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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021

"I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business" (John 15: 15)

This Sunday's gospel continues from the previous Sunday, when we heard Jesus describe himself as the true vine. We are listening to the farewell teaching of Jesus to his friends on the night before he died. There are several major themes here. Jesus speaks of the love that the Father has for him. This same love he bestows on his disciples. If they are to remain in this bond of love they will keep his commandments, just as he keeps the commandments of the Father. Through discipleship they are bound not only to Jesus but also to the Father. This belonging to the Son and to the Father is the cause of great joy, a joy shared by the Son and the disciples. Jesus foresees that the joy of the resurrection, the joy of seeing his triumph over sin and death, will abide with the disciples. The love of which Jesus speaks is not simply love of God and love of neighbour, as in the other gospels, but love which imitates the love Jesus has shown, a love ready to lay down one's life for others, the love of the Good Shepherd defending his sheep. The disciples are no longer considered servants, but friends. They are to know what Jesus has learnt from the Father. Being drawn closer to Christ means an increasing closeness to the Father. Jesus the master chooses his disciples. We are chosen and commissioned to go out and bear fruit. Does the love I show really reflect the self-giving love of Christ? Have I really accepted that Jesus has chosen and commissioned me for a specific work? We pray for those who see love as self-centered. We pray for generosity and courage in our response to Christ.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

A reading the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97(98):1-4

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

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

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.**

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

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. .*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

DEVOTIONS TO MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY: May Devotions to the **Blessed Virgin Mary** refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honouring the Virgin Mary.

WAYS TO CELEBRATE DEVOTION TO OUR LADY: FAMILY DEVOTIONS: Marian devotions can take place within the family, around a "May Altar" consisting of a table with a Marian picture or a Statue of Our Lady decorated with many flowers and the family would pray together. *This year, we dedicated the rosaries in May for a particular intention: an end to Pandemic and offer the rosary to all those who are affected by Covid-19.*

PARISH DEVOTIONS: You are most welcome to join our parish to the following Marian Devotions in the Church in the month of May:

- Rosary on weekdays before morning & evening Masses.
- Nine-Day Novena after Mass from 23rd MAY.
- A Feast Day Mass in Honour of Our Lady on 31st MAY.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** *You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.*

EXTRA CARD TERMINAL: *We have managed to set up one more CARD MACHINE as more and more people are using their card to make the offerings. The third machine has set up near the exit door leading to the garden area. It will also help more people to use this exit to keep safe distancing.*

CAFÉ REOPENING: From 17th May the café will be open. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY: a day to pray for the work of the catholic communication agencies and all the people work for it. There will be a Second Collection next Weekend.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES: We will have a special Mass on Sunday 6th of June 12:00 to celebrate Marriages. During the mass you will have an opportunity to renew your marriage vows. *Those who are celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary, please write your names on the sheet as we will have a special celebration to mark your special anniversary.* You are most welcome to invite your family and friends to this unique occasion.



PENTECOST NOVENA: There will be a Nine-Day Novena (Pentecost Novena) starting from Friday 14th May to Saturday 22nd May to prepare for the celebrations of Pentecost on Sunday 23rd May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next Two Programmes are on Saturday 8th & 15th May at 10.15am in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Are on Saturday 10th July at 1pm & 3pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's FHC Mass.

CONFIRMATION: The next Two Programmes are on Saturday 8th & 15th May at 11.45am.

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Are on Sunday 11th July at 2pm & 4pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's Confirmation Mass.

PRAY: We continue to keep in our prayers all those who are affected by Coivd-19 especially the people of India. We offer my prayers to our parishioners whose loved ones are back India.

SENIORS DAY: We value very much the presence and the contributions of Seniors to our Parish Family. To say a thank you to them, we celebrate a Day in honour of them which will be on **Sunday 25th July with a special Mass at 12:00** followed by a dinner & entertainment in the hall.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Week2 (Team 2) at 7pm.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE will be on Monday 31st May at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon– Sat and Sun at 12:00.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

DIED RECENTLY: Mary Coull, Martha Fernandes, Christine Fagardo, Kenneth Rohan, Marguerite Migale, Norris James & Camilla Prosper.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please visit www.stbonifacehall.co.uk, call 0208 672 2345
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TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr March Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke & Eli Lee Roberts.

Anniversaries: Paul Schembri, Marie Bleach, Bridget Moran, Michael Devlin, Martin Walsh, Michael Thornton, Frederick Stone, Donal Sullivan, Annie Nordon, Bridget MacAndrew, Zoltan Szabo, Martin Mullen, Maria Zlataric, Francis Bastian, James Lyons, Patrick Connolly. **May they rest in peace Amen.**

	8th & 9th May	15th & 16th May
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Ethna Power	Jim Russell
09.00	Jeanet Leyton	Ansshakila Manoharadas
10.30	Gary Bennett	Anita Bennett
12.00	Ronald Cabrera	Finnuala Lynch
13:00	Pam Fernandez	Duewayne Ikpoh
18:30	Ivon Kandiah	Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk2: Mon 10th May @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 17th May @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2337.84)
Box collection £995.34, Card collection: 755.00 & S/O: 587.55



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday 9th May</u> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09:00	Ouseph Devassykutty & Kochumariyam RIP
	10:30	James Brown Ints
	12:00	Theodore & Domingue Flys
	13:00	Christina Francis
	18:30	Baby Aaliyah Gomes RIP
Monday 10th May Feria	09:30	Elizabeth McCarthy Ints
	18:30	Jimmy Molloy RIP
Tuesday 11th May Votive St Anthony	09:30	Pro Populo
	18:30	Peter Mendonca RIP
Wednesday 12th May Votive St Joseph	09:30	Tom McAuley RIP
	11:00	Funeral: Baby Aliyah Gomez
	18:30	John & Kathleen O'Regan RIP & Thanksgiving Anoop Family
Thursday 13th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD- Holyday of Obligation	09:30	Mary Callaghan Birthday
	18:30	Carmel Mladenovic Ints
Friday 14th May Saint Matthias	09:30	Bonny Pacheco RIP
	10:30	Funeral Camila Prosper
	18:30	Robin Hunte RIP
Saturday 15th May Feria	09:30	Jim Kearney, Georgina & Edward Floyd, RIP
	18:30	Jack O'Meara, RIP, Angelina Ines, RIP Thanksgiving Sivabalam, Marionirajan Thuraratnam
<u>Sunday 16th May</u> SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Communications Day	09:00	Collette & Jimmie Prendergast
	10:30	Anita Fonseca Ints
	12:00	Gilbert Uzodike RIP, Charlie Kennedy RIP (Month's Mind)
	13:00	John Biggan/ Alice Sullivan/ Jim Kearney, RIP
	18:30	Karen Wills RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.
Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 13th May.
Parish Open House: Friday 14th May 4-6pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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