



PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

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INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY: Evangelization – The Mission of Laity: That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

PENTECOST NOVENA PRAYER

(Begins Friday 11th May—after all Masses)

Renew your wonders in this our day,
as by a new Pentecost.

Grant to your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of Blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might to renew the face of the earth.

[Pope John XXIII's 'invocation' prayer]

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PRAYER FOR EASTER VI

God, my Father,
may I love You in all things and
above all things.

May I reach the joy which You
have prepared for me in
Heaven. Nothing is good that is
against Your Will, and all that is
good comes from Your Hand.

Place in my heart a desire to
please You and fill my mind with
thoughts of Your Love, so that I
may grow in Your wisdom and
enjoy Your Peace. Amen

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
IN MEMORY OF

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week

INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL
O'CARROLL & FAMILY



SWITCH off your phone
and SWITCH ON your heart
and mind to the Lord.



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Sunday 6th May 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

TODAY'S MASS



As was last week's, today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his

disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The person who does not decide to love forever will find it very difficult to really love for even one day."

Pope St. John Paul II

Sunday Reflection

Today's gospel passage is filled with beautiful statements about the ever-popular subject of love. Jesus tells us that the Father loves him, and that he in turn loves us, and that we should love one another. Perhaps we have heard these sentiments expressed so often that we no longer realize how profound and dramatic they really are.

When Jesus says that the Father has loved him, he is correcting a very common concept of God. Many people at that time (and perhaps ever since) pictured God as someone very transcendent and therefore very distant from them. He was surely all-powerful but, like most powerful ones, he seemed to be cruel as well. Is God not in some way responsible for famine and natural disasters? Does he not at least permit the death of young parents and innocent children?

But Jesus tells us that he knows God much better than we do. As eternal Word, he dwells in the lap of his heavenly Father (John 1: 18). This is body language, which tells us that Jesus hears the very heartbeat of his Father. He assures us that God is a loving Father who wishes only good for us. Most of all, he knows that this loving Father offers us a love that can enliven and nurture and energize us, just as the sun energizes plants and trees.

Jesus invites us to experience and to trust this life-giving love, to live in the presence of it, and to yearn for it, just as the sunflower follows the sun across the sky in

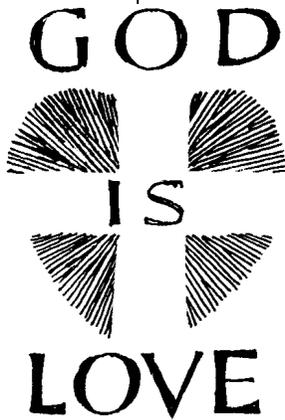
our human gardens. Then we will know how to become sunshine in the lives of others. We will also know how to deal with mysteries in our lives. We will also want to share our treasures with others and thus become part of that divine love that overcomes all darkness and evil.

The implications of this vision of reality are not hard to see. Most people who do not love, or do not love enough, are usually persons who do not feel that they themselves are loved. It is futile to tell people that they must love others when they have not really been made free to love by experiencing love in their own lives. Too often it is a case of impoverished people trying desperately to give more than they have.

That is why it is so important to hear and to trust the words of Jesus about the love of the Father for us. This love is found in Jesus himself, who gave

his life for us, but it is also found everywhere in life: in loving family and friends, in the blessings and successes of life, in every flower and gentle breeze.

Today's gospel challenges us to acknowledge the dark evil in life but it asks us to notice especially the luminous good that is also there. And as we pay attention to the good in life, we will be able to let the evil go by or, at least, to keep it in its place, which is never at the centre of life. This is exactly what Jesus did and, with him, we too need to feel the warmth of the Father's love and to share that warmth with all whom we meet in life.



who do not complete this Form will not be included on the new rota which is currently being prepared and will not be able to serve in the future until this form has been completed. This is in line with **Diocesan Safeguarding Policy**. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

LET IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD:

'Let It Be Done To Me...' is a five-part programme about how Mary helps us to be filled with God. Each week a video presentation will be followed by opportunities for discussion, further study and prayer. The course will run on Wednesday mornings (10.15am) and again on Wednesday evenings (7.00pm) during May (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th). Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to attend.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful to those people who assist the Priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you are interested and like to be considered please speak to Fr. Tony .

MINIBUS ESCORTS: In order to maintain this important parish service we urgently need more volunteer escorts to help bring the elderly and housebound to 11.15am Mass each Sunday. When we have enough escorts it is an occasional duty but at the moment we only have one regular escort. Please can you help? If you are interested and want to find out more please contact the parish team.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS on Bank Holiday **Monday 7th May at 11am** at St. George's Cathedral, London, SE1. Please see poster in porch.

ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY

CAMP in Aldham Essex from 21st July-4th August for boys and 4th-11th August for girls. Please see notice in porch folder. Copy of booking form available from parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: the Police have asked for volunteers to attend a Community Road Watch (CRW) event on Greenford road. on the following dates - 19/05/2018, 09/06/2018, 30/06/2018. More details can be obtained from http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/100011/transport_and_streets/1877/community_roadwatch. Ideally, the Police need volunteers (not living on Greenford road) to be willing to participate in such an event. The Police officers (copied in) will then get in touch with them and arrange times etc. Participation in such an event would mean the volunteer will stand with the Police along the side of Greenford road with a speed gun. Interested volunteers should get in touch by contacting - Laurente.Mascarenhas@met.pnn.police.uk

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY in aid of Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Friday 15th June 2018. see Poster in porch for more details.

