



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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18 May 2025



A New Commandment; Love one Another

A story was told about the ministry of Mother Theresa. Once a man watched Mother Theresa caring for a man with gangrene, and he said, "I wouldn't do that for a million pounds." Mother Theresa responded, "Neither would I. However, I do it out of love for God." Mother Theresa practically responded to Jesus' new commandment of love in today's gospel. After Judas had disappeared from the Last Supper, Jesus used the time to give his farewell message of a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34-35). According to Jesus, the measure of love is to love even when there's no reward. He became the model since He gave up His life for all by crucifixion. The love of Jesus is such a radical and revolutionary love.

Jesus' commandment of love was first implemented by the apostles who went out to preach for the salvation of souls, not only of the Jews, but the Gentiles as well. Today's First Reading presents the end of St Paul's first missionary journey. In his parting message together with Barnabas, they encouraged believers to be united and persevere in the faith. They then chose some leaders to guide and strengthen the community in the ministry despite the persecutions. After the apostles and other subsequent saints, the risen Lord is calling upon us to observe this commandment in our time. It's such an important command, since it is the farewell message of the Lord. How am I living this command of love? How am I involved in programs geared towards the salvation of other peoples' souls and their well-being?

Fr. Bonaventure, CSSp.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 18 MAY 2025 — 25 MAY 2025

Sat 17	18.30: Anne Davis - Recovery (<i>P Clarke</i>)
Sun 18	09.00: Ethebreda Pinto - RIP 11.00: Pauline Woods - RIP (<i>M & BR Walsh</i>) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 19	09.30: Private Intention
Tues 20	09.30: George & Polina Aletrari - RIP (<i>J Tanousis</i>) 19.00: Paul Lee - BD (<i>L Ko</i>)
Wed 21	09.30: Dec'd Mems of Francesco Perillo & Fam (<i>F D'Agostino</i>) 19.00: Suresh & Mary - 21st Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 22	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: J.J. Tighe - RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
Fri 23	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Janice Ryan - RIP (<i>Mundow Family</i>)
Sat 24	09.00: Teresa Bredl & Family - WB (<i>T Rutter</i>)
Sat 24	18.30: David Horn - RIP (<i>Houston Family</i>)
Sun 25	09.00: People of the Parish 11.00: Pat Caffrey - RIP (<i>D Mundow</i>) 18.00: Nikisha Joseph - RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Bredl, Pauline Woods, Ann O'Brien, Margaret Radford, Nikisha Joseph and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

THE SICK: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staus-si, Joan Frost, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Tim Ryan, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Ravenna Ahmed, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Bria, June Munk, & Jim Maynard

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:
OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:
SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL
YOUTH MASS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM
SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass
FIRST FRIDAY - of the month
LAST SUNDAY of the month

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Penitential Act: 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, *(And, striking their breast, they say:)* 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. **Amen**

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.**

Opening Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading

Acts 14:21b-27

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R cf. 1

I will bless your name for ever, my God & king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O LORD, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

To make known your might to the whole human race, and the glorious splendour of your reign. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your rule endures for all

generations. **R**

Second reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.' And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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. *(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit 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**

Prayer over the Offerings:

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion:

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.. Amen

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST CELEBRATION 2025 : SUN 8 JUNE, 11.00 MASS Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure would like to warmly invite you all to a special Pentecost Mass at 11.00 on Sunday 8 June 2025. The Mass will be celebrated in the different languages to represent our diverse Parish community. The Church will be decorated with flags and parishioners are asked to bring their own flags to the event. In addition, parishioners, including the Priests, will be invited to dress in their cultural attire. Led by the scouts, the children will be asked to process into Church at the beginning of Mass, carrying flags. Following on from the Mass, there will be a Pentecost Celebration and Parish Day to which all parishioners, family & friends are invited. There will be a range of food and drink, balloons and, of course, a celebration cake. There will also be games for the children. More information to follow. Please save the date in your diaries!

THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA: - Will start on Friday, 30th May until Saturday 7th June at 6-7pm, every evening in the church. There will be reflections on the Holy Spirit and Novena Prayers.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025. Sunday 18th May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter (to be read at all Masses this weekend.). In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us - clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners - is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code.



WE ARE BLESSED TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE RELICS OF THE FATIMA VISIONARIES ST JACINTA AND ST FRANCISCO TO OUR PARISH ON SAT 24TH AND SUN 25TH OF MAY 2025. Come and join us in honouring Our Lady through prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbours. Please check at Narthex for the program details.

WHO ARE SPIRITAN MISSIONARIES?

The congregation of the Holy Spirit is one of the religious missionary Orders in the Catholic church e.g. Jesuits (SJ), Dominicans (OP), Augustinians (OSA), Benedictines, etc. It was formerly known as Holy Ghost Fathers whose members use the postnominals **CSSp** (meaning *Congregatio Sancti Spiritus*). It is composed of Brothers, Priests and Lay Associates. The Spiritans were founded on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May, 1703 in Paris, France by a young seminarian Claude Poullart des Places (1679-1709). He hailed from a noble family of Rennes in Northwest France and gave up his career as a lawyer to become a priest. He was touched by the poor life of city chimney sweeps and poor seminarians. He brought together those poor seminarians into a rented hostel and formed a community with a "one heart and soul" (*Cor Unum et Anima Una*) solidarity with a readiness to take on any work for which the church had difficulty in finding ministers. He supported these seminarians with the little donations from his family and friends. Soon the little community started expanding and people were attracted by their simple lifestyle and dedication. In 1707 Poullart himself was ordained but later developed pleurisy that led to his demise on 2nd October, 1709, at only thirty. However, the ministry continued growing until the upheaval of the French Revolution in the 18th century that almost stifled the congregation. In 1848 another French founder Fr. Francis Mary Paul Libermann accepted to merge his society of Holy Heart of Mary with the Holy Ghost leading to "The Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the Protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" as the official title of the Order. With the new spirit, the congregation then took on new missions in Europe, America, Indian Ocean, Australia and Africa. Today, Spiritans numbering over 3000 members are carrying out the evangelization mission in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

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[Keep watching this space once a month for more about the Spiritan founders, members and missions.]

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MONTH OF MAY IS A MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY. Please, remember to pray your rosary or a decade everyday.

HOME VISITATION OF THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER to the homes of our Parishioners will begin on Saturday, 17th of May. If you are interested in having our Blessed Mother as your guest for a week, please put your name in the diary on the altar rail

SAVE THE DATES

THE ARCHDIOCESE'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS will be at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. This will be a festival of prayer and activities for all parishioners and families. If you would like to attend, there will be a coach leaving from St Joseph's Parish, New Malden - £20 per seat. There is a sign-up list in the Nartex or send your details together to Denise.

KINGSTON DEANERY BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - June 28th 2025 held at Surbiton parish in St Raphael's Church hall. **Save the date: Saturday June 28th 2025 9.30am - 4.30pm Building a Better Marriage**

This day, held at St Raphael Church hall, Portsmouth Rd, Kingston Upon Thames, **KT1 2NA** starting at 9.30am until 4.30pm, is a day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course. **Booking is essential** - please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727 Refreshments will be provided but **please bring a packed lunch.**

DAY FOR LIFE

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](https://www.catholicbishops.org.uk/).

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS VISITING ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - 26-29 JUNE:

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June,

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INFORMATION & REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER, FIRE MARSHALLS - Are needed for all Masses. All welcome, please consider volunteering for this important role. The more volunteers the better. A training session of an hour and a half will take place on **Mon 2nd June at 7.00pm**. If you are interested contact Denise in the Parish Office. Thank you

SAVE THE DATES (Continued)

Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. It also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

Thank You - Jumble Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our **Jumble Sale** yesterday - whether by donating, helping on the day, or popping in to browse and buy. It was another successful and enjoyable event!

Don't Miss Our Final Event! Join us for the last event of this year's Lenten Project: the vibrant and joyful **African-Caribbean Cultural Night**

Saturday 7th June | Doors open at 7:30PM Parish Hall It always is an uplifting evening of culture, connection, and celebration.

Tickets will be on sale at the end of each Mass in the Narthex, or you can reserve your place online here.



Return of Lenten Project Boxes

If you still have your Lenten Project Box at home, please do return it as soon as possible. Boxes can be dropped off at the Presbytery. We re-use them each year, so every box returned helps us keep the project sustainable.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dates for your diary!

- ✦ **7th June** – African-Caribbean Cultural Night
- ✦ **6th September** – Lenten Project Charities Nominations Begin
- ✦ **19th October** – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

One day, a teacher was talking to her first-grade class about whales when a little girl had a question. **Little Girl**: "Do whales swallow people?" **Teacher**: "No, even though they are much bigger than a person, they have throat pleats that filter their food of krill and plankton. **Little Girl**: "But the Bible says Jonah was swallowed by a whale." **Teacher getting angry**: "Blue whales cannot swallow people." **Little Girl**: "Well, when I get to heaven I'll just ask Jonah if he was really swallowed by a whale." **Teacher, still red with anger**: "What if Jonah went to hell?" **Girl**: "Well, then you can ask him."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £336.50 **Non-Gift-aid:** £877.05
Total: **£1,213.55**
2nd Collection: £101.25

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR APRIL 2025

Cash / cheques – £5,779.01

1. Gift-Aided – £2,116.63

2. Non-G/A – £3,349.38

3. PDF – £313.00

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,549.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,281.00

2. Non-G/A – £268.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,011.00

Total = £9,339.01

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Please make cheques payable to: **RCAS Tolworth**

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking: **RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05**

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: tolworthgal@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

OBITUARIES

JOHN BREDL: Please kindly pray for John Bredl who passed away suddenly on 23rd April.

FUNERAL: Friday, 23rd May at 11.00am, OLI
 Kindly keep Theresa and family in your prayers.

MARGARET RADFORD: Please kindly pray for the soul of Margaret Radford who passed away on 5th May aged 94yrs.

FUNERAL: Thursday, 29th May at 12.00pm, OLI
 Kindly keep Wendy and family in your prayers.

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LOVES	REMIN	WORD	PEACE
FATHER	BEQUEATH	HOME	GIFT
ADVOCATE	HEARTS	HOLY	TROUBLED
SPIRIT	RETURN	TEACH	BELIEVE

