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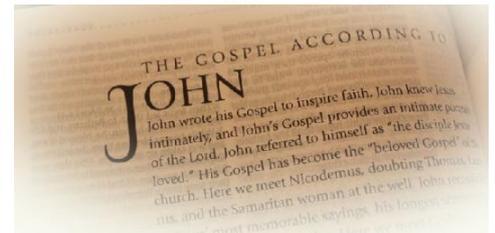
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**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

*I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so perfected in unity that the world will recognise that it was you who sent me and that you have loved them as you loved me. (John 17:22- 23)*

On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. In this prayer, Jesus not only reaffirms the complete union between him and the Father, but also prays that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father (John 17:20ff). In the First Reading, St. Stephen experienced the vision of Jesus at God's right hand. This was far more than just an act of faith that Jesus is in Heaven. This vision was not only a gift from God, but it was also the fruit of the love Stephen had for our Lord Jesus Christ.



Hence, an essential aspect of witness to the risen Lord is love and unity among ourselves, in the image of Jesus' own love and unity with the Father. Love should be our identity, and it is only when we love as Jesus loves, that we can be identified as his disciples. Am I capable of "sowing" in my family, in my workplace, in my school and in my community, the seed of that unity which he has bestowed on us by giving us a share in the life of the Trinity? Christ is the source of Christian unity. May He

enable us to rid ourselves of all divisions and discrimination that frustrate unity among Christians, and may the love of God always reign in our lives.

### **CONFITEOR (I Confess)**

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

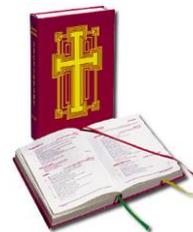
### **GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.'**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60**

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.



#### **The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: 96(97):1-2,6-7,9**

**Response: *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.***

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. His throne is justice and right. **R**

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. All you spirits, worship him. **R**

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. **R**

**Second reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20**

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 17:20-26**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic**

**Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**



## **SANCTUS**

### **English**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Latin**

***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.  
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***

***Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.  
Hosána in excélsis.***

***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine  
Dómini.***

***Hosána in excélsis.***

We shall pray **Preface of the Ascension of the Lord** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III.**

## **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

### **English**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Latin**

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.***

**O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment thine. x 3**



## **PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION**

**Gratitude from Archbishop Peter Smith:** The Archbishop was very delighted for officiating at the Confirmation Mass we had last Sunday. Please refer to the inside back page of the Newsletter to read his letter of gratitude.

**Second Collection:** The second collection this weekend is for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network and the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Please donate generously.

**Second collection next weekend:** Next week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

**Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist:** Each Wednesday, we shall expose the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Perpetual adoration of the Eucharist will continue till 7.15pm in the evening. We shall conclude with Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass at 7.45pm.

**Outreach Table Sales:** The annual Outreach table sales will be held this weekend on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 1pm. Please show your support.

**Charismatic Group:** The next charismatic prayer group meeting will be held in the hall, this Sunday 2nd June at 4.30pm.

**First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Please keep all our children in your prayers as they prepare for their special day. We would like to remind all parents that on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am we will hold our Corpus Christi procession where all children will take part dressed in their communion attire; this will be followed by a party for communicants where they will be presented with their Holy Communion certificates by Fr. Cyriacus.

**Healing Mass:** The next Mass for the sick will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We shall expose the Blessed Sacrament at 11am and start the Healing Mass at 11.45am. There will be general anointing of the Faithful before the final blessings. Bring your sick relatives and come with your special petitions and you will be surely blessed by our loving God who answers prayers.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The Parish councilors will meet on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm at the Parish meeting room.

**Bible Class:** The next Bible Class will be on Wednesday 19th of June at 8.15pm immediately after the Evening Mass. Our topic for discussion is: "...But since you are neither hot or cold, but only lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-19)

**200 Club Winners:** Cheques are on their way to the following winners:

January – Ms Clare Spiteri - £50

February – Mrs RM Barraclough - £50

March – Terry Wingfield - £50

April – Terry Wingfield - £50

May – Kudzai Mutizhe - £50

The next draw will be held on 30 June after 11.00 Mass. The prize will be £250.

**Day Trip to Margate:** Our annual seaside day trip this year is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July and we are off to Margate! If you would like to join us, please write your name down with the number of tickets you require on the list in the porch. Places are secured only after payment has been received; there is a limit of 53 spaces.

**June Birthdays:** If your birthday falls in the month of June, please check to see if your name is on the birthday list in the porch; please write your name (clearly) on the list if it is not shown.

**Offertory Procession:** All Offertory Gifts will now be presented at the altar by individuals or families who have booked the Sunday Mass.

