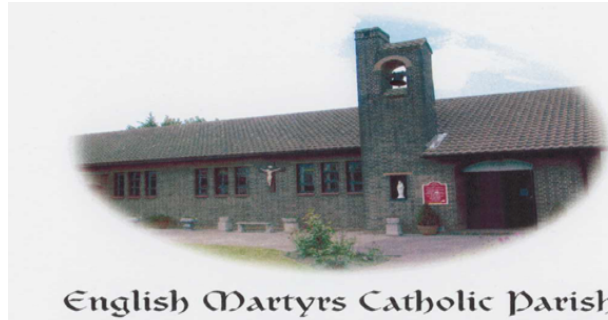


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

Speaking Boldly of the Indwelling Christ

When he brought Saul to the Apostles, Barnabas told the story of how in Damascus Saul “had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus”. The phrase “spoken out boldly” uses a form of the Greek *parrhesia*, often translated in the New Testament as “boldness”. It combines the words for “everything” (*pan*) and “speaking” (*rhesis*). Words spoken with *parrhesia* say everything there is to be said. *Parrhesia* suggests the act of communicating ideas directly, bluntly, without elaborate logic and vague metaphors – plain speaking.

Parrhesia suggests not so much a talent for speaking as a habit of speaking candidly, born of honesty and simplicity. The word also came to be used for the inner attitude of confidence that lay behind this practice of plain speaking. Intimate friends and family normally speak with *parrhesia* because they can speak without shame or fear of embarrassment or recrimination.

Preaching the Gospel with *parrhesia* was prized in the early Church as strong evidence that the Holy Spirit had certified one’s authenticity as a disciple. This is what Barnabas saw in Paul. It is also something Luke himself saw and admired in the apostle, as we can see in his stories of Paul’s courageous speaking in the latter half of Acts. Paul himself once described the effect of this gift of boldness. When he found himself poised to receive a Roman sentence of death, he wrote confidently: “with all boldness [*parrhesia*], now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death” (Philippians 1:20).

These uses of *parrhesia* help illumine the theme of confidence in payer in today’s other texts. John’s letter says that Christians who act in love receive new assurance of God’s love that swallows up self-condemnation. Freedom from self-condemnation in turn nurtures courageous boldness – John uses the word *parrhesia* – in prayer to God. This creates the confidence that we have received whatever we ask for from God. The passage from John’s account of the Gospel grounds this confident prayer in the indwelling life of Jesus (John 15:7).



“ABIDE IN ME AS I ABIDE IN YOU”

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 2nd May 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 2 nd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
Monday 3 rd May	SS Philip and James, apostles
Tuesday 4 th May	The English Martyrs – National Feast
Thursday 5 th May	St John Payne, Priest, Martyr
Sunday 9 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 2 nd May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 9 th May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 16 th May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 23 rd May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 30 th May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)

Parish Notice Board

RIP- Mrs Thresammah Joseph

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of the mother of *Sujith Joseph*, one of our parishioners who passed away recently. Please also pray for her family. May she rest in peace

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

If you wish to pay father by cheque for 'mass intentions' please make the cheque payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend'. Other cheques for Father must be payable to 'Fr Belevendran'.

Many thanks

Parish Finance

Sunday 25th April 2021 Gift Aid £43.00 Loose Plate £44.00 Total - £87.00
Vocations - £85

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Evelyn Golding, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates in Emerson Court.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 2 nd May	10.00 am	Margaret Lombard and the deceased Members of the family (donor – Greta Street)
Monday 3 rd May	10.00 am	Deceased members of the O’Driscoll Family (donor – Greta Street)
Tuesday 4 th May	10.00 am	Kathleen Jones – RIP/Anni (donor – Bridget Fowley)
Wednesday 5 th May	10.00 am	James Manning – RIP/Anni (donor – Jim & Liz Manning)
Thursday 6 th May	10.00 am	Margaret O’Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Friday 7 th May	10.00 am	
Saturday 8 th May	10.00 am	
Sunday 9 th May	10.00 am	

Communication Desk

Pope Francis And The Culture Of Encounter:

On Saturday 15th May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme ‘The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis’ vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?’ Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

Liturgy Of The Word

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

Reading The Acts Of The Apostles

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society

BCCS have several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher’s medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

Calais Light

[Hear the first hand story of a refugee who became a Harvard graduate:](#) Calais Light’s first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: *The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You*. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A

at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info on the website:
<https://www.calaislight.com/>

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

St John's RC School, Woodford Bridge

Are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust

(based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see

<http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/>

The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May.

Sacred Heart Of Mary Girls' School

Vacancies

Part-Time Cleaner as soon as possible

Please contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) kj@mary.havering.sch.uk

for further details. Closing date: Monday, 14th May

Casual/ Relief Lettings Supervisor/Groundsperson

Required as soon as possible to work on a relief basis.

Vacancy at Sir William Petre Almshouses, Ingatestone

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

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