



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2022

FATHER MAY THEY BE COMPLETELY ONE

In today's first reading, we see the continuity between Luke's two volumes (the Gospel and Acts of the Apostles). Because Luke wants to demonstrate the merciful Saviour's work continuing in his followers, Acts occasionally presents an event similar to one in the Gospel. In the first reading, as Stephen is executed he asks the risen Christ that he too might pass through death to new life. Like Jesus, Stephen faces death with a prayer of forgiveness for his executioners.

The author of Revelation strains toward Jesus' final coming, which will bring to completion God's reign over new heavens and a new earth. When Christ the "beginning and the end" (Rv 22:13) of all things appears in full glory, believers will enjoy the plentiful, life-giving water promised by Isaiah (55:1) in his vision of God's salvation.

The Gospel text, taken from the Last Supper discourse, presents Jesus' prayer for disciples of all generations. In John's telling of the Good News, Jesus delivers this lengthy farewell speech shortly before his death, which the evangelist presents as the full revelation of God in Jesus. For John, Jesus' life is in no way taken from him; he freely chooses to lay down his life for those he loves.

Addressing his followers, Jesus emphasizes oneness in love. Because of his loving oneness with God, because he is the divine Word made flesh, Jesus reveals the mystery of God in his very self. In his death, he reveals love giving itself totally so that others may live. Disciples who unite themselves to Jesus are united to the Father through him; thus united to God, they are sent as Jesus was, and for the same mission: to reveal God as love, giving life itself for others.



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 29th 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)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 29 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) (World Communications Day)
Monday 30 th May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
Tuesday 31 st May	Dedication of The Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood – Diocesan Feast
Wednesday 1 st June	St Justin, Martyr
Friday 3 rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
Sunday 5 th June	Pentecost Sunday (C) – Solemnity (Day of Prayer for the Church)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 29 th May	10.00 am	Padaer Phelan – RIP (donor – Pauline Guidera)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 30 th May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 31 st May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 1 st May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 2 nd May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 3 rd June	9.00 am	Mary Fielder – Recovery (donor – May Shanahan)
Saturday 4 th June	9.00 am	
Sunday 5 th June	10.00 am	Evelyn Golding – RIP (donor – Ellen Bishop)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

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

Parish Notice Board

Welcome

We welcome into the family of our Parish Tilly Hart, who was baptised on Saturday, and we congratulate her parents Nicholas and Katherine.

Readers

English Martyrs are in urgent need of readers. If you feel you are able to help with this, please contact the office or leave your details with Father Jean. Many thanks.

Gift Aid

Continued thanks to those who have joined the Gift Aid scheme. If you use un-numbered envelopes, please remember to either put your Gift Aid number or your name on the envelope otherwise we will not be able to identify the donor and reclaim the tax on the donation. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Daphne, who will pass on your details to the Gift Aid Organiser.

Social Committee

We are looking for volunteers for our social committee to join us in fund raising events. Please leave your name and number on the list at the back of the church.

Office Vocations Promotions

The Next "Enquirers' Evening" For Those Considering Or Interested In A Vocation To The priesthood is on Tuesday 7th June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr John Armitage.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Parish Finance:

22.05.22- Gift Aid: £133.60 Loose Plate: £160.56 Total: £294.16

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

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 and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

Your Sins Are Forgiven – A Study Day From Gidea Park

On Saturday 18th June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Corpus Christi Procession

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

St Bon's Alumni Event - 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm

All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: www.stbons.org/alumni - Email any questions to alumni@stbons.org

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 For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

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 2nd to Sunday 4th 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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