



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**Alleluia, Alleluia !**  
**I give you a new Commandment: Love one another**  
**Just as I have Loved You, Says The Lord.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia !**

As our celebration of the resurrection of the Lord continues, the Church again subtly reminds us of the complete paschal mystery: Christ's passage through suffering and death to new life in God. This is the full reality of our continuing life in Christ and the message Christians proclaim by word and action. Today's Scriptures continue to weave past, present, and future into a single proclamation of the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

Last Sunday's reading from Acts described Paul and Barnabas turning their mission toward the Gentiles. Today's first reading continues their journey to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). In their effort to proclaim the Gospel, these early disciples discover one of the abiding truths of the Christian life: "it is necessary to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (14:22).

As apocalyptic literature, Revelation focuses on the future completion of God's work in Christ. In the past, Israel's prophets envisioned the final age of salvation in powerful imagery that saw everything made new – Israel, Jerusalem the Temple and even Israel's relationship with God. Today's reading appears near the end of Revelation's description of God's reign in all its fullness at the end of time. The description of a new heaven and earth points to the re-creation of all things, an existence devoid of evil or chaos, symbolized by "the [chaotic!] sea was no more" (Rv 21:1). In this new world, God will dwell with humankind in a relationship as close as marriage, in which two become as one.

The setting of the Gospel is Jesus' supper with his disciples shortly before his death. John interprets that sacrifice as the ultimate act of love: giving one's very life for others. Jesus' sacrifice in the past provides the vision and mission for our present and future.



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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Cycle C)

### Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)
FHC Children	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 11am – Lounge

### Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	(Survivors of Sexual Abuse)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

### Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Nell Sullivan – RIP/Anniversary (donor – Mary Wright)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Tommy Higgins – RIP (donor – Greta Street)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Patrick Medlin – RIP/Anni (donor – Mary Wright)
	2.00 pm	Funeral Service for Margaret Thomas – RIP
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00 am	Annie Medlin – RIP/Anni (donor – Mary Wright)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.00 am	Padaer Phelan – RIP (donor – Ann & Brian Morean)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
	8.00 pm	Tommy Higgins RIP – body to be received into The church

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

### Parish Notice Board

#### RIP – Tommy Higgins

Tommy's funeral mass will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am, his body will be received into the church on Sunday evening at 8pm. His burial will take place at Corbetts Tey and after at the Optimist. Please continue to pray for Tommy and his family.

Please note that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, there will be a normal weekday mass, but at 8.30am, prior to the funeral of Tommy at 10am.

#### RIP – Margaret Thomas

The funeral service for the late Margaret Thomas RIP, will take place here at English Martyrs on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

#### First Holy Communion

Next meeting will be today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11am for Children (Lounge)

Next meeting for parents will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Church)

Please remember the FHC children in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion. Please also remember the catechists who willingly give their time to help prepare the children.

### Parish Finance:

15.05.22- Gift Aid: £89 Loose Plate: £171.08 Total: £260.08

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Promotion of Vocations £93.60

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D'Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### Communication Desk

#### “Brentwood Cathedral And The Five Classical Orders”

A lecture to be given by the architect of Brentwood Cathedral, Quinlan Terry, on Thursday 19th May at 8.15 p.m. in the Cathedral. This will be a unique opportunity to find out more about the classical inspiration that informed the distinctive style of Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome.

#### Flower Festival, St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church - 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

Taking the themes of peace, hope and Resurrection, the talented parish flower arrangers will fill this magnificent nineteenth century church with wonderful displays. We hope it will be a lovely way to invite people to church who may never have been before, and everyone is very welcome. There will be tasty cakes and refreshing tea and coffee in the hall. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm. The address is 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT, and there is some parking at the church, plenty of buses stop nearby, or we are just a 10 min walk from Romford Station.

#### The Acts of the Apostles

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on [‘The Acts of the Apostles’](#) and [‘Paul in Acts’](#), for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and scroll down to ‘Acts in Easter’. Thank you.

#### The Good Counsel Network

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

#### Corpus Christi Procession

The Mid-Essex Deanery Procession for Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. For details, please see the noticeboard.

#### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now

on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

**Walsingham House Team 2022/23**

Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022, for those in current year 13, up to age 22. Details on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Late Vocation To The Priesthood**

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend.

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

*Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choice.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.*

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