

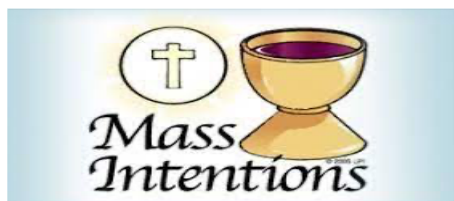


Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

# 5th Sunday of Easter

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## THIS WEEK



### 5th Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022

6pm*:	Joe Bowe+
8.30am:	Bami Adeyemo (int)
10.30am:	Rogelio & Antonio Coranado+
6.00pm:	Eileen Finch+

### Monday 16th

6pm:	Bridget Gibbons (ann+)
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### Tuesday 17th

9.30am:	Morning Prayer
10.00am:	Angela Sawyer (ann+)

### Wednesday 18th

No Mass

### Thursday 19th

10.00am:	Fr Fred De L'orme+
10.30am:	Coffee Morning

### Friday 20th

9.30am:	Morning Prayer
10.00am:	Margaret Rawlings+
1.30pm:	Christian Meditation
6.00pm:	Adoration

### Saturday 21st

6pm*:	Maura Clerkin+
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### 22nd May - 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30am:	Joe Bowe+
10.30am:	Julie Loh+
6.00pm:	Pat Brady (ann+)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

There is no greater glory and honour a person can offer than the willing sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. This is the true nature of love - the total self-giving and free offering of one's life for the good of another. A mother who loves her child will do everything in her power to nurture, protect, and save the life of the child. A soldier devoted to his country's welfare, will endure any hardship and suffering and willingly sacrifice his own life to defend his people. God the Father showed the unfathomable depth of his love and mercy by willingly offering his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. That is why Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment and way of love - not a commandment that replaces the Old Covenant commandment to love one's neighbour as oneself. This new commandment transforms the old commandment with the love and mercy which the Lord Jesus poured out for us on the Cross of Calvary. There death was defeated, and sin was covered with merciful love and forgiveness, and Satan's power was crushed through Godly meekness and obedience. Jesus proved that love is stronger than death.

As a parish community we can ask ourselves during this Eastertide: How can we love one another as Christ has loved us? Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples at Pentecost and he pours out his Spirit today on all who believe in him. If we yield our hearts to Jesus and submit to his will for us, then the Holy Spirit will purify all that is unloving, unkind, and unforgiving in us. The Lord wants to transform our minds so we can understand his word of truth and life which has power to set us free from ignorance, unbelief, deception, and prejudice. Our calling and privilege is to serve as Christ has served and to love and he has loved. That is the way we share in the glory of our heavenly Father who gave us his beloved Son who laid down his life for each one of us.

Eastertide Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Christ's love goes further, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "He plainly indicates the novelty involved in his command here - and the extent to which the love he enjoins here surpasses the old idea of mutual love (Deuteronomy 6:5) - by adding the words 'Even as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' ... The law of Moses mandated the necessity of loving our brothers as ourselves, yet our Lord Jesus the Christ loved us far more than he loved himself. Otherwise, he would have never descended to our humiliation from his original exaltation in the form of God and on an equality with God the Father, nor would he have undergone for our sakes the exceptional bitterness of his death in the flesh, to shame, to derision, and all his other sufferings too numerous to mention. Being rich, he would never have become poor if he had not loved us far more than he loved himself. It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that!" **Fr John.**

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**NEED TO TALK?** If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass.

Please knock on the presbytery door or email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)



*"Alpha has been a great experience. I met so many interesting people, shared thoughts and feelings on faith in a relaxed atmosphere, I have made some great friends and found things out about the Christian faith I never knew before. Everyone matters at Alpha."* **Clare Gallagher, Parishioner**

You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, 7.30 pm on 16th May, or Friday lunchtimes, starting 12.00 pm - 27th May. Please register your interest at [www.bametalpha.com](http://www.bametalpha.com).

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice, **x2**  
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad!

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# NOTICES

## WELCOME!

**SATURDAY CLASSES:** Summer Term All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

**Venue:** The JP Room

**Time:** From 9.30am to 10.45am

**Dates:** **May:** 21st, **June:** 11th & 25th, **July:** 9th

### WE PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY



Please join us after Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All welcomed.

**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP:** Meeting on Tuesday 17th May after Mass. Please join us.

**CARDINAL'S MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS,** Saturday 21st May 2022 at 6pm at Westminster Cathedral. Those who were Baptised or Received into the Church on Easter Vigil are warmly invited to attend, with catechists, families and friends. **Before Mass** we will gather in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1ON. The programme for the afternoon is as follows:

**4.45pm:** Tea & Welcome - Vaughan House Conference Room.

**5.00pm:** Reflection from Fr. Brian O'Mahony, Sub-Administrator of the Cathedral

**5.30pm:** Preparing to celebrate Mass as New Catholics with our Bishop

**6.00pm:** Mass



**TUESDAYS:** 10am -11.30am. (Term time only) at Church Parish Hall

Age Range: Birth to 3rd Birthday

£1 per family per morning

Parents: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits

Toddlers: toys, books puzzles etc

**Come join us!**

### FR JOHN

Please take note that Fr. John will be away on his Easter vacation from 10th to 19th May.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Particular prayers:** The people of Ukraine

**Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:**

Denis Horgan, Catherine Malone, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Paul Dempsey

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen McCarthy

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