

Last week's collection. Envelopes: £385.13. **Loose:** £637.42. **SVP:** £40. **Priests Training Fund:** £795.96. Thanks for your constant support.

Year B. Mass book page 270. First Reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48. **Psalm 97-** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. **Second Reading** 1 John 4: 7-10. **Gospel** John 15: 9-17.

MASS INTENTIONS. Monday Bridget Conway and Family **INT Tuesday** Marian Feehan RIP **Wednesday** Margaret Wright RIP **Thursday 9:30am** Sadhna and R.K. Nayar RIP (School Mass) **7:00pm** People of the Parish **Friday** No Mass **Saturday 6:30pm** Paul Brennan RIP **Sunday 9:00am** Alex Lowe RIP **11:00am** People of the Parish.

Cleaning of the church. Thursday 9th May. Friday 17th May. Deep cleaning of the church: Saturday 25th May. Friday 31st May.

**We pray for
the sick**

Attilio Bagatti, Michele Peiris, Clive Thomas, Charlotte Clancy, Roseanna Lawler, Michelle Moran, Joanne Brooks, Cathy Burns, Maria Campbell, Celia Joyce, Antonina and Vincenzo Calá, Mary Brown, Shirley Durgacharan, Jenette Moran, Zenaida Daniel, Helen Rodrigues, Helga Ojinmah, Keith Smith, Brenda Gurr, John Gibbons, Fatima Lau, Rose Cooley, Eamon Ofori Nyarko, Bill Ellis, and Catherine Taylor,

the recently deceased and their loved ones

Des Foy, Mark Johnson, Fr David John Williamson,
and the victims of war throughout the world,

and the faithful departed

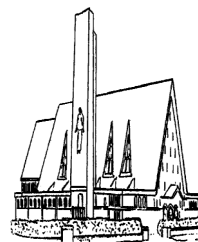
whose anniversaries occur at about this time

Ruberto Santiago, Joanna Cassidy, and Michael and Mary Cunniffe.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May. For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

MASS TIMES. Saturday Vigil (1st Mass of Sunday) 6.30pm. **Sunday Mass** 9.00am and 11.00am. **Weekday Mass** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.15am. No Mass on Thursday. **Confessions** Saturday 10:30am-11:00am.

**GOD
IS
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024

"God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn 4:16). These words from the *First Letter of John* express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny. In the same verse, Saint John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us".

We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Saint John's Gospel describes that event in these words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life" (3:16). In acknowledging the centrality of love, Christian faith has retained the core of Israel's faith, while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth. The pious Jew prayed daily the words of the *Book of Deuteronomy* which expressed the heart of his existence: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might" (6:4-5). Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbour found in the *Book of Leviticus*: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (19:18; cf. Mk 12:29-31). Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), love is now no longer a mere "command"; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us.

In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant.

Pope Benedict XVI. Taken from https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html

Desmond Foy RIP. The funeral Mass of the late Des will be celebrated on **Friday 17th May at 11:00am**. May he rest in peace. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this sad time.

Priests Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priests Training Fund collection. We have so far raised **£795.96**. The collection closes today. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Repository sale. Today we are having a sale of religious books for children and adults after Mass. A great opportunity to buy books for yourselves and others!

St Bernadette's School Food Bank. Thank you so much to all parishioners who generously donated to the school food bank. The next collection will be on **25th and 26th May**.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are coming to Mass on Tuesday and are not staying for Exposition, please show respect to the Blessed Sacrament and consideration to those praying and leave the church in relative silence rather than staying in the porch having a long conversation. You can have a chat outside the church instead. Fr Hector.

Pentecost Play. We are having a children's Pentecost Play at the **11:00am Mass on Sunday 19th May**. We invite all children who would like to take part to come to the rehearsals that will take place in the church on **Sunday 5th and 12th May after the 11:00am Mass** for approximately one hour. We would love to see many parish children involved in the play.

SVP. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th May at 7:30pm in the Parish Room**, entrance by the far end of the church car park. If you would like to know more about the work of the SVP, please come to the meeting.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Thursday May 9th) is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 9:30am with St Bernadette's School and at 7:00pm.

The church and the parish office will not open on Friday.

May procession between All Saints and St Mary-the-Virgin. Saturday 18th May, leaving from All Saints at 2.30pm. We need a team of volunteers to steward the procession and another team to carry the float with the statue of Our Lady. The float is to be carried by 2 people of a similar height. Please contact the parish office to let us know if you are available to help. Thanks.

Bring-and-share lunch after the May procession (18th May) and the 11:00am Mass on Pentecost Sunday (19th May). Forms and more information next Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate (London) is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on **Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11:00am to 4:30pm**. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Red Mission Box. We are collecting the Red Mission Boxes for the quarter ending at the end of May. Please pick up a brown envelope marked **Missio** from the shelf at the back of the church, empty the box into it and bring the envelope back sometime in May. We will collect the monies again in August 2024. Thank you.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal. Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth. Support an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks and oppose two abortion up to birth amendments. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks gestation can now survive outside the womb. **Take action:** Email your MP by visiting righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters and righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth before the debate on **Wednesday 15th May**.

Vacancies. St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is currently advertising vacancies for Teacher of Psychology, Subject Lead of Physiology, Head of Academic Music, Attendance Officer and Learning Support Assistance (Primary). More information here: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2>

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is 'a complex but essential pastoral task'. The document, titled ***Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales***, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely 'cultural or social construction.' The document can be found here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/news/reflection-intricately-woven-by-the-lord.pdf>

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Tuesday 25 June 2024. Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Tuesday 25 June between 5pm and 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5:00pm and 7:00pm in The Sports Hall. We have 128 places in each year and are historically heavily oversubscribed with girls who meet the criteria of Catholic girls from a Practising Catholic family who have made their First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. Priority for up to 32 places is given to girls who are registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school. Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/>. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2025 is now available <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is 4:00pm on **Tuesday 2nd July 2024**.