

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Henry Newman,
Pray for us.

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl
Rev. Sean O'Donovan

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

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Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.



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9th May, 2021 Year B
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We apologise when Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses etc.

Saturday	8th	5.30pm	Harry Powell RIP
Sunday	9th	9.30am	Josephine Smith RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	10th	1.00pm	Funeral Liturgy: Cheryl Kokolay
		7.00pm	Norah Tarpey RIP
		7.45pm	Reception of Josephine Smith's body into church and Rosary.
Tuesday	11th	10.00am	Requiem Mass Josephine Smith
Wednesday	12th		NO MASS

Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday	13th	12.00pm	John Harrington & Ann Marie Burgess RIP
		7.00pm	Veronica McLindon RIP
Friday	14th	12.00pm	Mary Ellis RIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday	15th	5.30pm	Agnes Smith RIP
Sunday	16th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Sarah Peacock

Confessions commence at 4.45pm each Saturday.

Masses received this week: Josephine Smith RIP x2, Graeme Darmody RIP, Denise Pursall Birthday, Irene Benzival RIP, Marie Nugent RIP, John Aliski RIP, Carol Mclver, Carolyn Lintron 60th Birthday, Robert de Asha, Tom Barratt 80th Birthday

Enrolled into Mass Association this week: *Marie Nugent RIP, Robert de Asha RIP, Christian Richardson: Thanksgiving, Mrs Basotti RIP*

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our

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Millennium Group

Amazing news and huge thanks to an anonymous donor who gave £3,000 for our latest project the Angel Starfish Educare Cente in Capetown, South Africa. This meant we have reached our target, so I was able to present a cheque for £5,000 to Elaine, founder of the project. Due to original lockdown restrictions, I was unable to present a donation to NW Air Ambulance, but I have now been able to do that, so a cheque for £5,400 was given to their regional Fundraiser Emma to purchase the specialist uniforms for their paramedics. Both recipients would love to visit our parish to thank everyone for their generous support, so I will arrange this when restrictions are lifted. We are now looking for a new project. If you have any suggestions, please contact me Kath Nolan on 280 1553.

Fundraiser for Pax Christi.

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.

Thank you from the Missionaries of Charity Seel Street

Thank you so much for your very generous gift to Jesus in His poor. We and the homeless, unloved and unwanted are very grateful for your kindness. May God bless you all abundantly and may Mary be a mother to you and protect you.

With much love and prayers: Sr M Rosalind MC and community

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Parish of Christ the King: Gift Aid it.

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to claim back tax (25pence for every £1) you have already paid and as such, **Gift Aiding** benefits the Parish at no extra cost to you! You can use Gift Aid if the amount of tax you have paid in any tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next) is at least equal to the amount the charity is reclaiming on your behalf.

If you would like to sign up, just fill in a **gift aid form** available from the parish office. Some people who for whatever reason are away frequently or simply forget to bring their envelope each week have signed a **standing order**. If you wish to change to this method please ask for a **mandate form** by contacting the Parish office. For Parishioners who use Offertory envelopes but are not Taxpayers we thank you for your regular support.

New Offertory Envelopes for 2021/22

If you have not already done so, please can you collect your new envelopes from the church porch.

THANK YOU FROM THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

In 2020 our parish raised **£5,005.80** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations.

The Missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances—made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and to tell us that they pray for us all.

Collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

This collection will remain open for the next 2 weeks

Please keep in your prayers all our Seminarians, remembering especially Hugh Donleavy who is continuing his studies in Rome.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Baby Bethan Cooper, Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Keith Nieman, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Cheryl Kokolay and Josephine Smith. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Philip McGlashan, Joan Brady, Jeremiah Condon, Raymond Hickson, Patricia Kermode, Guiseppa Carubia, Karen Boon, Josephine Hughes

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Jacob Thomas Owen Hill and Aaron Alexander Ware

***The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Georgie Shields RIP***

***The Marian Lamp burns this week for:
Robert de Asha RIP***

***The St Paschal Baylon lamp burns this week for:
Terry Shields Jnr RIP***

***The St Joseph Lamp burns this week for:
Wayne Shields RIP***



Saints of the Day

12th May – Ss Nereus and Achilleus. Martyred around 304, they were soldiers, used to executing, through fear, the orders of a cruel tyrant. They were converted to Christianity and threw away their arms. Over the cemetery of Domitilla in Rome, a church was built in the 4th century in which their now empty tomb was discovered by archaeologists in 1874. According to the tradition they were martyrs and eunuchs of the Lady Flavia Domitilla. During Trajan's reign, Nereus and Achilleus were beheaded and Domitilla burnt to death for refusing to sacrifice to idols.

12th May – St. Pancras. Pancras died early in the 4th century. Little is known of his life. According to tradition he was a Phrygian orphan brought by his uncle to Rome, where both were converted and Pancras suffered martyrdom at the age of 14 for refusing to offer sacrifices to pagan gods.

14th May - St Matthias. After Christ's ascension Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place of Judas Iscariot among the Apostles. Tradition associates Matthias with spreading the gospel in Cappadocia and provinces bordering the Caspian Sea and also Ethiopia where, according to tradition, he was martyred.

15th May - Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Virgin Mary is venerated under this title following apparitions to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through praying the Rosary.

**This Thursday 13th May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and it is a Holyday of Obligation.
Masses will be celebrated at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm**

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

The Logos & Literature: Elaborating the Divine A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors.

Every second Thursday at 7.30 pm from 29th April 2021. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

The Big Book of Christian Baby Names

We have received an email to let any parents-to-be or parishioners know about a new book which has just been published. The book contains thousands of beautiful Christian names for boys and girls, and it's the perfect gift for church-going couples who are currently expecting a baby. Please go to the Amazon UK Website www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0915M7RYF

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