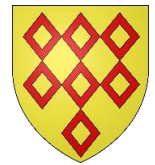


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4-5 May 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Word for the Week: “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we shall come to him”. *Jn 14.23*

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
Sat 4 5.30pm R: Joyful	English Martyrs, Feast Vigil Mass of Sunday and Rosary – Patrick Coyle RIP (Anniversary)
SUN 5 8am 10am R: Glorious	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass – Esther Mensah (75 th birthday) Parish Mass – Ray Kulanthai RIP
Mon 6 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 6</i> Mass and Rosary – Maisie and Doug Dennis
Tues 7 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Easter 6</i> Mass and Rosary – Chantelle Foote, Ramirez, Liselle Foote, Lezema & family
Wed 8 9.30am 7pm R: Glorious	<i>Feria of Easter 6</i> Mass & Rosary – Thanksgiving (Maria Shukla) Vigil Mass of The Ascension – for the further uplifting of the least of our brothers
Thurs 9 7pm R: Luminous	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mass and Rosary – Ruairi de Souza (Birthday)
Fri 10 R: Sorrowful	<i>St Damien of Molokai, Memorial</i> No Mass day [Gospel: John 16.20-23a] <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 11 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 6</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday and Rosary – Ileana Amandini (special intention) <i>Second Collections this weekend for the Catholic Communications Network</i>
SUN 12 R: Glorious 8am 10am	Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day Mass – James & Mary McDermott RIP (Anniv) Parish Mass – Eric Chandler RIP (Anniv)

♦ **Ascension Day** falls on Thursday, and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. To enable those who work to be present, the **Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday; and the **Mass of the Day** at 7pm on Thursday.

“The meaning of this final gesture of Jesus is twofold. First, by ascending, He clearly reveals His **divinity**: after fulfilling His mission on earth He ‘returns’ whence He came: to God. But! He returns *eternally different*. Because, second, Christ ascends in the form of the **humanity** He had assumed at birth and had resurrected from the dead – our humanity, transfigured, divinized: that is, made eternal.” (*Pope Benedict XVI*) The Ascension reveals the mind-blowingly high calling of humanity, called to eternal life in the Kingdom of God, kingdom of love, light and peace.

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish.
Please take this newsletter home.

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at *the back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ Eastertide Greeting

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen. **All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

♦ **To be said before Mass** **ALMIGHTY God**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit**, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

The **ORDER of Mass** can be found on the **pew card**.

Scripture readings can be found from **pp.270-72** of the **Mass Book**.

Psalms response: **The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.**

All sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! “Jesus said, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep | *my* word. My Father will love him, and we | *shall* come to him.’” **Alleluia ...**

♦ Marian Eastertide Antiphon sung or said after all Masses:

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Queen of Heaven * re-joyce al-le-luia: The One
whom you have merit-ed to bear, al-le-luia: Has a-risen, just
as he said, al-le-luia: Pray for us now before God, al-le-luia.

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All **For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

Together, let us pray: **O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all enquiries direct to Fr Jonathan or the Parish Office

♦ **Funerals** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director

♦ **Northwick Park Hospital** for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

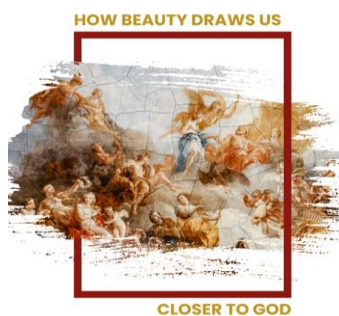
REFLECTIONS on the readings The New Testament presents Christ as His Father's missionary. Especially in John's Gospel, Jesus often speaks of Himself in relation to the One who sent him. The Church's mission is only a prolongation of this mission that Christ has from His Father. It is a commission *that takes place in the Holy Spirit*: 'He breathed on them and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit'' (Jn 20:22), and (therefore) it is *accomplished in love*.

Jesus had kindled the fire of God's love in the world (see Lk 12.49). The Church considers herself the disciple and missionary of this Love. Never missionaries without first being disciples, constantly attracted and renewed by the God who loves us first. Indeed, the Church grows by 'attraction': just as Christ attracts the world by the power of His love. Christians are spiritual and practical imitators of the love of their Lord in the world.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10.25–6, 34–5, 44–8 The Holy Spirit blows where He will. And this significant moment in the life of the early Church is the first of many occasions in the Church's history where the Spirit's actions caused anxiety (in this case Jewish converts to Christian faith felt shocked that it should also be extended to pagans). Seeing, at Cornelius' home, the faith of the pagans and their desire for God, St Peter says: "Truly, it has become clear to me that God shows no favouritism. In every race, people who fear Him, and do what is right, are acceptable to Him' (Acts 10.34-35).

