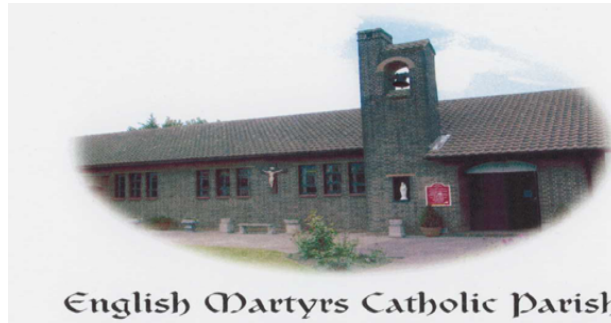


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English Martyrs Catholic Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021

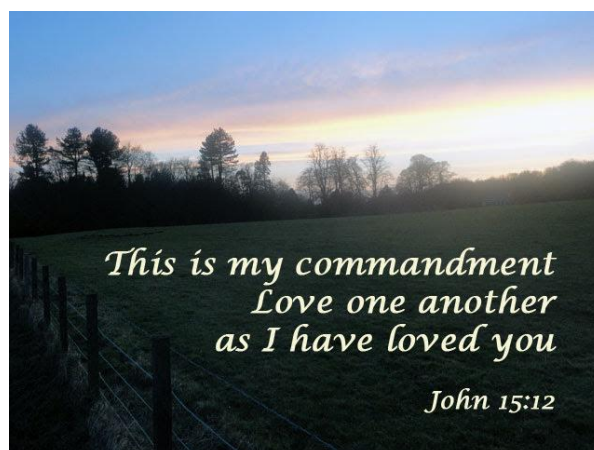
A Church with No Boundaries

The Lectionary's snippets often drop us into the middle of a story, like latecomers to a movie. Today, we are in the midst of the Acts of the Apostles. From a human point of view, this haphazard, surprising sequence of events in Acts leaves two impressions about the infant Church: its vulnerability and its energetic joy. The larger spiritual view sees the steady hand of providence as God gradually unveils a master plan of salvation.

These surprises culminate in the greatest shock of all, as Luke explains in today's passage: the dramatic shift to include the Gentiles among the People of God. Since the second century, the Church has been almost exclusively made up of Gentiles – non-Jews – a situation that none of the Apostles or New Testament writers could have imagined. In turn, it is hard for us to imagine how wrenching this change was for them. Israel had always expected the Gentile nations to come to their god (see Isaiah 2:1-4) but thought they would do so by way of Judaism.

Peter's remark in verse 28 supplies context: "God has shown me that I should not call any person profane." It dawned on him and the young church that God was going to save the Gentiles not as Jews but as Gentiles. Note their astonishment in 10:34. The Greek phrase calls to mind something like an overpowering idea suddenly taking hold. Gentiles were no longer dogs under the Jewish table begging for the children's bread (see Matthew 15:27) but full partners and joint heirs with the ancient people of the covenant.

This shift signals a major new theme in Acts. Jesus says in our Gospel today, "I no longer call you slaves ... [but] friends". The reason for this is the unconditional and total love with which the Father loves the Son: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (15:9). This in turn requires the same surrender to each other: Now "love one another as I have loved you" (15:12)



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 9th May 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 9 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Wednesday 12 th May	St John Houghton, Priest, Martyr
Thursday 13 th May	The Ascension of the Lord (B) – Solemnity Holyday of Obligation
Friday 14 th May	St Matthias, Apostle – Feast
Sunday 16 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) (World Communications Day)

Sunday Masses 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

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 2nd May 2021 Gift Aid £88.00 Loose Plate £35.10 Total - £123.10

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 9th May 10.00 am James Driver – RIP

Monday 10 th May	10.00 am	(donor – The Dineen Family) Margaret O’Leary – RIP
Tuesday 11 th May	10.00 am	(donor – May Shanahan) Cathy Cosgrove – RIP
Wednesday 12 th May	10.00 am	(donor – John & Louise Cosgrove) Tony Grant – Due to be Ordained in the Summer
Thursday 13 th May	10.00 am	(donor – Anne-Marie Laffey)
Friday 14 th May	10.00 am	Shirley & Victor De Silva (donor – Terry & Frances Bethell)
Saturday 15 th May	10.00 am	
Sunday 16 th May	10.00 am	Margaret O’Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)

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.

Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence Webinar

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organised for the faithful of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccines. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617

Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 29th May – Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine’s live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel ‘Walsingham Catholic TV’.

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.

Redundancy Coaching

<http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please pass the link on to anyone who may find it useful.

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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Diocesan Safeguarding Representative : Katie Nash (07825293308)
Finance & Maintenance : Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)

Parish Gift Aid Organiser : Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)

Hall & Lounge Bookings : English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

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