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**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive.'* (John 14:15-16)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). We hear these words in the middle of the great departing speech of Jesus, meant to comfort his disciples before he leaves them. Apparently, it does appear that God's love for us, depends on our love for him, on our keeping the commandments. But what about when we make mistakes, if we at some point don't keep Jesus' commandments, if we fail in love? Will God cease loving us? While not entirely off the mark, this would be a misunderstanding of the Gospel message: for God loved us first (1 John 4:19); it is not we who loved God, but God loved us and sent His Son to expiate our sin (1 John 4:10).

Hence, when Christ tells us in the Gospel "If you love me, you will keep my commandments", he surely presents us with the gift of his friendship. In this incredibly complex web of loving and being loved, giving and receiving, a friendship is depicted that actually exceeds all description. This is the great message of the Gospel: we are invited to be friends with God. He equally promises not to leave us as orphans, but to send the Holy Spirit to continue to nourish us and sustain our friendship with him (John 14:16). No wonder then in the First readings, the Holy Spirit assumes the centre stage; the Apostles prayed over the new converts at Samaria to receive the Holy Spirit.

In our world riddled with distorted values, we need to listen to the Holy Spirit. It is only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we can face the struggles of this life, and succeed in our missionary mandate to love without measures as Christ taught us. May the Holy Spirit continue to sustain as we extend love and compassion to each other.

### **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.**

### **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>
Christ, have mercy	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	Christe, eleison	<b>Christe, eleison.</b>
Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>

### **The 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 8: 5-8, 14-17**

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord.      *Thanks be to God.***

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16, 20**

***Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
He rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R**

**Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 3: 15-18**

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

**The Word of the Lord.      *Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

**Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to John 14: 15-21**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.      *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. 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 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 VI of Easter** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

#### **The Mystery of Faith**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

##### **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)***

**Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

**Priest:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

**People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**Priest:** Let us pray

**O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Holy Day of Obligation:** This Thursday marks the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Masses here at 9.30am and 7.30pm. Please make every effort to attend Mass on this day.

**Second Collection Next Weekend:** There will be a second collection next weekend for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

**May Devotion:** May is the month of Mary. We shall be saying the rosary before each Mass all through the month of May. Please join in this special devotion.

**Parish Office:** Due to the pilgrimage to Medjugorje, the Parish Office is now closed, reopening on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Any queries will be dealt with after that date.

**Gift Aid Appeal:** Following the recent Gift Aid appeal, 22 people filled in a form requesting to join the scheme but, to date, we have only received four signed agreements. Please send any forms to [davidphilip@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:davidphilip@rcaos.org.uk) or hand them in to the Parish Office.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes:** Please note that, due to the Parish Pilgrimage, there will be no Communion or Confirmation Class on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

**May Birthdays:** On the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of May. If you have a May birthday and your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

**Divine Mercy Novena:** The Divine Mercy Novena will be said at 9am each Friday, before the morning Mass.

**Rosary for Life:** Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife)

**Encounter Pentecost:** Join the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for a day of worship, prayer, and fellowship at St George's Cathedral on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May to celebrate Pentecost. The day, open to all, concludes with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. Full programme at [encounterpentecost.com/programme](http://encounterpentecost.com/programme)

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

**Cray Young Adults Network:** CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email [crasyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:crasyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com)

**Legion of Mary:** The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

**Baptism:** If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on [longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk). The next Pathways to Baptism course takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

**Children's Sheets:** The parish provides special sheets to help our younger parishioners understand the liturgy of the week. If your child is aged 9 or over, they should take a copy of the 'Icthus' sheet. If you have a younger child, they should take the 'Look' sheet.