SUDBURY TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (STRA). Please join THE GREAT PLASTIC PICK UP, a national campaign, on Sunday 13th May from 10am-1pm at Butler's Green and take hands-on action to tackle the plastic problem and stand up for our environment. Please see noticeboards in the church and parish centre for more information..

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics. Healing weekend 20/22 April. See folder in porch for details.
SMART LOVING SEMINAR for married couples.
CATHOLIC SINGLES information
RETOUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.
WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.
CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.
MARRIAGE/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:
www.wmme.org.uk
VOCATIONS WEEKEND for young women 25-27th May.
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: 8th Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 21st to 29th November 2018 led by Bishop John Wilson. Please see folder for details.

T HOLY COMMUNION BOTH THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND

NEWS & VIEWS



ASCENSION DAY 2018 this year falls on its proper day which is **THIS THURSDAY - 10 MAY**. We'll be having a Mass in School but also Masses here in church at 9.30am and 8.00pm. This is a **Day of OBLIGATION** which means we should treat it as any other Sunday and come to Mass accordingly.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU DEPART CHURCH TODAY.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6 May:
Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses
Tuck Shop after 9.45am Mass

Monday 7 May:
BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 8 May:
Over 60's Group 1.00pm
Children's Art Class 5.00pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal (Church) **6.30pm**
Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 9 May:
"Let it be me" Group 10.15am
K-Kwon-Do 7.00pm
"Let it be me" Group 7.00pm

Thursday 10 May:
Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 11 May:
Teas after morning Mass
Adult Art Class 2.00pm
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm
Neighbourhood Watch 7.30pm

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you.

OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION before the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the feast of Corpus Christ. This begins on **THURSDAY 31st MAY at 9.30am** and last until **SATURDAY 2nd JUNE at 9.30am**. Lists for watching and prayer will be available soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PENTECOST SUNDAY	20 May
TRINITY SUNDAY	27 May
CORPUS CHRISTI	3 June
SACRED HEART OF JESUS	8 June
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	24 June
SS. PETER & PAUL	29 June

KSC MIDSUMMER MYSTERY TOUR: Takes place on Saturday 23rd June. Please contact Paddy Duffy on 0208 868 9373 to book a place. Cost: £16 per person.

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. The next baptism preparation evening will be on **Friday 25th May** at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: The Friends of Jesus Programme takes place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little Religious Education to children of Primary-School age who are not attending a Catholic School. An Information Leaflet is available in the Porch.

HELPING AT THE 5.30PM MASS: We are urgently seeking volunteers to help at the 5.30pm Mass with **Welcoming, Reading & as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. Please let us know if you might consider serving your community through one of these ministries. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS: Those Altar Servers who have not yet completed an **Altar Servers Form**, providing **Full Contact Details (and Parental Consent for those under 16)**, must pick up a letter marked for their attention from the Sacristy this weekend. Unfortunately, those servers



WHAT IS ASCENSION DAY?"

Ascension Day is the celebration of Christ ascending into heaven after His death, burial and resurrection. Ascension Day occurs on the Thursday 40 days after Easter. Ascension Day is also called the Solemnity of the Ascension and as such is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are expected to go to Mass.

The story of Jesus' Ascension is told in Luke 24:49, Mark 16:19 and Acts 1:3, 9. Putting these accounts together, we find that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples and others. During this time, He spoke to them further about the kingdom of God and the coming of the Holy Spirit, for whom they were to wait (Acts 1:2-9). After 40 days of these appearances, He was taken up to heaven for the last time (Acts 1:9-11). As the disciples watched Him go, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as He ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

According to one of the early church fathers, Augustine of Hippo, the Feast of Ascension originated with the Apostles. It may be one of the oldest feasts practiced by the Church, possibly going as far back as AD 68. There is no written evidence, however, of the church honouring Ascension Day until Augustine's time in the fourth century. Churches around the world have observed Ascension Day Feasts for centuries, including ceremonies and traditions including processions, prayer vigils, and Catholic masses.

Ascension Day's significance is that it reminds us that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within our hearts, and of the ever-present Holy Spirit, watching over and protecting us as we spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world. The fact that Jesus was resurrected from the grave and ascended to the right hand of the Father is the source of our hope (1 Peter 1:3). We know that those who belong to Him by faith will one day be with Him in heaven.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

<i>Sunday 6 May</i> 6.15pm (<i>Vigil</i>) 8.30am	EASTER VI Charles Kennedy RIP Wally & Dorothy Watts, Marita & Robbie Ledo & Hermonsinda Toucedo RIP Margaret Nunn RIP Edward Johnston RIP PRO POPULO
Mon 7 May 9.30am	Easter feria Collen Thomas RIP
Tues 8 May 9.30am	Easter feria Helen & Mark O'Sullivan Ints
Weds 9 May 9.30am	Easter feria Susan Gallagher RIP
Thur 10 May 9.30am 8.00pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD Margaret Mary Walsh Private Intention
Fri 11 May 9.30am	Easter feria Jim Quinn RIP
Sat 12 May 9.30am	Easter feria Robert & Rose Joseph RIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRS

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the

water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97:1-4

R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *R/.*

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *R/.*

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the

world

his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.