

9th May 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)



GOD IS LOVE

T rue love is from God. The Holy Spirit lives not only in us but in many people who may seem to be outside the community of faith that is the Church. We show we are Christians by the generous love we show to one another and to all people, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 08	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Colin Dunne RIP
Sun 09	✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter
09.30	Mary Rathika Bernard RIP
11.00	John Conefrey RIP
Mon 10	
09.30	Intention for the Marriage of Deborah Lynch & Steve Gallego [Rosary]
Tue 11	
09.30	Wellbeing for Andrea & Leigh & Family [Rosary]
Wed 12	
09.30	Wellbeing for Antonio De Masi [Rosary]
Thu 13	✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ----- Holyday of Obligation -----
09:30	For all Souls in Purgatory [Rosary]
20:00	Mass
Fri 14	<i>Saint † Matthias</i>
09.30	Henry & Ann Mitchell RIP [Exposition]
Sat 15	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing for Napla Flaherty
Sun 16	✠ Seventh Sunday of Easter
09.30	Renato Baclagan RIP
11.00	Faithful Departed

Thursday 13th May: Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension is depicted so graphically in Acts that many of us read Mark's story with Acts in the background. But the story of the Ascension is not so much about Jesus magically rising into the air and being taken away by clouds, as it is about the last time he was seen by his disciples. The important aspect is what he says, not how he leaves. In Mark's gospel, he commissions the disciples to evangelise, to tell the good news, making disciples on their way by baptising. Celebrating the Ascension, we are reminded that to live the paschal mystery is to die, rise and go with Christ. We, like the disciples, are sent on mission – to live the gospel values that Jesus incarnated, to teach all nations, to make disciples. May our lives of service and sacrifice for others be such a witness that others are drawn to Christ. For then we may be assured that we are living the paschal mystery.

Like the disciples we not wait together for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us. Through the Spirit's presence, we will understand what we must do and will be given the power to share the Good News through word and deed.

Helping Catholics To Return

Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a non-judgemental forum to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at:

landingsbeckenham@gmail.com

Gift Aid Envelopes 2021-2022

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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 all those affected by the pandemic.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers

MASS COUNT LAST WEEKEND

Saturday: 18:30 (44) Sunday: 09.30 (101), 11.00 (61)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

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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.

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 97

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

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: 1-8

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.