



1. This Sunday will be the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. The Mass can be found on page 271 of the Parish Mass Book. **This Sunday we welcome Father Peter Walters, founder of the charity 'Let the children live!', who will be preaching an appeal at all Masses**
2. **This Saturday, 14th May**, we celebrate the second 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 14th May**. Normal service resumes thereafter.
4. 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

5. **We also welcome more volunteers to be welcomers at Mass.** Please see this link - <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bmZNkm3d>.

6. 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.

7. 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

With our prayers and blessing during this joyful Easter season,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni