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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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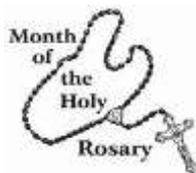
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Year C, Volume 1: (Page 271): Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Next Week: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Page 273): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23



“You must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

Laws can sometimes appear to be a burden that limits our freedom, and worse still, a COMMANDMENT! And yet, for any institution or association to make any objective impact in people’s life, it must not only have a vision, but also a guideline to help it remain on course.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, dubbed ‘The Farewell Discourse’ Jesus, on the night before his death, tells his disciples that the only way for them to effectively spread his name, and therefore his mission of salvation for all, is by living the law of love. This model of love has a unique character of selfless service and self-sacrifice for the good of others. Jesus did not just command his disciples to love one another. He taught them this by washing their feet, though he was their Teacher and Master – a role meant for servants in ancient times. He also taught them the true meaning of selfless love by his consistent obedience to his Father’s will, even to dying on the cross to save the world.

Christ’s law of love which he commands his disciples to embrace if they are to make his name known, also reminds us not only of the dignity but also the responsibility that comes with bearing the name – Christian. It with this idea in mind that Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14,16). And so, the only credible way to demonstrate we are children of Love is through deeds of love. It is in this way that we can help signpost others to God.

As I reflected on this theme of selfless love, what came to mind was the love, the help with shopping and various other supports initiatives that people in various streets came up with. Even reaching out to people living on their own or others who ordinarily wouldn’t have had people check up on them pre-Covid. I thought of the selfless services of health care and medical workers, some of whom came out from their retirement, so that they can help save lives, even at the risk of their own lives. And some sadly lost their own lives in the process. Although it was a very grim and frightening time, seeing the love and care for others that characterised the period, one felt the sense that “God does indeed live among men and surely makes his home among them.” Frightened as I was then the very first time I went into a Covid ward to anoint a dying patient, the dedication of medical workers that I saw on the ward put a fresh heart into me; and needless saying, courage.

Of course, there is as much need to spread the pattern of Christ’s love to continue to transform our families, communities and our world now as there was over two thousand years ago. We must not forget those deeds of love and kind, shown in such a tremendous way during the pandemic, but strive to perpetuate them since it is only selfless care and love for others that can make the world a truly better place.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

This will be facilitated by Fr John Hemer on **Saturday 4th June** and will begin with Mass at 11am. This is for all existing volunteers and it is mandatory that you attend.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The parents of all those who would like to join in this ministry for the first time can collect a registration form from the clergy in the sacristy, complete and return as soon as possible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over several weekends in May (21st, 28th & 29th May) our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for this important moment in their life.

PINE TREE OUTSIDE THE PARISH CENTRE

In order to protect the presbytery, parish centre and the neighbouring buildings, permission has been granted by the Council to take down the tree and to plant an ornamental pear tree in its place. The tree will be taken down on **Monday 30th May** and **no parking** on the premises on that day.

YOUR PARISH SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP.

St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, your Parish School, is in urgent need of new Foundation Governors. We need members who are experienced in, Finance, Facilities, Education, Fund Raising in fact any skills that YOU have would be a great help for the school.

Fund Raising is extremely important to us as we need to raise our contribution of £140,000 towards the Teaching Block. The Parish Community and Governors are required to pay 10% of all costs towards any Capital Project in the School.

A Foundation Governor is appointed by a Bishop at Westminster at the recommendation of either the Head or the Chair of Governors. Governors will need to be able to attend a meeting of the Governing Board every Half-Term and serve on either the Resources Committee or Curriculum Committee once every Term. Should you be interested or need more information please contact the School Office on 020 8890 3878 or email: office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish.. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

To donate to Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson fundraising appeal for the new classroom block go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

An invitation from the Bishops for Catholics to return to attendance at Mass in person at Pentecost. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example the sick and elderly, for whom this obligation does not apply.

Please take a copy of the statement from the Bishop's Conference. Also available on our website.

CAFOD

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. As Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE - LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

Congratulations to our Lucky winners
Please check your tickets and claim your prizes
If these prizes are not claimed this weekend they will be recycled

Thank you for your generosity a sum of £1,108.50 was raised for the raffle and we also received £140 in donations

2nd prize - **448 - Blue border** - AG583045

3rd prize - **17 - Yellow border** - AH785981

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **John Hanrahan, Teresa Eichman, Max John Frederick, Caroline Frances Way** (was involved with the Brownies for a long time), **Tony Furtado, Thelma Swinney, Freda Cashen and Dennis Frederick Edwards**, who passed away recently.

- **Thelma Swinney RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 18th May at 10.45am**, followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium. Please note that this will be the Parish Mass that day.

- **Tony Furtado RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 23rd May** at 11.30am.

Teresa Eichman RIP – Her Requiem will take place here on **Tuesday 24th May at 11am**.

- **Caroline Frances Way RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Friday 27th May** at 11.15am

- **John Hanrahan RIP** – His Requiem will take place on **Tuesday 31st May** at 11.15am.

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Mary Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Wedding of Rabbin Choudhury and Kimberly Matalicia In Thanksgiving Gashu Family
Sun 15	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	In Thanksgiving Kenneth & Holly Hawkings) Starina D'Souza RIP (Anniversary) Christine Cahalane RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 16	10.00am	Jose Pereira RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Tues 17	10.00am	Zygmunt M Wolanski RIP (55 th Ann.)
Wed 18	10.45am	REQUIEM MASS THELMA SWINNEY RIP
Thurs 19	10.00am	Sr Majella Sheridan RIP
Fri 20	10.00am	Pam O'Connor (Intention)
Sat 21	11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 5.00pm	Asher Rozario Fernandes – 2 nd Birthday Thanksgiving) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Evangeline D'Souza – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 22	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Caetano (Pele) D'Souza RIP David Crawley RIP (Anniversary) Ade Folake Paulina Badejo RIP (Ann.) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Easterbrook Families in Thanksgiving – 66 th and 16 th Wedding Anniversaries		

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