



Today St Mary's Church celebrates new life!

We celebrate in Baptism the life of one re-born in the spirit of Christ. We celebrate in Confirmation the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the lives of those baptized. We celebrate First Communion for those Confirmed!

We celebrate today these sacraments of new life - Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion - whilst also celebrating St Mary's 60th Anniversary.

Today is a sign that St Mary's not only gives thanks for her past six decades, but also lives confidently today as she prepares for her future and the future of the wider Church Catholic. That future is one in which the faithful - the Baptized, the Confirmed, and those who receive Holy Communion - grow the Kingdom of God. We dedicate St Mary's, South Ruislip to this glorious future, giving to God the next 60 years of St Mary's ministry, growth, and new life!

Services This Week

Sun 5th May (*St Mary's 60th Anniversary*)
Festival Mass with Baptism & Confirmations 10.00am

Thu 9th May
MP 9.00am, Mass 9.30am,
EP 4.30pm

Mon 6th May
No public services - Flower Festival

Sat 11th May
MP & Rosary 9.00am

Tue 7th May
MP 9.00am, EP 6.30pm
Mass 7.00pm

Sun 12th May (*4th Sunday of Easter*)
MP 9.15am,
Parish Mass 10.00am

Wed 8th May
MP 9.00am, Mass 9.30am
7.30pm - Archdeacon's Visitation Service

MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Today we welcome Maja into the fellowship of the Body of Christ! Through her baptism today, she has been adopted as a daughter of God. We also welcome Kirsty, Martin, Kayleigh, and Ella as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and thus receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the completion of the sacrament of Baptism. In being Confirmed, they gain access to Christ's Body and Blood of the Eucharist. We welcome them as they partake in their First Holy Communion! We pray that all who have witnessed these sacraments may recall their own Baptism and Confirmation, and live out the promises made to God as His adopted sons and daughters.

St Mary's Celebrates 60 Years!

St Mary's has had wonderful start to celebrating her Diamond Jubilee. The **Flower Festival** opened this past Friday to a strong start, with visitors from all over the local community. It will continue *this afternoon (1.00-4.00pm)* and *tomorrow (Mon 6th May, 10.00am-4.00pm)*. This past Friday evening, St Mary's hosted an ecumenical Festival Choral Evensong, for which St Mary's Choir provided excellent music for that well-loved liturgy. Last night, St Mary's hosted an enjoyable big band concert! Today we welcome Bishop Jonathan as we continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary, and give God thanks for today's Baptism and Confirmations. The Diamond Jubilee will end with the **Archdeacon's Visitation & Celebration Service**, which will be on *Wednesday 8th May, 7.30pm*. Come out to support your Churchwardens and Treasurer as they are officially sworn-in and commissioned. We offer thanksgiving to God for our Parish!

Congratulations to Alwyn Abrams for being recognized by the Bishop of Fulham for his outstanding and long service to St Mary's! Alwyn has faithfully and selflessly led the Choir and directed the music programme for nearly seventeen illustrious years. St Mary's is grateful for all he has contributed to the life of this Parish!

The **Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage** this year runs *29th July-2nd August*. This is an exciting opportunity for those who are 11-18 years-old to gather at Walsingham with hundreds of youth from all over the UK and Europe for Mass, music, camping, fellowship, and fun! Speak with Fr Eric or with Alice if you are interested.

All are reminded that applications and deposits for the **Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham** must be submitted to Eric Lofty. This year's Parish Pilgrimage will be on *Fri 20th - Sun 22nd Sep*. Speak with Eric Lofty of Fr Eric for queries or more information.

Please remember in your prayers:

Franc, Hubert, Joanne, Peter, Dave, Wendy, Angie, Stewart, Ibilola, Josie. **For those with longer term needs:** Peter, Bernie, David, Ken, Emil, Stella, Hannah, Henry, Denise, Maura, Malcolm, John, David, David, Elsie, Doris, Cecilia, Audrey, George, Janet, Penny, Pearl, Julia, Alwyn, Harry, Sheila, Daniel, Malcolm, Laura, Maria

For the recently departed: Dorothy Ayers, John Fitzgerald, Jean Herbage, June Peach. **For those whose**

anniversary of death is this week:

Arthur Warsalo, Dorothy Faithfull (2012), John Wall (1994)

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