



1. This Sunday will be the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. The Mass can be found on page 268 of the Parish Mass Book.
2. **This Saturday, 7th May**, we celebrate the first of our **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**. Please pray for all the children celebrating this special occasion. The second Mass will take place next Saturday, 14th May.
3. **Please note** – due to these First Holy Communion Masses **there will be no 10.00 am Mass, and no Confessions on 7th and 14th May**. Normal service resumes thereafter.
4. **Nick Bialek RIP**. We were very sorry to hear that Nick had passed away shortly before Easter, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was a daily Mass goer and good friend to the parish. His devotion to his faith, to Our Lady and his acceptance of suffering were impressive and moving. Please pray for his wife, son and all his family and friends who mourn him.
5. **Please join us in supporting the Holy Ghost Primary School Annual Summer Fair** which is on Saturday 2nd July. They are being sponsored by Rampton Baseley, who have kindly offered to donate £40 for each sponsorship board which will look like a "for sale" sign but will read "Rampton Baseley Proudly Sponsoring Holy Ghost Primary School Summer Fair". For anyone willing to have a board in front of their home, they will be put up w/c 20th June and will be there for approximately 3 weeks. This is a great opportunity to be able to raise essential funds for the school during a year where they have not been able to host any of the great fundraising events we have seen in the past. You, friends and family, or anyone on your street you think would be up for having a sign outside their house can sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/7jctNK4V3DLYxcGA6>. Please complete this form by 17th May if you

are willing to have a sign! The Holy Ghost PTA and of course, the Holy Ghost Parish, thank you for your support.

6. We very much need to find some more members for the parish **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**, especially as two members are temporarily unable to assist for personal reasons. People often ask for more social events and they are an important part of parish life – but they can only happen if there are people to organise them. If you feel you could help, please speak to one of the priests or email us at balham@rcaos.org.uk
7. **We also welcome more volunteers to be welcomers at Mass.** Please see this link - <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bmZNkm3d>.
8. Are you helping to care for an elderly or vulnerable person? You may be interested in THE SPLENDOUR OF CARING: Twelve stories of vulnerability, mercy, healing, forgiveness and joy by Dr Kathleen Murphy, a writer and Sister of Mercy (St Pauls, £9.99). There is a sample copy in the porch. Available from stpauls.org.uk/the-splendour-of-caring.html All proceeds to Mercy Ships, Children's Eye Treatment in Africa and the homeless charity The Passage in London.
9. We would like to draw your attention to a **conference being held at St Mary's Catholic Church West Croydon on Saturday 4th June** from 9.45 am – 5.00 pm. The conference features internationally renowned Catholic theologian and author Dr Ralph Martin and (among others) Fr Marcus Holden – former assistant priest at Holy Ghost, parish priest of St Bede's Clapham Park and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Catechesis. The conference comes highly recommended and the cost is just £22. More details on the poster and fliers in the church porch – to book call 01834 812643 or see www.saintant.com
10. **Prepare for Pentecost!** Deepen your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life by participating in the Life in the Spirit Seminars organised by the Southwark Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis with the support of the Southwark Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion. 5 Tuesday evenings ONLINE 8pm-9.30pm starting 10th May-14th June 2022 and an IN PERSON Pentecost retreat day at Aylesford Priory Saturday 4th June. LIMITED PLACES. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Speakers include Allegra Mutanda, Michelle Moran, Fr Peter Morris CSSR, Fr Paschal Uche, Joan Fernandes and Gerard Pomfret. Course free. To register go to bit.ly/LISS2022

With our prayers and blessing during this joyful Easter season,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni