

## Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) 16th May 2021

### Reflection: Consecrated in the Truth Source of content: mycatholic.life

*"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."* [John 17:17-19](#)

What does it mean to "consecrate" something or someone? Consecration is, of course, a very familiar term within our faith. We speak of the bread and wine being consecrated and becoming the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus our Lord. The consecration of the mere earthly substances of bread and wine transform them into God Himself. Thus, "consecration" is a powerful word. Another familiar use of this word is in reference to those women who have been called by God to enter religious life so as to dedicate themselves to God as spouses of Christ. They become "Consecrated Religious" through their solemn lifelong vows. They are dedicated, taken out of the world and presented to Christ in a unique way.

Among the laity, there are many who have consecrated themselves to our Blessed Mother, or to the Sacred Heart, or to our divine Lord through some other special form of devotion. In all of these cases, to "consecrate" is to dedicate, set aside and make holy. Another translation for the word "consecrate" above is "sanctify."

To "Sanctify them in the truth" is to make them holy by the truth. This is Jesus' prayer in the above-quoted passage. This line comes from Jesus' beautiful High Priestly Prayer in which He prays to the Father for His disciples and for all who will eventually become His disciples—and that includes you! Jesus' prayer is not only effective as a prayer; it is also effective as a lesson on holiness. How do we become holy? Simple. We allow the Word of the Father to consecrate us in truth. In other words, we allow God's holy Word to engage us, challenge us, change us, call us from sin, point us to Heaven and transform every aspect of our lives. God's Word is the Truth, and we will become holy if we are transformed by this Truth.

In what ways do you need the Truth, spoken by the Father in Heaven, to engage you? What are the truths of our faith that you especially need to know, accept, profess and believe? One of the best ways to answer this question is to commit yourself to an in-depth, prayerful reading of the Word of God. By prayerfully reading the Scriptures, you will open yourself to all that God wants to reveal to you. And as the voice of God speaks to you through His Word, you will be invited to change. His Word will combat the confusion and lies of the world and the evil one and set you upon the path to holiness, to true sanctity and interior consecration.

Reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Word of God. Reflect upon how fully you have allowed His Word to speak to you, call you out of the world, set you apart for holiness and direct you toward Himself. Engaging the Word of God must become your daily spiritual food, and it must paint for you the picture of your glorious life to which you are called.

*My Jesus, Word of the Father; You are Truth Itself. You are the Living Word Who has come to set us free. Give me the grace I need to listen to Your holy voice and so that Your Truth will engage me in the depths of my soul, transforming me into the person You have called me to be. I open myself to You, dear Lord, and to all You wish to say to me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Do remember the Covid-19 motto 'Hand, face, space'. In Church, your nose AND mouth should be covered at all times. We are responsible for one another's health. Scan the QR code at the back of the Church with your NHS COVID-19 app to check in.**

See also:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html>

**Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Psalm: 102, I John: 4: 11-16, John 17: 11-19**

Today's readings can be found at [universalis.com/mass](http://universalis.com/mass). Please set your devices to silent mode during Mass.

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## PARISH DIARY

See back page for regular Mass & Liturgy schedule

### **Sunday 16th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

World Communications Day

**Monday 17th May: *Easter Feria***

8.30 am- Church Cleaning ✚

12 noon - Regina Caeli

**Tuesday 18th May: *Easter Feria***

12 noon - Regina Caeli

**Wednesday 19th May: *Easter Feria***

12 noon - Regina Caeli

**Thursday 20th May: *Easter Feria***

12 noon - Regina Caeli

**Friday 21st May: *St. Matthias, Apostle***

12 noon - Regina Caeli

**Saturday 22nd May: *Feast of St. Rita***

12 noon - Regina Caeli

### **Sunday 23rd May: Pentecost Sunday (Year B).**

✚ Church **UH** Upper Hall **LH** Lower Hall

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## PARISH LIFE

**More Volunteers Required** - We need more volunteers to help clean the Church after the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Readers** - We thank our current readers for their continued help over these last few months. As we have introduced more Masses, we really need more readers especially at the 9 am Mass where there are few readers. Contact Annabel if you are interested and would like more information on [staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk) You can also contact the parish office and your details will be passed onto her.

**Sunday Obligation** - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the Sunday Obligation due to the coronavirus pandemic. If you are unable to attend Mass on a Sunday or are unable to get in due to the fact that numbers have been reached, you may wish to consider attending Mass during the week.

**Masses** - As the new legislation permits the opening of places of worship for communal worship, providing that Covid-19 safety practices are observed.

Therefore, in order to provide a safe environment for the people and the clergy, we request that after the Communion Rite, you should exit the Church straightaway, and continue your post communion prayers at home.

Please do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble and you should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

**Revised Mass Timetable** - Please note that the Mass timetable has been revised as follows:

**Sundays** - 9 am, 10.30 am and 12.15 pm.

**Mondays to Fridays** - 8 am and 12.15 pm.

**Saturdays** - 12.15 pm and 6 pm (Vigil).

The Church will be open 30 minutes prior to each Mass and closed after each Mass.

**Confessions** - available by appointment.

**Track and Trace** - As per government guidelines, churches are asked to keep a record of parishioners attending the church for prayer/Mass. This is mandatory. These records are kept locked and for a period of 21 days before being destroyed. **Alternatively**, scan the QR code (on the notice boards) with your NHS COVID-19 app to check in.

**Church Cleaning** - More volunteers required to help clean the Church on Mondays after the 8 am Mass. Please speak to Antonia.

**Coronavirus** - Please bear with the church and with each other in this challenging time.

**Live Streaming Masses and Services** - To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv). The Streaming of Masses is a great source of benefit to us all that use the online services. We need your support. If you wish to make a donation towards this service, please either; donate via The Virgin Money Giving donate button on the parish website, place your donation in an envelope marked "Live streaming Masses" or you can use the details given in this newsletter under Stewardship and Giving, using your name/Live Streaming Masses as a reference. The amount received so far is **£2,398.85**. Thank you all for your generosity.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021

**The Solemnity of Corpus Christi & Quarant'Ore 2021** - This live streamed event will take place at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. The Timetable is as follows:

**Thursday 3rd June** at 7 pm - Extraordinary form High Mass of Corpus Christi followed by the opening of Quarant'ore. The blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the end of Mass until Midnight.

**Friday 4th June** All day - Continuation of Quarant'ore. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6 am until Midnight. Holy Hour and Benediction at 6.30 pm.

**Saturday 5th June** at 6 pm - Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi in the Ordinary Form. Closing Quarant'Ore. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7 am until just before Mass.

**Sunday 6th June** at 11 am - Solemnity of Corpus Christi in the Ordinary Form.

All Masses and devotions will be live streamed at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live). Have your intentions prayed for at the Shrine, or buy a candle to burn before the Blessed Sacrament by visiting [maidenlane.org.uk/forty](http://maidenlane.org.uk/forty).

**“Learn From Me”, Support for Parish Catechists: Reflecting on the Lives of Saints and Blessed of Catechesis** - There will be monthly online 45 minute prayer times between 7.30 pm - 8.15 pm Monday 7th June: St. Jose de Anchieta and Tuesday 6th July: St. Clelia Barieri. Registration required beforehand to receive the Zoom link. Contact Warren Brown at [catadmoin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmoin@rcdow.org.uk) or for more information, contact Anna Dupelycz at [annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk)

**Stress in Your Marriage?** - Retrouvaille is a programme for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most do not know how to change the situation, or even communicate with their spouse about it. There is no group therapy or group work. To register for the programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 1st - 4th July 2021. Visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Call 07887 296 983 or 07973-380-443. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

## LITURGY

**Regina Caeli** - Every day at 12 noon.

**The River Does Not Divide Us: Pentecost Novena on the Care of Creation** - We are invited to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face and to pray these nine days reflecting the account of creation in the book of Genesis. This Novena produced by The *God Who Speaks* team can be used on its own or to complement the prayers and reflections of the global prayer movement - “Thy Kingdom Come” with the Care of Creation theme. Copies of the novena are available in the Church.

**Feast of St. Rita** - Saturday 22nd May is the feast of St. Rita. Roses will be blessed and distributed at the 12.15 pm Mass.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021

**Sacramental Training Course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists** - Fr. Gladson will be running a training course for **existing** First Holy Communion and Confirmation catechists, (a refreshers course), as well as for those who would like to become a catechist or if you would like to be a **volunteer to support the catechists**. The last day of this three day course is **Friday 21st May at 6.30 pm**.

**ABC (About Being a Catholic)** - (For adults who wish to become Catholic, adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed, any Catholic adult who wishes to learn more about their Catholic faith). Please submit your details to the Parish Office if you are interested.

**Baptism Course** - To book, please contact the Parish Office.

**Baptisms** - Takes place on Saturdays. Please contact the Parish Office.

**First Holy Communion 2021** - The lessons started last week.

**Confirmations 2021** - Parents have been informed of the date for a meeting with Fr. Gladson together with their child.

## SCHOOLS

**KS2 Primary Teacher Vacancy at St. Richard Reynolds Primary School** - Please contact [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) for further details.

# COMMUNITY MASS LIST

## Recently deceased:

John Finnegan, Emmanuel Alagadan, Lita Banal.

## Anniversaries:

Margo Stack RIP (3rd Ann.), Patrick Stack, Mary (Sis) Stack, Patrick Geraghty, Mrs Geraghty, Michael and Mary Gannon, Eileen Jordan, Antonio & Mary Furbini, Maria Mendes Ferreira, Martinho Pereira, Jose Adelino, Leonardo, Algeria, Fermina, John Loowey.

## Intentions:

Recovery of India, Eamon Lennon, In honour of Our Lady, Muii, The Shifferaw family, Angela Ribeiro (Thanksgiving), Holy souls, The Pinto family, The deceased members of the Pinto-Inojosa family.

## Get Well:

Juana Maria Carrillo.

## Birthday:

Jack McTigue, Special Intention, Margaret, Palmira.

## STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

### We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these difficult times.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or use the details below:

**Name:** Saint Augustine's Church

**Account Number:** 11308262

**Sort code:** 40-05-20

**Bank:** HSBC

**Ref:** your name

If you are a UK Taxpayer you can complete a Gift Aid form from the porch, website or from the Parish Office.

We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donate. **Alternatively**, you can click on the **Virgin Money Giving Donate button** which you will find on the parish website.

**Contactless Payment Machine** - This has been installed at the front of the Church for donations. The machine is very easy to use and allows you to support the Church at this time by online giving. Please use the hand sanitiser and touch screen to begin.

**World Communications Day Second Collection** - Funds raised go towards the work of the Communications Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.

**India's Coronavirus Pandemic Collection** - £357.53 was raised. Thank you.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** - Please collect your box from the Repository.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021** - This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for food banks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we are continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can also use the QR code to make your donation online.

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## MASS TIMES

**Sundays:** 9 am, 10.30 am & 12.15 pm ■ **Monday-Friday:** 8 am & 12.15 pm ■ **Saturdays:** 12.15 pm & 6 pm (Vigil)

## SACRAMENTS, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Reconciliation** (Confession): Available by appointment.

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Tomas Banayag, O.S.A. ■ **Parish Administrator:** Monica Hamilton

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

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