Tyburn Nuns will be expecting us and Benediction is at 3.30pm at the Convent. If the weather is fair please bring a picnic to have in Hyde Park afterwards. More information on the website [www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk](http://www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk)

## Collections

9 am: Plate **£91.39**; Contactless: **£65.00**  
11 am: Plate **£318.05**; Contactless: **£165.00**  
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£569.42**. Thank you.



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## Mass Intentions

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
9.00 am  
For the people of the parish  
11.00 am  
Livio Stella RIP

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  
The English Martyrs  
1.00 pm  
No Mass

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
Lionel Pelloquin & Family GE

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
Mark Baker GE

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
May, Jock & David Bryan RIP

Frid 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Easter Feria  
1:00 pm  
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

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