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## 6th Sunday of Easter – Year B

In the Gospel's passage from the 6th

Sunday of Easter, Jesus speaks directly to his disciples, revealing to them the depth of his love and the nature of their relationship with him.

Jesus begins by drawing a parallel between the love of the Father for him and his love for his disciples. He assures them that just as the Father has loved him, so he loves them. This love is not superficial or fleeting, but enduring and unconditional. It is a love that calls us to remain in him, to abide in his love continually.

Moreover, Jesus reveals the key to remaining in his love: obedience to his commandments. He emphasises that keeping his commandments is not a burden, but rather the pathway to experiencing the fullness of his love and joy. In following his commandments, we align ourselves with the will of the Father and partake in the divine love that flows from him.

Central to Jesus' commandments is the call to love one another. He sets forth a new commandment, surpassing all others: to love one another as he has loved us. This love is sacrificial and selfless, modelled after Jesus' own love, which culminated in his laying down his life for his friends. In this act of supreme love, Jesus reveals the depth of his friendship with us. He calls us his friends, not merely servants, because he has shared with us everything he has learned from the Father.

Furthermore, Jesus reminds us that our relationship with him is not of our own choosing, but rather the result of his deliberate choice and commissioning. He has chosen us and entrusted us with the mission to go forth and bear fruit, fruit that will endure for eternity. As we fulfil this mission, we can be confident that the Father will grant us whatever we ask in Jesus' name.



In reflecting on this passage, we are invited to consider the profound implications of our friendship with Jesus. It is a friendship rooted in love, marked by obedience to his commandments, and characterised by sacrificial love for one another. As friends of Jesus, we are called to emulate his love in our relationships with others, laying down our lives for the sake of others and bearing fruit that will last.

### **CAFOD appeals for emergency aid for Sudan**

*Fighting between the army and a paramilitary force that erupted in war over a year ago has plunged Sudan into what observers warn could be the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis.*

**By Linda Bordoni**

The UN reports that 12,000 civilians have been killed in Sudan's ongoing war – although the actual death toll is believed to be much higher – and at least 8 million people are displaced.

The conflict, that erupted just over a year ago between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has plunged the Northeastern African nation into chaos, with the largest internal

displacement crisis in the world, a catastrophic humanitarian emergency and allegations of war crimes and disregard for International Law.

CAFOD, the aid agency of the Catholic Church of England and Wales that partners with Caritas Sudan, has launched an emergency appeal to try and stop the humanitarian crisis from becoming the worst in living memory.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-05/sudan-war-humanitarian-crisis-displacement-appeal.html>

## *Fr Barto*

**Baptism of infants & RCIA** Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

**Confession** is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

**Marriages** We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

### **Weekday Morning Prayer**

Easter Octave: Psalter Week 2

### **Lectionary**

Sundays Year B: Easter Week 6

### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

On Thursday 9 May. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm.

### **DR FRANCIS ATAL**

It is with joy we share the good news that Dr Atal has been accepted for the permanent diaconate starting this September. Please pray for him as he begins this journey.

### **DATES FOR BAPTISM COURSE**

The baptism continues on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the presbytery.

### **MAY- MONTH of THE ROSARY**

Fr Barto would like parishioners to lead the rosary at the weekend Masses in May. Do speak to Fr if you can help. Please pray the rosary at home with your family.

### **CAFOD SUDAN- RED FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

Collections throughout May will be for the severe humanitarian crisis in Sudan. Please gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer by using the White envelopes found in the porch or <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Coffee morning this Sunday 5 May** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the hall.

**Afternoon Club** Next meeting will be on 8 May at 2pm in The George Pub, South Woodford.

**Our Common Home** Cheese & Wine evening Sunday 12 May 5-6.15pm in the hall. Please confirm attendance with Tina Marrai so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

**Murder Mystery at the Casino**, Saturday 22 June from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 must be bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

**Summer BBQ** on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

### **ENQUIRERS' EVENING**

The next meeting for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7 May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

## **LISTEN TO GOD**

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941 237 743 for more information.

## **ACUPUNCTURE**

Veronica will be in the hall this Sunday after the morning Masses. Donation is £10 for the Church. Please see the porch for the issues treatable by acupuncture.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Our parish website has been updated. Please visit to see the new look with many new items - <https://saintanneline.com/>

## **MASS FOR MIGRANTS**

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 6th May 2024, at 12pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR.

## **HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER**

### **TO GOD**

St Patrick's Soho May 17, 2024 7-9pm. Delivered by Fr Patrick van der Vorst, a recently ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster. He was a Director of Sotheby's Europe, Fr Patrick is very much at home speaking on How Beauty Draws us Closer to God. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Tickets at £10 from

<https://ransom.churchsuite.com/events/5wzhnvl>  
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## **DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy

with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome. Pls call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

## **PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME, PALAZZOLA**

9th-16th September 2024 - This tour requires a reasonable level of fitness for sightseeing due to the number of steps and inclines around the major attractions and so is unsuitable for those with walking difficulties. Full cost, including flights, accommodation (full board) and tours £1395 - £1445 depending on single or twin/double. For further details and full timetable/itinerary please email Fr Jean-Laurent Marie [dagenhamhf@brcdt.org](mailto:dagenhamhf@brcdt.org)

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024**

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: [Lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.org)

## **MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass celebrated, please use the small brown Mass Offering envelope in the porch and hand it to Fr once you have completed the details.

## **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS**

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

## **DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS**

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

**NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES  
AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED**

## **Mass Intentions 5<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass on **Monday** is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

**Saturday** 9.30am Baby John Keating (anniv)  
6.30pm Fr John McCollough RIP

*Sunday Vigil Mass **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Si-Ling Pang RIP  
11am People of the Parish  
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

**Monday** Mary Lynch (anniv)

**Tuesday 7pm** Sr Stanislaus Beh RIP

**Wednesday** 9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP  
**11.30am Shelagh Dewhurst RIP  
- Funeral Mass**

**Thursday Ascension of the Lord**  
9.30am In Thanksgiving  
(Veronica & Fernando)  
7pm People of the Parish

**Friday** 9.30am Alfred Vidolich (anniv)

**Saturday** 9.30am Fr John Towler RIP  
6.30pm Angela Yen Ints

*Sunday Vigil Mass **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am People of the Parish  
11am Frances Michalitsianos RIP  
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

**Intention for the week** - - "As we approach the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit all those who are near to death. May they be united with our Lord in heaven, and may those who love them be comforted. Lord hear us".

## **Please pray for those who are sick**

### **Anniversaries 6 May - 12 May**

Mary O'Sullivan, Mrs B Moloney, Mrs Kathleen Fitzgerald, Tony Watson, Jack Pont, Canon Brian Grady, Richard Byrne, Mary Lynch, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes,, Marcel Chu, Robert Power, John Gibbons.

**RIP** Please pray for Mary Biss, a former parishioner, who died yesterday. May she rest in peace.

**Last weekend** Mass attendance was 275.

### **Stay In Touch**

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facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee. Follow  
us On Twitter/X - @Stannelinesw**

### **Safeguarding Coordinator**

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### **Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator**

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### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

### **SVP SUPPORT**

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

### **PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)**

The Parish secretary is in the office on **Monday afternoons, Wednesday morning & afternoon and Friday mornings.**