



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

Week 3

Year B

## Sunday 16th May 2021

**6pm\*** Bridget Gibbons & Martin Walsh ann+

**9am:** Michael O'Meara +

**11.30am** Mary Stella Soosay +

**6pm:** Richie Hanafee +

## Monday 17

**6.30pm:** Stewards  
(thanksgiving)

## Tuesday 18

**10am:** Angela Sawyer ann+

## Wednesday 19

**NO MASS**

## Thursday 20

**10am** Ouida Jayasuriya (int)

## Friday 21

**10am:** Mary Stella Soosay +  
*6pm: Adoration in Church*

## Saturday 22

**6pm\*** Harry McCann +

## 23: Pentecost Sunday

**9am:** Josie Carolan +

**11.30am** Anne Lynch (int)

**6pm:** Anne Hanley ann +

**\*vigil mass (sat)**

So the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.

What are these days teaching us as a Parish community. The departure and ascension of Jesus was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Saviour, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

*Eastertide Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Jesus ascends to heaven in his body - divine and human nature, by St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.*

"You heard what came to our ears just now from the Gospel: 'Lifting up his hands, he blessed them. And it happened, while he was blessing them he withdrew from them, and was carried up to heaven.' Who was carried up to heaven? The Lord Christ was. Who is the Lord Christ? He is the Lord Jesus. What is this? Are you going to separate the human from the divine and make one person of God, another of the man, so that there is no longer a trinity of three but a quaternary of four? Just as you, a human being, are soul and body, so the Lord Christ is Word, soul and body. The Word did not depart from the Father. He both came to us and did not forsake the Father. He both took flesh in the womb and continued to govern the universe. What was lifted up into heaven, if not what had been taken from earth? That is to say, the very flesh, the very body, about which he was speaking when he said to the disciples, 'Feel, and see that a spirit does not have bones and flesh, as you can see that I have' (Luke 24:39). Let us believe in all of this dear brothers and sisters."

**Fr John**

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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:** Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Paddy Falvey, Terry Loftus, Joan Ferguson, John Bridgeman, Patrick Boland, Ouida Jayasuriya, Joanna Ryan, John Carden.

**Holy Communion Children and Confirmation Candidates:** as they prepare to receive their Sacraments.

### MARANATHA 'COME LORD JESUS'

Christian meditation group meeting in Church  
**Starting Friday 4th June at 1.30pm**

**Take Action to Stop the Climate Crisis:** The UK is hosting the UN climate talks in November. World leaders will gather to agree a plan to end the climate crisis.

CAFOD is campaigning to encourage the UK government to make these talks as successful as possible. Pope Francis says "May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects and shared dreams." To support this campaign, sign the petition online at [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

### PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

**Please note the parish office is closed on Wednesdays**

**For Mass bookings:** you can email the parish office or visit the presbytery (*please telephone before your visit to ensure someone is there*). If you are booking an anniversary mass - please book at least three months in advance.

**Baptism or Wedding Enquiries / CCP School Signing / Confession and/or Parish Priest Appointments:** please email the parish office on [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) (*telephone if no email - please leave a message on the answering machine if there is no reply - secretary will return your call*).

**New to the parish?** Please email the parish office.

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