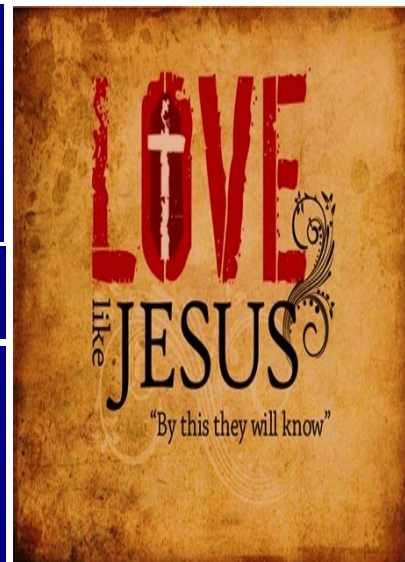


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**5th Sunday of Easter (Year C) 15th May 2022**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 14th May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6.00pm	James Longe RIP
Sunday 15th May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Mary Devlin RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 17th May	Easter feria	7.00pm	Christina Duignan
Wednesday 18th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Pam Harris RIP
Thursday 19th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Deceased members of the Hoyle & Mabe families
Friday 20th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Michael Noakes RIP
Saturday 21st May	Vigil : 6th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

**Mass intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date**

**Liturgy of the Word: 15th May 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another, just as I have loved you." Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 15; 1-2, 22-29, Psalm 66, Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

Fr Dominic writes: **If we say we are Christians what should that indicate to the people we meet?**

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel reading are very familiar. We have heard them hundreds of times. "Love one another. That is how people will know you are my disciples." Let us reflect on these well known words of Christ from the last supper. Names or titles can trigger certain reactions, certain feelings and expectations are evoked about what that individual will be like. What do people today think when they hear the word "Christian"? What should "Christian" mean to people? When someone says to us "Here is John, Fred, Mary, Tom or Betty and by the way he or she is a Christian," what do people expect? Today the reaction may be different from years ago.

In some circles the name "Christian" evokes impressions of intolerance, politicised and power-hungry religion, oppressive proselytising, an absence of respect for non-Christians and perhaps an anti intellectualism. In other circles, the name "Christian" will indicate someone on whom we can rely to tell the truth, who treats all people with respect, whose word we can trust, who is concerned with fairness in our world, who lives not by majority opinion but by God's law, who knows that he or she has a purpose wider than this world. To everyone, the name "Christian" should mean someone who is trying to follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. All of these latter characteristics should define us as His disciples.

The life of Jesus, the magnificent moment when he walked the earth 2,000 years ago, died and rose from the dead, wasn't meant to be just an inspiring memory. It was a way of life that was to continue in His followers so that His love would continue to touch and heal the world. To love as Christ did is impossible for any human being by himself or herself. It requires the very presence of Christ within. If anything brings people to Jesus it will be us Christians. The shadow side to this truth is that if anything keeps people away from Jesus, it will be us Christians as well.

**DO WE DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS OR DO WE TURN THEM AWAY?**

### Permanent Diaconate - 'Come & See' - 21st May 2022

The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a 'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12noon at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS. For further information please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or 07961 594725

See also <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>



### Funeral arrangements for Canon Philip Cross.

The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 31 May at 11.30am at St Bede's, Croxley Green (185 Baldwins Lane WD3 3LL). Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside and the homily will be given by Fr John Wiley.

### The paradox of abundance



Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called **Fix the Food System**. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

### Thy Kingdom Come

Churches Together in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire invite you to join us in prayer on 26th May at 7.30 pm at Bunyan Meeting, Bedford. MK40 3EU. The short service includes speaker Ruth Robb of Azaela, a Luton based charity supporting victim of human trafficking, and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet other organisations, including the SVP, serving communities in Herts and Beds. For more information contact [facilitator@cthers.org.uk](mailto:facilitator@cthers.org.uk)

### LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm  
(last admission 5pm) Admission £5.00 per person  
(FREE entry for children aged 5 and under)

There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at [www.loreto.herts.sch.uk](http://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk)



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### St Michael's Catholic Grammar School -

Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023. These are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5 to sit the entrance tests for year 7 entry to St Michael's in September 2023. Applications, the deadline for which is 5th July 2022, can be made

through the online system available on our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24>



### Event for anyone interested in supporting or hosting a Ukrainian family or others seeking sanctuary.

Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary  
18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom.

Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like.

This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster.

Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page

### Offertory for Sunday 8th May

Envelopes £ 258.70

Loose Plate £ 246.68

**Total £ 505.38**

**Thank you**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan and Carlos Borg.