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cyriacus after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

#### **BANK DETAILS**

For bank transfers to the Parish –  
Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley  
Account Number: 50533401  
Sort Code: 60-16-03

*Thank you for your generosity to your parish.*

#### **LIVE STREAMING**

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

## Readings For The Week Ahead:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>11/05/26</b>	Acts 16:11-15	Ps 149:1-6		John 15:26-16:4
<b>12/05/26</b>	Acts 16:22-34	Ps 138:1-3,7-8		John 16:5-11
<b>13/05/26</b>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Ps 148:1-2, 11-14		John 16:12-15
<b>14/05/26</b>	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47:2-3,6-9	Ephesians 1:16-23	Matthew 28:16-20
<b>15/05/26</b>	Acts 18:9-18	Ps 47:2-7		John 16:20-23a
<b>16/05/26</b>	Acts 18:23-28	Ps 47:2-3, 8-9,10		John 16:23b-28

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

	<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>READERS 6PM</b>	Chima G Winter	V Martis A Dsouza
<b>READERS 9AM</b>	F Garber C Meaney	J Garber M Quintavalle
<b>READERS 11AM</b>	M Higgins P O'Halloran	K Ollie M Esong
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM</b>	D Ekpoudom	S Fernando
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM</b>	K Wingfield T Wickenden	M Abu T Meaney
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM</b>	F Adewale N Esong	R Anseline E Williams
<b>CLEANING</b>	Team 2 – Mary Quintavalle	Team 3 – Anne-Marie Glancy
<b>LINEN</b>	Theresa Akagbosu	Ann Kane

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Titus Mwangangi, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - MAY**



We remember in our prayers: Margaret Downes, Peter Storer, Mary Ann McNally, Julianna Akogboso, Anthony Reeves, Gerald Coleman, James Bryne, Isobel Kooper, Bill Glancy, M.Fitzpatrick, Bridget Kelly, Charles Plowman, Owen Wait, Michael Downes, Margaret Sheridan, Emanuel Camilleri, Nancy Jarrold, Francis William Allen, Owen Toland, Sheila James, Charles James, Frank McMahan, Josephine Della, Rose Bateman, John Sheridan, Sheila Conway, Michael Lynch, John Fleming, Joanne Walker, Terence Crowley, Phyllis Eyre, John Twomey, Veronica Esenwah, Patrick O'Shea, Kate Wait, Alexander Kelly, Robert Burchell, Eilish O'Sullivan, Stella Hill, Thomas Murray, Raja Perera, Charlotte Wickenden, Kevin Dwane, Catherin Egbukwu, Barry Clarke, Eustace Rudolph, Sylvia Sobemheim, Dr. Tony Juwah, John Gerreyn, Danny McNally, Michael Lyons, Rose Bateman, Denis O'Donoghue, Vidmantas Grigaliunas and Mary Brophy.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sun: May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)</b></p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Mary Brophy Moore, RIP (One Year Death Anniversary) and Thomas &amp; Gerry Butler, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Anthony Smith and Carmelina Desouza, RIP</p> <p>11am Mass: Nelly Esong, BT and Bobby Esong, 14<sup>th</sup> BT</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p><b>Sat: May 16: Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)</b></p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Brian Glancy, RIP</p>
<p><b>Mon: May 11: Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p><b>Tues: May 12: No Mass</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wed: May 13: Feria</b></p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Thomas &amp; Gerry Butler, RIP</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thu: May 14: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Rose Bateman, RIP</p> <p>7.30pm: Pro Populo</p> <hr/> <p><b>Fri: May 15: St. John Stone, Priest &amp; Martyr (Memorial)</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sun: May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)</b></p> <p>9am Mass: Vidmantas Grigaliunas, RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Death Anniversary)</p> <p>11am Mass: Edel McEveney, RIP and Denis Lynch, RIP</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>SI means Special Intention  SR means Speedy Recovery  Bl means Blessed  GB means God's Blessings  GP means God's Protection  WB means Well-Being  TG means Thanksgiving  PI means Private Intentions  BT means Birthday Thanksgiving  WA means Wedding Anniversary  Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.'* (John 17:1-2)

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 for his glorification: "Father, the hour has come, glorify your son" (John 17:1)

And what does Jesus mean when he seeks to be glorified by the Father? The hour of Jesus' glorification is the hour when he is lifted up from the earth to be with the Father on the arms of a Roman cross. His glory is typified in the scourging at the Pillar, the crown of thorns, the awful journey to Calvary, the terrible agony of his execution and eventual crucifixion, his resurrection and ascension into heaven: this is Jesus' glory. And why does Jesus ask for this glory? He asks for it so that he, in turn, may glorify the Father (John 17:1). In this prayer, Jesus also recognizes the apparent challenges and hostility that would confront those faithful to his teaching. Thus, in the Second reading, we are reminded of the inevitability of suffering in the Christian life: "If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

This is the great message of the Gospel today: like Jesus, we are invited to give glory to God by the many challenges and difficulties that come our way. As we prepare for the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday, let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. May the Holy Spirit help to offer up to God, our sorrows, losses, challenges and disappointments.

