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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021

"Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us" (John 17: 11)

This Sunday Jesus brings to us a deep and intimate prayer, focused on the disciples, but also focused on us, as Jesus leaves us to return to the Father. Jesus prays that we be kept true to his name. It is easy to show enthusiasm at the beginning, but the life of faith has its good times and bad. Jesus speaks of the one who chose to be lost. The reference here is clearly to Judas, who freely turned against Jesus. God does not reject us, seeking the opportunity to condemn us. God yearns for our positive response of love. We can only lose ourselves. Jesus is to leave this world, but he shares his joy with us, the joy of the resurrection which no one can take from us. But Jesus knows that the world is not a comfortable place for people of faith. We do not belong to the world, just as Jesus did not belong to the world. Nevertheless, he came into this world to bring freedom and truth. As Jesus goes to the Father, we are sure that through the Spirit, the Advocate, we can maintain our faith and consecration in the truth. What do I do to maintain my love for Jesus, and increase my understanding of his truth? Do I allow the values of the world to deceive me so that I lose sight of the values given by faith? Let us pray for those seeking direction and meaning in their lives, that they may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray especially for those recently baptized and received into the Catholic Church, that they may persevere in fidelity to the truth revealed by Jesus.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, 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:1:15-17,20-26

A reading the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates Joseph



known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

R. The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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: *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

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.

PENTECOST NOVENA: Nine-Day Novena (Pentecost Novena) started from Friday 14th May until Saturday 22nd May after both Morning & Evening Masses to prepare for the celebrations of Pentecost on Sunday 23rd May.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: *YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS and at The Side Emergency Exit. 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.*

NEW WELCOME PAGE AT THE CARD MACHINE: New welcome page have different options for you to choose from to make your offerings. Please click on the appropriate one and follow the instructions to make your offering/donation.

WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY: Is this Sunday, a day to pray for the work of the catholic communication agencies and the individuals who use media to spread the Gospel. **Today's Second Collection is to help to meet the media and other communication expense to spread the gospel.**

CAFÉ REOPENING: From Monday, 17th May, the Café will be open.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please visit www.stbonifacehall.co.uk, call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

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.



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.

GIFT AID SCHEME ENVELOPES: New Gift Aid envelopes come into use on the first Sunday in June and the Gift Aid organisers will be in the porch of the Presbytery to hand out the envelopes before and after all Masses on this weekend of 29/30 May and on 5/6 June. If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration please make sure to collect your supply of new envelopes on one of those weekends.

New members will also be most welcome to join. All that is required is that you use an envelope which is provided for the money you put in the collection and that you sign a form to confirm you are a taxpayer and wish the tax you have paid on the money you put in the collection to be paid to the parish. You do not have to commit to any particular amount of contribution but if you join the scheme every pound you put in your envelopes will be worth £1.25 to the Church. Thanks to existing members for past contributions and a warm welcome to those who wish to join for the first time or return to the scheme after a period of absence. Any enquiries can be emailed to giftaid@stbonifacetooting.org.uk or telephone Tony on 020 8767 5293.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next Two Programmes are on **Saturday 15th & 22nd May at 10.15am** in the Church.

CONFIRMATION: The next Two Programmes are on **Saturday 15th & 22nd May at 11.45am.**

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

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.



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

CHURCH CLEANING: This Monday is **Week3 (Team 3) at 10am.**

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

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays **10.30am-11.30am.**

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: Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, 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: Joseph Mackie, Susanna Garvey, Margaret Coleman, Lawrence Vincent, Matthew Ward, Richard Watson, Glen Thomas, Maria Zlataric, Maria Barquinta, Sally Flood, Michael Malone, Merline Christophe.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

	15th & 16th May	22nd & 23rd May
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell	Doris Cubero
09.00	Ansshakila Manoharadas	Pat Willis
10.30	Anita Bennett	Francis Ikpoh
12.00	Finnuala Lynch	Ian Johnson
13:00	Duewayne Ikpoh	Pam Fernadez
18:30	Susan Daniel	Liza Asante
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: Mon 17th May @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 24th May @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£3193.33)
Box collection £1078.83, Card collection: 752.00 & S/O: 1362.50



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday 16th May</u> SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) World Communications Day	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Collette & Jimmie Prendergast Anita Fonseca Ints Charlie Kennedy, RIP (Month's Mind) Gilbert Uzodike RIP Valerie Moran Ints Dorothy Grimly, RIP Karen Wills RIP
Monday 17th May Feria	09:30 18:30	Kathleen Brown Fr Shaju Varkey
Tuesday 18th May Votive St Anthony	09:30 18:30	Ger Horan RIP Jolene D'Souza Birthday
Wednesday 19th May Votive St Joseph	09:30 18:30	Teresa O'Shea Birthday Remembrance Lindsay Wong Kung Fong RIP (A)
Thursday 20th May St Bernardine of Sienna	09:30 18:30	Pro Populo Bridget McDonagh Ints
Friday 21st May Feria	09:30 18:30	Amos Antrobus RIP/ Tassie Gunter Kiri Baker
Saturday 22nd May Our Lady	09:30 13:00 18:30	Rosy Pereira, Lazarus Ikeji, Wilfred Silcott RIP Wedding Dave Duncan
<u>Sunday 23rd May</u> SOLEMNITY OF THE PENTECOST PENTECOST SUNDAY	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 15:00 18:30	Anne & Srikanth Wedding Ann. 40th Robin & Sibi Ints Dolly & Thomas Pereira Wedding Anniversary Phillipa Modebelu John Biggar/ Alice Sullivan/ Jim Kearney, RIP Baptism Hannah McGrory RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.
Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 20th May.
Parish Open House: Friday 21st 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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