♦ **Lourdes 19-26 July** The deadline for applications has now passed, but *please provide helping hands for the sickest pilgrims* by funding Emma Nwawulor to work with the medical authorities at the Shrine during July. Helpers are self-funded. There are envelopes at the back (she needs to collect £1000); and a QR code on the noticeboard if you prefer to help by contactless donation.

♦ **Friday 17 May 7 pm** St Patrick's Church, Soho Sq (Tottenham Ct tube) 7pm, Friday 17 May. **Tickets: guild-ransom.co.uk/events** Fr. Patrick van der Vorst, founder of



HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US

CLOSER TO GOD

the amazingly successful www.Christian.Art, will explore Christian art's role in our vastly overstimulated visual culture.

♦ **Saturday 18 May, Ecumenical May Devotion, 2.30pm** Devotions in All Saints Kenton; Procession to St Mary's Kenton; and a Pentecost party (bring a dish and share a taste of home). **All SWoY parishioners are invited.**

♦ **Open Evening, Catholic Grammar, North Finchley N12** Girls from practicing Catholic families who are interested in taking the entrance tests for the 2025 entry at www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/—are invited by the school, with their parents, for a guided tour on **Tuesday 25 June 5-7pm**. The application form is now online. Priority given for up to 32 girls registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school. **The deadline for applications is 2 July.**



"Love One Another" by Henri-Camille Danger (1857-1939),

these words, "My dear children, love one another." They wearied of him repeating the same thing, and asked him why he repeated himself. He replied, 'Because it is the rule of the Lord. Comply with it, and you do enough': an answer worthy of the favourite disciple of Christ, says St Jerome; and one which ought to be engraved in characters of gold, or rather to be written in the heart of every Christian. We can never match the perfection of God's love but we have the assurance of knowing that, the more we love without self-interest, the more God is at work in and through us.

Gospel: John 15.9–17 Jesus spoke the words we hear today on the last evening of His earthly life. He knew that He would be betrayed, 'delivered into the hands of sinful men', be crucified, and that His disciples would be bereft. Time was almost out. He was anxious for them. Only their love of one another—beyond their choice or capacity even—was the only means of their unity. His command is as central to the Church today as it was in the anxious circumstances in which it was first said.

Learning to fear God and practise justice opens the world up to the gifts of the Kingdom of God: this is the most profound purpose of all inter-religious dialogue.

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7–10 St Jerome relates that when age and weakness grew upon St John (living in Ephesus), so that he was no longer able to preach, he used always to be carried to the assembly of the faithful by his closest friends with great difficulty; and every time said to the people only

♦ **Confirmation** Please pray regularly for our 14 candidates: Irene, Magdalena, André, Joseph, Zachary, Rocco, Holly, Lauren, Karen, Rocco, Connor, Joanna, Jack, Robin.

♦ **If you are, or you should be,** or you know Catholics who are thinking about Marriage, the parish of Our Lady Immaculate in Hitchin runs a one-day Marriage Preparation course. To learn more, see parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/marriage/, and to book a place please email the Sacramental Coordinator via ciaraoreilly@rcdow.org.uk with your full names to request a registration form. The fee is £80 per couple.

Weekly Almsgiving on 28/04/2024

Loose Plate	£ 313.73
Envelopes	£ 315.02
Standing Orders & Online	£ 565.00
TOTAL	£ 1193.75

Readers

4 May	5.30pm	Noreta Reece
5 May	8am	Georgina Martins
	10am	Tim & Mel Goodger
11 May	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
12 May	8am	Amalie Direkze
	10am	Monika Tabarrok, Tim & Mel Goodger

Church Cleaning Rota

11 May Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
18 May Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė

Votive lights burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for First Communion candidates
at *St William and St Catherine*: for Confirmation candidates

♦ **Another young saint** There's rumour that the Blessed Piero Giorgio Frassati may be canonized next year. Learn more about him <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aelXdjIXLIE>. You'll be glad you did!