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Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Saturday 8th May 2021)

All those Confirmed earlier today

8.30am Paul Storace - Rutter RIP

11.30am People of the parish

5pm Thomas Corr RIP

Sixth Week of Easter

Monday 10th May 2021 (Feria)

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

PVT Fr Ronan Magner RIP

Tuesday 11th May 2021 (Feria)

10am Urdase Guydeen RIP

PVT Clarice Durrant RIP

Wednesday 12th May 2021 (Feria)

10am Daniel O'Malley RIP

PVT Fr Patrick Flanagan RIP

Thursday 13th May 2021 (Solemnity)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10am People of the parish

PVT Abraham Gandhi RIP

Friday 14th May 2021 (Feast)

Saint Matthias, Apostle

10am Fr Basil Miller RIP

(Foundation Mass)

PVT Intentions of Rhianna Gandhi

Saturday 15th May 2021 (Feria)

10am November Deceased list

Sunday 16th May 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

6.15pm (Saturday 15th May 2021)

Kingsley, Santiago, Alice
and Jerome Scheffer RIP

8.30am People of the parish

11.30am Louis & Bernadette Joseph RIP

5pm George Redmond RIP

Our Current Public Mass Schedule

*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confessions: Saturday, after 10am
Mass, until approx 11.30am;

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm

ASCENSION DAY

This Solemnity falls on Thursday 13th

May 2021. There will be one public

Mass and one private Mass.

The obligation to attend remains
suspended. There would be no public

Masses at all without our stewards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,
Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,
Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Bruce Davidson,
Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,
Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,
Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,
Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,
Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski,
Philomena Lopez, James McDonald,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,
Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman,
Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,
Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,
Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,
Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,
Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley,
Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara,
Mary White, Ethelda Williams,
Carole Winch, John Windsor,
Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,
Georgette Yoo Foo.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our young people have finally received
the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father
Deo Confirmed them on Saturday 8th
May 2021. This Saturday's 6.15pm Mass
is being offered for their intentions.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will
strengthen them and inspire them to
witness to their Catholic Faith in all that
they do throughout their lives. We thank
all our confirmandi, their families and
their sponsors. We are particularly
indebted to our Confirmation Catechists
for their commitment throughout.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

It costs £30,000.00 to train a priest.

Please donate online at:

[Vocations\(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://Vocations(rcsouthwark.co.uk))

If you think you may have a vocation,
please see Fr Deo or Fr Augustine.

You may also click on the link above.

GIFT AID & FINANCE NEWS

Please await further information
regarding the collection and/or
distribution of new Gift Aid Envelopes.

Some may be delivered to you.

(Some boxes have been renumbered.)

Gift Aiders may continue to use spare
envelopes from their existing boxes.

Please just add the date on the front.

If you need a Year End Letter, please
wait, due to the backlog in entering Gift
Aid into the computer programme.

**If you are a tax payer, you may join the
Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax
you have paid, adding 25% to your
contributions at no extra cost to you!**

***Now would be an excellent opportunity
to consider setting up a Standing order,
if your financial circumstances allow.***

Standing Orders save us money on the
purchase of envelopes and boxes.

For information on Gift Aid, a crucial
way to increase parish funds, please
contact the Parish Office. You may
download a Standing Order Form from
our parish website: sof_200904.jpg
(724x1024) (stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

***Would all those who kindly set up a
Standing Order during our Planned
Giving Drive check their bank
statements to see if their instructions
to their banks have been received.***

Many were not set up by banks.

COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

***Please do not come to the church if you
have any symptoms, whether COVID or
not, even if vaccinated.*** Please do as

directed by our stewards. You must wear
a clean face mask or covering
which must cover nose and mouth.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church.
Please keep at least 2 metres from others.
**Please follow instructions regarding the
reception of Holy Communion or a
blessing. Please then go straight home
and do not socialise outside the church.**

**Do bear in mind the latest slogan:
"HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR"**

Please ensure that you wear a mask
should you need to visit the presbytery.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(cf Isaiah 48:20)

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING

(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

As Peter reached the house, Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise,' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said,

'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

Afterwards, they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 97:1-4, response cf v 2)

R: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

SECOND READING

(1 John 4:7-10)

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God, and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(John 15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(John 14:15-16)

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021

Please see our parish website. Please complete the online form on there [and await further information](#). Please go to:

[St. Bart's - First Communion Programme \(stbartsnorbury.co.uk\)](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

A paper version of the form is available from stewards.

Dates, venues and methods of preparation are all being planned.

CONFIRMATIONS

Please wait for information on future Confirmations.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

Further dates will be announced shortly. If you have sent in a Baptism Details Form, please contact the Parish Office once dates have been published.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to operate remotely during the COVID pandemic, as has been the case throughout the pandemic. Do get in touch by phone, email or via the Contact Form on our web site. Please wait patiently for a response.

MASS INTENTIONS

These may be booked by email or by phone. Details will be provided about making offerings, which may be Gift Aided.

Please put any envelopes through the presbytery door.

CHEQUES IN THE COLLECTION

Due to collections having been 'quarantined', we now have many cheques which have become out of date and cannot therefore be paid in. Please check your bank statements and, if possible, make out a fresh cheque, or perhaps consider an online payment. Please contact the Parish Office for details.