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7th Sunday of Easter – Year B

*Pope Francis calls
Christians to be*

builders of hope as he celebrates Vespers after presiding at the ceremony to officially proclaim the Jubilee of 2025.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-francis-vespers-homily-jubilee-2025-christian-hope.html>

by Linda Bordini

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“Christian hope gives us the courage to build a fraternal and peaceful world when it seems barely worth the effort,” Pope Francis said as he encouraged the faithful to rejoice in the gift of the resurrection and *“see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail.”*

The reality of Christian hope was at the heart of the Pope’s homily as he celebrated Second Vespers on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in St. Peter’s Basilica following a ceremony in which he proclaimed the ordinary Jubilee of 2025 with the public reading and delivery of the Bull of Indiction.

The theme chosen for the Jubilee year that kicks off on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica is “Pilgrims of Hope”.

“Brothers and sisters,” the Pope said, “Jesus destroyed our death, that we might receive life, forever,” and explained that “it is this hope, based on Christ who died and rose again, that we wish to celebrate, ponder and proclaim to the whole world in the coming Jubilee.”

This hope, he explained, “has nothing to do with mere human optimism or the ephemeral expectation of some earthly benefit.” It is “a gift daily bestowed upon us until the time when we will be one in the embrace of His love.”

Reflecting on the concept and reality of Christian hope that is “unperishable” and “unfading”, the Pope said it sustains us in the journey of our lives, even during the darkest and most difficult moments and times. It opens our eyes to future possibilities, he continued and makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail.

“[Christian hope] makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort.”

Pope Francis went on to encourage Christians, as they prepare for the celebration of the Jubilee, to lift up their hearts to Christ, and become *“singers of hope* in a world marked by too much despair.”

Hope, he remarked, is needed by the society in which we live, “often caught up only in the present and incapable of looking to the future;” it is needed by our age, “caught up in an individualism that is frequently and content merely to scrape along from day to day.”

Hope – he continued – “is needed by God’s creation, gravely damaged and disfigured by human selfishness,” and it is needed by peoples and nations who look to the future with anxiety and fear.

“As injustice and arrogance persist, the poor are discarded, wars sow seeds of death, the least of our brothers and sisters remain at the bottom of the pile, and the dream of a fraternal world seems an illusion.” Hope, he said, brings courage, comfort, closeness and care.

Hope, the Pope said, is needed by our young people, by the elderly, by the sick and by those who suffer in body and spirit.

“Hope is needed by the Church,” the Pope added, so she never forgets, that “as the Bride of Christ, she is loved with an eternal and faithful love, called to hold high the light of the Gospel, and sent forth to bring to all the fire that Jesus definitively brought to the world.”

“Each of us, brothers and sisters, has need of hope in our lives.”

In times of darkness, the Pope remarked, even when we feel overwhelmed by despair and unknowingly yearn for the presence of God, we are reminded of the words of theologian Fr. Romano Guardini who wrote that once darkness has lifted and people ask God: “Lord, where were you? they will once more hear his answer: ‘Closer to you than ever before!’”

“Brothers and sisters,” he concluded, “May the Lord, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, grant us the grace to *rediscover* hope, to *proclaim* hope and to *build* hope.

You may follow the link to read the **SPES NON CONFUNDIT**, Bull of indiction of the ordinary jubilee of the year 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.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 3
Lectionary Sundays Year B: Easter Week 7

DAY OF ADORATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI HELP NEEDED

On **Thursday 30 May**, there will be a Day of Adoration from **11am to 7pm**. We are looking for volunteers for hourly slots to be in Church whilst the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please speak to Fr Barto if you can help.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

At 6pm in the hall on **Friday 17 May** for candidates and then parents and sponsors to arrive from 7pm in the hall for rehearsals.

MAY- MONTH of THE ROSARY

We will be praying the rosary before Mass at the weekend during May. Please come along earlier to join in. Do pray the rosary at home with your family.

SECOND COLLECTION- this WEEKEND

This weekend the collection will be for World Communications which funds the office of the Bishop's Conference responsible for Catholic Communications.

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>

CANCELLED – Our Common Home event

The Cheese & Wine evening on Sunday 12 May 5-6.15pm in the hall has been cancelled due to low attendance.

DATES FOR BAPTISM COURSE

The baptism course continues 13th and 20th May at 7pm in the presbytery.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 22 May at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Young Adults Next meeting on Friday 31 May from 6.30pm in the hall.

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.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

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.

WEBSITE UPDATE

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

"AWAKE LONDON"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18 May from 11am - 5 pm

led By Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

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.. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME, PALAZZOLA

9th-16th September 2024 - This tour 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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please email Kathryn Young: 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.

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 11th May – 19th 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 Fr John Towler RIP
Vigil Mass 6.30pm Angela Yen Ints

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Frances Michalitsianos RIP
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian
Anna Chin Ints

Monday

Tuesday 11.30am **Mary Biss RIP –
Funeral Mass**

7pm Bob & Anne Power RIP

Wednesday 9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Thursday 9.30am Theresa Chin (health recovery)

Friday 9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 9.30am Si Ling Pang RIP

Vigil Mass 6.30pm People of the Parish

Pentecost

Sunday 19th 9.30am Alyson Lamb RIP
11am Confirmation Candidates
& their families

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Intention for the week - "As the Easter season draws to a close, may the spirit of Easter and new life remain with us. Let us pray that the good works and charity of our church community continue, especially towards the needy among us preparing for the birth of a child. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 13 May - 19 May

Hugh Vincent, Anna Spieglehalter, John Johnston, John P Lynch, Mary O'Donohue, Joan Smith, Denis Devereux, Mrs C Adshead, Josephine Ballester, Mary Brereton, Clare Philips, Robert Dyer, Verna Maude Doyle and Fr John W Hayes, Tom Finnerty, Mrs A Lowry, Mr M Meyler, Winifred Cooney, Kathleen Griffiths, Canon Thomas Clarke, Frederick Stratford, Mrs W E Evans, Peter Donaldson,

Last weekend Mass attendance was 235.

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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 mornings & afternoons and Friday mornings.