Collection for last Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019: **£1,533.92**

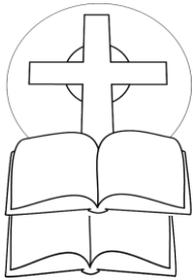
Last month's standing order: **£1,418.32**

**May God bless you for looking after your Parish**

**REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**



Please continue to pray for: Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, P J Connor, Mary Stanley, Betty Evans, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Jeanne Allen, Peter Trodden, Jim Tarrant, Ivan Muir-Clark, and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR JUNE**

We remember in our payers: John Wait, Margaret Plowman, Brigid Colond, Jeanette O'Connor, Julius Okoye, Raymond Parry, Terrence Jarrold, Rolundo Manangan, John Butamanyan, Assunta Freeman, Sheila Edith Lewis, Maureen Cohan, Jim Delaney, Barbara Lynch, Alice Wright, Margaret McCulla, Mary Ashton, Margaret Jackson, Mary Dunleavy, Kathleen Fitzsimons, Dominic Egbukwu, Anne Marie Kearney, Mary-Theresa Lynch, Alice Darla, Gladys Okoye, Susanne Mubi, Paolo Fanucci, Olive Bagust, Gladys Wells, George O'Brien, Angela Spiteri, Thomas Elliott, Bernard Cogley, Gabriel Bello, Joyce Lee, Mary Southgate, Moses Shofowuru, Ann Joyce Lee, Mary O'Donnell, Louisa Lobo and John Cafferkey.

**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Weekend of 1 &amp; 2 June Team 1</b>	<b>Weekend of 7 &amp; 8 June Team 2</b>
<b>Readers 6pm</b>	P Lobo Chima	C St.John D Fufeyin
<b>Readers 9am</b>	M Fernandes F Iorio	M Wingfield J Fernandes
<b>Readers 11am</b>	T Wickenden M McEveney	P O'Halloran J Sunshine
<b>Euch. M. 6pm</b>	H Cherry, D Winter & J Tarrant	JP Gallagher, D Philip & B Inglis
<b>Euch. M. 9am</b>	M Armstrong, A Clarke & E North	M Abu, M Lyons & K Wingfield
<b>Euch.M.11am</b>	H Anseline, J Boamah, N Akosah, G Greenspan, E Williams & M Alademerin	F Adewale, R Anseline, P Greenidge, T Wickenden M Ehiosun & N Esong
<b>Linen</b>	<b>H Coker</b>	<b>T Obende</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>F Adewale</b>	<b>M Quintavalle</b>



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29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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Dear Cyriacus,

I just wanted to write and thank you for your hospitality last Sunday and for the wonderful celebration at the Mass for Confirmation. The youngsters were very attentive and I was delighted to see the church absolutely packed with parishioners. It was a very vibrant congregation, and the musicians and choir were splendid.

I was also very pleased to meet the Bishop who was going over to Ireland. I had a great chat with him and was able to wish him a safe and happy visit to Ireland. He told me he was 72, yet he looked much younger than that! May I also thank you for the very generous stipend you gave me when Fr. Philip and I were leaving. Thank you so much and keep up the good work - you are much appreciated by the parishioners you serve!

With my deep gratitude and an assurance of my prayers for you and your parishioners,

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK



<p><b>Sun: June 2: Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)</b></p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Rose &amp; Michael, GB</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Robert Burchell, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>12.15pm: Outreach Table Sales</p>	<p><b>Sat: June 8: Feria</b></p> <p>11.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>11.35am – 12.05pm: Confessions</p> <p>12.05pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p> <p>12.30pm Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>13.30pm: First Holy Communion Rehearsal</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Holy Souls</p>
<p><b>Mon: June 3: St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)</b></p> <p>9.30am: Katherine Bingley, RIP</p> <p><b>Tues: June 4: No Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wed: June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr, (Memorial)</b></p> <p><b>9am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</b></p> <p>7.30pm: Holy Souls</p> <p><b>Thu: June 6: Feria</b></p> <p>9.30am: Mary-France Bogui, SR</p> <p><b>6.00pm – 7.00pm: Parish Surgery</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm: Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Fri: June 7: Feria</b></p> <p>9.30am: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sun: June 9: Pentecost Sunday(C)</b></p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Janet Storer, 80th BT</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p><b>BI</b> means Blessed</p> <p><b>BT</b> means Birthday Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>GB</b> means God's Blessings</p> <p><b>PI</b> means Private Intentions</p> <p><b>RIP</b> means Rest in Peace</p> <p><b>SI</b> means Special Intention</p> <p><b>SR</b> means Speedy Recovery</p> <p><b>TG</b> means Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>WA</b> means Wedding Anniversary</p> <p><b>WB</b> means Well-Being</p> <p><b>Pro Populo:</b> People of the Parish</p> <p><b>**Offertory Gifts will now be presented at the altar by individuals or families who have booked the Sunday Mass**</b></p>
<p><b>Rosary:</b> Mon, Thursday – Friday at 10am, Saturday at 13.00pm</p> <p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Starts at 8.45am on Monday, Thursday – Friday; 6.45pm on Wednesday and 11.30am on Saturday.</p>	