



Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 9 May 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER George Hillier RIP Tom & Emma Fernandes Thanksgiving Dorothy Comarewel Ints. Brylee Vyla Gomes (1st Birthday) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 10 May 9.30am	Easter feria Rosario Pereira RIP
Tues 11 May 9.30am	Easter feria Delphine De Lima RIP
Weds 12 May 9.30am	S. Pancras Paul Turnbull RIP
Thurs 13 May 9.30am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Anne Traynor RIP
Fri 14 May 9.30am	S. MATTHIAS Takis Kalogroulis RIP 
Sat 15 May 9.30am	Easter feria Rosa Asavedo RIP
Sun 16 May 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER William Carey RIP Margaretha Leischner RIP Sintorina Carvalho RIP Nellie Graham RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocaly DCA

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Neil Cummins, Stefka Arabova, Iris Folwell

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR May

The World of Finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

SANCTUARY LAMP

For all receiving First Holy Communion

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Paul Turnbull RIP

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten
to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs
and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

— Saint Augustine

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.

NEWS UPDATE



PENTECOST NOVENA PRAYER

(Begins Friday 14th 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]

MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5.30pm

The church will open on:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) Open 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.30pm close at 6.15pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENE-DICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

ASCENSION DAY Falls this Thursday. Do try and come to Mass if you can. If not try to keep this important day at home.

EVENING MASSES on SUNDAY The Sunday evening Mass of 5.30pm have now recommenced. If you wish to come to a mass that isn't crowded on a Sunday, this is the one for you. We thank all those who will do extra stewarding and cleaning to make this happen. **However we do need extra volunteers to make it possible. Could you help? Please let us know.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN TO THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND: £1254.14 An excellent total given all the restraints of this time.

FUNERAL MASS OF NEIL CUMMINS on Monday 17th May (please note new date) at 11.00am followed by burial in Hendon Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL OF IRIS FOLWELL on Tuesday 18th May. Details to follow. May she rest in peace.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for use to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 Congratulations to all those children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. A huge thank you to Parents/Carers, Catechists, Stewards & Cleaners making it possible for the FHC Masses to go ahead safely once again this year. If you might consider helping as a FHC Catechist next year your help would be hugely appreciated. For further information please contact Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Thank you to Candidates, Parents/Carers, Catechists & Stewards for helping our COVID-secure Confirmation Registration Evening go smoothly. Our COVID-secure **Meet the Team Session** will be taking place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 10th May at 7.30pm**. To keep us as safe as possible, this year's session is for just **one Parent/Carer only**.

HAVE YOU HAD THE VACCINE OR ARE NOT SURE ABOUT IT? A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617

The recording of the previous webinar, held prior to Easter, is available to view at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/vaccination-confidence-webinar/>

HOLY BAPTISM: As from 17th May we can recommence celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Church. We are currently working through the list of families awaiting Holy Baptism for their children. Some now have dates in the diary. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be trying to attending Mass here, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Fr Julio is co-ordinating all baptism requests so please be in touch with him.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS These should have either been delivered or posted to you. If you have not received them please let us know. By the way, we only send them out to those who request them or have received them previously. In order to be part of the envelope giving scheme all you need to do is simply to send us an email making that request.

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during April and beyond.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

TABLE TOP SALE: Great bargains to be had. From Real Silver Jewellery, to Scones and Preserves. The sale will be held in the car park, at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, (just behind the Methodist Church at Sudbury Town) on the following Saturdays: 15/5/21 / 12/6/21 Please come along, grab a bargain, whilst supporting a well loved local Charity.

ROOM TO LET 3 minutes from the church. Call 07504 739081

CANISTAN JUSAY, one of our stewards, is looking to rent a two/three bedroomed flat in the area. Canistan's number is: 07404 127098,

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding

anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website prior to the event. www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

THY KINGDOM COME 13th - 23rd May Taps into the Pentecost Novena, traditionally prayed by Catholics from Ascension to Pentecost, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *Thy Kingdom Come* offers us the opportunity to pray alongside our brothers and sisters from other Christian denominations, for people to come closer to Christ. We can do this using the prayers of our own tradition, by going to Mass, or exploring other Catholic forms of prayer. It is hoped that this will inspire and enable practicing Catholics to pray for evangelisation - specifically praying for five members of their family or friends to come closer to Christ - as they pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' from the Ascension to Pentecost.

A Different Pentecost Novena: A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost, This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

Journey with Mary: This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost. What would we say, or share with Mary? <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES to the Registration of Marriages come into force in May. These changes are the biggest since 1837. From 4th May Marriage Certificates will only be issued by our Local Registration Office and not by the Parish Priest or other authorised persons. We will also be required to return most of our Marriage Registers to the Registration Office. We will no longer issue copies of Marriage Certificates for past marriages here either. This means that the couple will no longer sign the Marriage Register at the time of the wedding, neither will the Priest or the witnesses sign it. Instead, the couple will supply a 'Marriage Schedule', in advance of the wedding. This will be a single form and it is this, which will need to be signed by the couple, the authorised person and the witnesses at the time of the wedding. Once signed, the Priest or other authorised person will return the form to the Registration Office. The Registration Office will then issue the couple with their Marriage Certificate. The marriage ceremony itself does not change and the consent to marriage, made by the couple, does not change either.

CORONAVIRUS is bringing shocking devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give Please keep praying for the people of India and for all those affected by the pandemic in the UK and across the world

LAST WEEK we opened our hall for use as a Polling Station for the local elections. The hall is not open for groups yet (except for educational purposes & catechesis) and it is not yet ready for bookings, or for use of the toilets, but this is a small step in our preparations to open.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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,
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: *Jn 14:23*

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.