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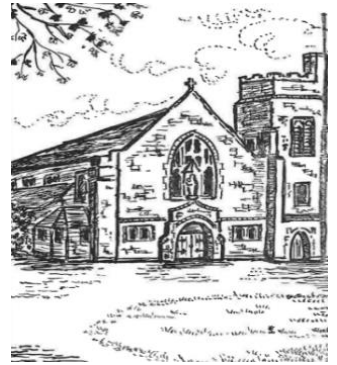
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SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER

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In the Gospel of John, Jesus explains what it means to remain in His love: we must keep His commandments, just as He has kept His Father's commandments. Jesus associates love with joy, saying that His desire is for His disciples' joy to be complete. By commanding us to love one another, He is inviting us to live a life of true joy.

Jesus also redefines the relationship between Him and His disciples. They are no longer just servants; they are His friends, for He has shared everything with them. By choosing us, just as He chose His first disciples, Jesus has given us a mission to bear fruit in the world—fruit that will last. This means living out love in our actions every day.

Jesus assures us that whatever we ask the Father in His name will be granted, emphasizing the power of living in accordance with His command to love. We experience God's presence through the love we give and receive in our everyday interactions. Through His words and example, Jesus has equipped us to bring this divine love into the world. He has also given us the Holy Spirit to empower us to fulfill this noble task.

As followers of Christ, we are called to live out the love of God in a real and tangible way, showing love to everyone we meet without partiality. This is what it means to be a disciple of Christ. When we love genuinely, we make the truth that "God is love" visible and active in the world. Let us strive to embody this love in all that we do, bringing the light of Christ to every corner of our lives and beyond.

Ascension Day is on Thursday and is a *Holy Day of Obligation* for Catholics. There will be three Masses available- the Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday, and Masses on Thursday at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we now turn to the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and its summons to a renewed proclamation of the “joy of the Gospel”. The reason for that joy, which was first announced by the angels in Bethlehem, is our personal encounter with Jesus, who, now risen from the dead, offers us the promise of new and eternal life. We see this in the Gospel story of the disciples who met the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. With their hearts set afire by the Word of God that he proclaimed to them, they then recognized him in the breaking of the bread and joyfully returned to Jerusalem to announce his resurrection to the others. Like those disciples, we too need to encounter the Lord ever anew in his Word and his sacramental presence, in order to share the liberating message of the Gospel with others. In our troubled world, so many people await a word of hope. May all Christians take up the challenge of sharing the joy of their own encounter with the risen Lord, the new life bestowed by his Spirit, and the freedom born of trust in his promises.

VOCATIONS: Interested in a Vocation to the Priesthood? – The next vocations evening will be on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 25th MAY: Please can the payment of £25 for this trip be made by **this Sunday 5th May**. Cash can be dropped off to the Parish Office or if paying online – please use WALSINGHAM as reference and email the Parish Office to confirm payment has been received.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 6th May 2024, at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark at St George’s Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR, with the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson, presiding and Bishop Alan Williams, as concelebrant alongside the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 11th May starting with Holy Mass at 10.00 am at St Joan of Arc Church, 60 Highbury Park, London N5 2XH. We will then begin a prayerful, peaceful procession to BPAS Finsbury Park for our vigil of prayer, whilst trained counsellors will offer help to women entering the clinic. Afterwards we will return to a warm welcome from Fr Gerard King the parish priest for refreshments. See poster in porch.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next week there will be a second collection for World Communications. All donations will be gratefully received.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: We welcome Mia Lewis, Kamdirichukwa Nwachukwu Asogwa, Astrid Calix & Andrew Montelibano who were Baptised recently and are now a beloved members of God’s Holy Family.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers.

Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK: AGM and Open Networking Day Saturday 11th May 10.30am—4pm. Taking place at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd., London SE1 7JB. We will hear about the ‘New definition of extremism 2024’, what it will mean in practice, and how it affects climate activism. There will be time for discussions and networking. Tea/coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. For more information, contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk.

DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

THY KINGDOM COME - PENTECOST PRAYER NOVENA 2024: There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Daniel ‘Danny’ McCarthy RIP & Bridget Hayes RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O’Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

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To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 th May	6.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP
Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter	5 th May	8.00am	Alayne Bone RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday St John Payne	6 th May	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	7 th May	9.15am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Wednesday Vigil Mass	8 th May	7.30pm	Joe Curtin Int
Thursday The Ascension of The Lord	9 th May	9.15am	Bone Alayne RIP <i>No Adoration today</i>
		5.30pm	<i>Reception of Body of Danny McCarthy RIP</i>
		7.30pm	All Parishioners
Friday	10 th May	9.15am	Maureen Shannon RIP
		11.00am	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Daniel ‘Danny’ McCarthy RIP
		7.00pm	<i>NO MASS</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass	11 th May	9.15am	Michael McDonagh RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter	12 th May	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Pat O’Shea RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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