

**AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:**  
**A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE.**  
The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?"

**AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST** is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church.

Every Monday, a new video will be posted on **YouTube**, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit:

[rcaos.org.uk/  
ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)

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**ENCOUNTER PENTECOST**  
**is a day to gather at St George's Cathedral, Southwark,**

to celebrate this feast together with people from across the Archdiocese and beyond. Through worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship, the day offers an opportunity to reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our faith.

**The day is open to everyone - individuals, families, parish groups and those simply curious to explore the life of the Church.**

23 May 2026 - start 10:15am  
at St George's Cathedral.

Please visit Southwark's Website:

<https://rcaos.org.uk>, or  
[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

See: **news and events**

Let **MAY** be a time of:  
**PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
as a Family  
or group of friends;  
Making a **MARIAN SHRINE**  
in your Home or Garden;  
**CROWNING OUR MOTHER MARY'S STATUE**, or picture,  
with a Crown of Roses;  
Presenting Mary's Statue  
with extra flowers as  
a bouquet of your love for  
**MAMMA MARY!**

Making an  
**ACT OF CONSECRATION**  
of your Life  
**TO JESUS THROUGH MARY;**  
Learning to sing  
the **REGINA CAELI**  
and /or  
the **SALVE REGINA**  
after your night prayers.



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+ **J. M. J.** + **JESUS**, + **MARY**, and + **JOSEPH** +  
*Newsletter Supplement: 3rd May Anno Domini 2026*  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**  
**Pages 265 - 268 in the Parish Mass Book**  
*(Music in Parish Mass Book begins page 320,*  
**Preface Dialogue page 15, Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16,  
**Mystery of Faith: "WE PROCLAIM ..."** page 29,  
*Lamb of God/Agnus Dei page 57 & 78)***

**ROSARY FOR LIFE.**

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life **this May (Month of Mary).** Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife).  
**Pray the Rosary.**  
**Encounter Christ.**  
**Defend life.**

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026.**

Sunday 3rd May is **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY.**  
In line with today's Gospel, we are **called to protect, called to care, called to act.**  
Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](http://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday)

**EWTN GB** - that is: **Eternal Word Television Network Great Britain**

based in Walsingham, have produced a booklet on **the Rosary - Five First Saturdays Devotions & Meditations Brown Scapular - Miraculous Medal. Walsingham, Fatima and What Our Lady Asks of Us Now.**

It is **FREE**, however, we were asked to make a Donation. Would you be willing to contribute to that donation please?

#### 4. PETITION TO DEFEND NHS WORKERS & PATIENTS' RIGHTS

**The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** has fallen, but a very similar assisted dying bill for England and Wales is expected to be introduced soon. **Such a bill is expected to deny nursing homes, hospices, health and social care professionals who oppose all involvement in the suicide of patients on conscience grounds—including NHS staff – the right to 'opt out' completely from such involvement without facing penalties.** In addition, doctors with years of clinical expertise who are opposed to assisted dying on ethical or religious grounds (including frontline GPs) could be forced to resign, depriving NHS patients of their services. **We, the undersigned, request that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care:**

1. Instruct the NHS to protect conscientious objection rights, generously interpreted, for all NHS staff.
2. Make clear to all healthcare employers that existing human rights and equality laws prohibit discrimination based on religion or belief.
3. Help ensure that, should assisted dying be legalised in the future, institutions such as hospices and Care Homes can refuse any form of involvement in the suicide of patients/residents without fear of sanctions.
4. Help ensure that patients can consult with a doctor without fear that they may be invited to end their own lives.

Signatories must be 18 or over.  
To sign online: go to

**[bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection](https://bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection)**

#### BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST

Bring Flowers of the Rarest  
Bring flow'rs of the fairest,  
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Rose of the vale.

*Refrain:*

**O Mary! we crown thee  
with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels,  
Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee  
with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels,  
Queen of the May.**

Our voices ascending,  
In harmony blending,  
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn  
Dear Mother, to thee;  
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee  
How truly we love thee,  
How dark without Mary  
Life's journey would be.

*Refrain*

O Virgin most tender,  
Our homage we render,  
Thy love and protection,  
Sweet Mother, to win;  
In danger defend us,  
In sorrow befriend us,  
And shield our hearts  
From contagion and sin.

*Refrain*

Of Mothers the dearest,  
Oh, wilt thou be nearest,  
When life with temptation  
Is darkly replete?  
Forsake us, O never!  
Our hearts be they ever  
As Pure as the lilies  
We lay at thy feet.

*Refrain*

#### REGINA CAELI

*said at 6am, 12noon & 6pm  
instead of THE ANGELUS  
during Eastertide:*

**Regina caeli, laetare,  
Alleluia!**

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!*

**Quia Quem meruisti  
portare, Alleluia!**

*For He Whom you  
were worthy to bear, alleluia!*

**Resurrexit, sicut dixit!  
Alleluia!**

*Has risen as He said, alleluia!*

**Ora pro nobis Deum.  
Alleluia!**

*Pray for us to God, alleluia!*

Rejoice and be glad  
O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

**For the Lord  
has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let us pray:

**O God, Who gave joy to the world  
through the resurrection  
of Your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant that we obtain  
through His Virgin Mother,  
the joys of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



#### PREPARE FOR PENTECOST AND THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

##### PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Come, O Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of Your faithful  
and enkindle in them  
the fire of Your love.

**V:** Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.

**R:** And You shall renew  
the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O, God, Who taught the hearts  
of Your faithful by the light  
of the Holy Spirit, grant that  
by the gift of that same Spirit  
we may be always truly wise  
and ever rejoice in His consolations.  
Through Christ Our Lord. **R: Amen.**

##### INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY POPE JOHN XXIII.

**Renew, Your wonders  
in this our day,  
as by a New Pentecost.**

Grant to Your Church that,  
being of one mind and  
steadfast in prayer with Mary,  
the Mother of Jesus,  
and following the lead of  
the blessed Peter,  
it may advance the reign of  
our Divine Saviour,  
the  
reign  
of truth  
and  
justice,  
the  
reign  
of love  
and  
peace.  
**Amen.**

