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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**Dear Parishioners,**

On Thursday 14 May, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus returned to the Father forty days after Easter. At first, the Ascension may seem like a goodbye, but it is really a feast of hope and promise. Jesus does not leave His people behind; instead, He remains with us through the Holy Spirit and continues to guide His Church each day.

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus gave His disciples a mission: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). That mission belongs to us too. In our daily lives — at home, at work, in school, and within our parish community — we are called to share Christ's love through kindness, prayer, compassion, and faith.

As our beloved late Pope Francis reminds us, that "the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way." Christ is with us whenever we gather in prayer, celebrate the sacraments, and care for one another.

The Ascension also lifts our hearts toward heaven. St Augustine wrote: "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him." This feast reminds us that our true hope is found in God and that Jesus has opened the way to eternal life for us all.

As we look ahead to Pentecost, let us pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish and families. May the joy of the Ascension strengthen our faith and fill us with hope.

**God Bless you all ,**

**Fr. Saji Thomas RCJ**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Starts on Monday 11th May in the church at 6.30pm. It will continue the following Monday evening on 18th May.

**COFFEE MORNING:** after all Masses, will be held in the garden, weather permitting, if not it will be in the Parish Room. We thank all those who come and support this fundraising initiative and keep it running, and a big thank you to those who organize it.

**MAY ROSARY PROCESSION:** is on **Saturday 23rd May** at **12.30pm** after the Mass. It will be led by the First Communion children, everybody is welcome to join us to honour Our Blessed Mother, in her month of May.

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** **Saturday 23th May.** Coach leaves from Market Street Bus stop at 7:30am and returns at approximately 7:30pm. For tickets (£25), please contact: Stanley 07529419985 or Mary Stanley 07529412964. Stanley & Mary will be at the back of the church for more info, after Mass.

### **SUPPORT OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

One of our young people has successfully been given a place to volunteer and support the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. She will be representing our parish of St Michael's as she cares for and helps those in need. But she also needs our support.

The Dona Machine & QR Code have been updated to include **Youth Volunteers @Lourdes** as a donation option. Please support Susie as best as you can. Thank you.

**ROLE OF OUR USHERS** We are very blessed to have members of our parish family volunteering as Ushers during our Mass and other Services each week. I would like to remind you that their role is to help keep everyone safe whilst in Church and participate in our celebrations, paying close attention to make sure that our aisles and walkways are kept clear in case of emergency aid being needed. Please ensure that you listen to our Ushers who give their time and energy to care for us all.

**CAFOD are hiring.** Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Brentwood. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date: 18 May 2026.

See [cafod.org.uk/work-with-us](https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us)

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE LONDON:** is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY** 2nd collection will be next weekend, 17th May.

## Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Fr. Victor Camilleri	Aryia Tony	Andre Scafe	Colin Smyth
Baby Lila Brincat	Bernadina Santy	Andy Brett	Davey Jose
Cora Bantog	Berthilia Riviere	Anne Flynn	Enzo Zechariah Riley
Gemma Yao	Callista Hudson	Anthony Kearney	Francis Seaman
John Maughan	Gemma Faulkner	Chidera Harvey	Gillian Pepper
Madonna Beupierre	Ireneo Oreiro	Gilbert Jacob	Jeanette Steele
Mary John	John Peppard	James Towns	Joe Fitzgerald
Ranjith Mendes	Loly Antonio	Louise Simmons	Lassyhani Janahan
Seamus Peppard	Mary Fitzgerald	Natalie Williams	Natalie McCarthy
Thomas John	Myrna Gonzales	Olympia Pahati	Stephen Laviniere
Tom Morgan	Nia La Foucade	Onat Sarmiento	Joy Pereira
Ullrick Scafe	Regina Peppard	Paula Joseph	Veronica Scafe
Bridget Tully	Piper Phelan	Philip Crangle	Bernard Fredrick
Lurdhamma Flinton		Silviu Panaitescu	Chidindu Amaechi

## PARISH FINANCE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026

Envelopes	£	888.86
Plate	£	1,013.67

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Sun 10th

**Mon 11th** Funeral Mass of Wenfei Guo – 10.00  
Return from Lourdes  
Baptism course begins, Church -6.30pm

**Tue 12th** Prayer group meeting – 7.00pm

**Wed 13th** Funeral Mass of Matilde De Gouveia Rodrigues – 10.00am  
**FHC Reconciliation – 7.00pm**

**Thu 14th** Ascension Day. Holyday of obligation.  
Masses at 9.00am and 7.00pm

### Fri 15th

**Sat 16th** First Holy Communion Mass – 12.00noon

**Sun 17th** First Holy Communion Mass –2.00pm

## COMING EVENTS

Funeral of Esther Morraies, Monday 18th May 2026

**Sat 9th First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00 pm Betty Morgan RIP (Riste Family)

**Sun 10th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**  
7.30 am Parish Family  
9.00 am Joan Cleary Int. (Porritt Family)  
11.00 am Marceline Marcos Anniv. (Family)  
3.30 pm Malayalam Mass

**Mon 11th**  
8.30 am Agnes Arulappu RIP (Robert & Maria)  
10.00 am Funeral Mass of Wenfei Guo

**Tues 12th St. John Houghton, Pr,M**  
8.45 am Morning Prayer  
9.00 am Esther Morraies RIP( Morraies Family)  
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wed 13th St. St. Erconwald Bp**  
8.45 am Morning Prayer  
9.00 am Wenfei Guo RIP (Family)  
10.00 am Funeral Mass of Matilde De Gouveia Rodrigues

**Thu 14th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**  
8.45 am Morning Prayer  
9.00 am Dennis & Ida Mentessi Anniv.  
1.30 pm School Mass  
7.00 pm Parish Family

**Fri 15th**  
8.45 am Morning Prayer  
9.00 am Terence & Freda Wedding Anniv.  
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat 16th**  
11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
11.45 am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Regina Caeli  
12.00 noon **First Holy Communion Mass**

**Sat 16th First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00 pm Patricia Sylvester Anniv. (Tina Etienne)

**Sun 17th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**  
7.30 am Parish Family  
9.00 am Anna Di Sarno F.M  
11.00 am Tim Mundle RIP  
2.00 pm **First Holy Communion Mass**  
4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass