

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)**



**IN LOVE WE ARE UNITED**

**G**od is love, and if we are to live in God then this comes about through love, God's gift to us in the Holy Spirit. Christ is always with us and constantly prays for us to his Father. He prays that we may be united, just as he is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In this way we will witness to his truth. Anyone who lives in love lives in God.

That they may be one like us!

**Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**

Sat 15	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Wellbeing for Napla Flaherty</b>
Sun 16	✠ <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
09.30	<b>Renato Baclagan RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Faithful Departed</b>
Mon 17	
09.30	<b>Mama Cathy Atuwaogu RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 18	
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Mrs G.R. Chetty &amp; family</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Wed 19	
09.30	<b>Florentina Vega Guillen RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Thu 20	
09:30	<b>Dominic Donnelly RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Fri 21	
09.30	<b>Emmanuel &amp; Ilda Cassar RIP</b> <b>Exposition</b>
Sat 22	
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Paschal Radford RIP</b>
Sun 23	✠ <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
09.30	<b>Andrew Watts RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Thanksgiving for Alla Rosemont's Birthday</b>

**Pentecost**

We are looking forward to the feast of Pentecost. The church concludes the Easter season with the feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Passover. In so doing the Church is following our 'elder brother in faith' (the Jewish people, according to Pope St John Paul II). The feast of Pentecost was a Jewish feast of new grain, new wine, the first fruits of the harvest. It was held fifty days after Passover, thus the (albeit Greek) name 'Pentecost', which means fifty. The book of Acts tells us that it was on this feast that Peter was emboldened by the Holy Spirit to speak to the Jewish pilgrims who had assembled in Jerusalem that day. It was on that day that the Spirit was given to the disciples and also poured out onto the crowds who were listening to Peter preach.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation will take place on 24 June 2021. I am therefore inviting all the candidates for confirmation to come together on Saturday 22 May at 5 pm. We will meet in the garden which is at the back of the presbytery.

**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](mailto:landingsbeckenham@gmail.com)

**LAST WEEK**

**Offertory** Gift Aided £132 • Not Gift Aided £276  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Pew Kneelers £170  
**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (17) • Sun 09.30 (90), 11.00 (76)

**THIS WEEK**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** **World Communications Day**

**DONATING**

**Gift Aid** Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church) for details.

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**Gift Aid Envelopes 2021-2022**

Parishioners using old (yellow) envelopes N<sup>os</sup>. 81,101 &106, please pick up this year's envelopes from the table at the back of church. The person using N<sup>o</sup>. 67 has taken the wrong pack, please return it and collect the correct pack. Thank you.

**CAFOD - Emergency Appeal For INDIA**



As coronavirus brings 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](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## 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.

## 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 1: 15-17, 20-26

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.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 102

R. **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

## SECOND READING – 1 John 4: 11-16

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 and his love will be complete 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.

***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

***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.