### **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.**

### **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>
Christ, have mercy	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	Christe, eleison	<b>Christe, eleison.</b>
Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>

### **The 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 1: 12-14**

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholemew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

**The Word of the Lord.      *Thanks be to God.***

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27: 1, 4, 7-8a**

***Response: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to enquire at his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.' **R**

**Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 4: 13-16**

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

**The Word of the Lord.      *Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to John 17: 1-11a**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.      *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. 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 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 VII of Easter** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

#### **The Mystery of Faith**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

##### **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)***

**Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

**Priest:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

**People:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Priest:** Let us pray

**O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection this weekend for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

**May Devotion:** May is the month of Mary. We shall be saying the rosary before each Mass all through the month of May. Please join in this special devotion.

**Parish Office:** Due to the pilgrimage to Medjugorje, the Parish Office is closed until Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Any queries will be dealt with after that date.

**Bible Study:** The next session of the Bible Study group will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 7.45pm via Zoom. The topic is 'Mary, our mother'. The Zoom details are as follows – Meeting ID: 838 8966 7814, Passcode: 021548.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes:** Please note that, due to the Parish Pilgrimage, there will be no Communion or Confirmation Class on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

**May Birthdays:** On the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of May. If you have a May birthday and your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

**Divine Mercy Novena:** The Divine Mercy Novena will be said at 9am each Friday, before the morning Mass.

**Rosary for Life:** Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife)

**Encounter Pentecost:** Join the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for a day of worship, prayer, and fellowship at St George's Cathedral on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May to celebrate Pentecost. The day, open to all, concludes with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. Full programme at [encounterpentecost.com/programme](http://encounterpentecost.com/programme)

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

**Cray Young Adults Network:** CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email [crasyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:crasyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com)

**Legion of Mary:** The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

**Baptism:** If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on [longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk). The next Pathways to Baptism course takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

**Children's Sheets:** The parish provides special sheets to help our younger parishioners understand the liturgy of the week. If your child is aged 9 or over, they should take a copy of the 'Icthus' sheet. If you have a younger child, they should take the 'Look' sheet.

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cyriacus after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

#### **BANK DETAILS**

For bank transfers to the Parish –  
Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley  
Account Number: 50533401  
Sort Code: 60-16-03

*Thank you for your generosity to your parish.*

#### **LIVE STREAMING**

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

## Readings For The Week Ahead:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>18/05/26</b>	Acts 19:1-8	Ps 68:2-7	John 16:29-33
<b>19/05/26</b>	Acts 20:17-27	Ps 68:10-11,20-21	John 17:1-11a
<b>20/05/26</b>	Acts 20:28-38	Ps 68:29-30,33-36	John 17:11b-19
<b>21/05/26</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,9-11	John 17:20-26
<b>22/05/26</b>	Acts 25:13b-21	Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b	John 21:15-19
<b>23/05/26</b>	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	Ps 11:4,5,7	John 21:20-25

<b><u>CHURCH MINISTRIES</u></b>		
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>READERS 6PM</b>	V Martis A Dsouza	G Selvaraj P Lobo
<b>READERS 9AM</b>	J Garber M Quintavalle	A Garber T Wickenden
<b>READERS 11AM</b>	K Ollie M Esong	M Ollie M Adepoju
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM</b>	S Fernando	N Omo-Idahosa
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM</b>	M Abu T Meaney	I Floyd M Abu
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM</b>	R Anseline E Williams	M Alademerin H Anseline
<b>CLEANING</b>	Team 3 – Anne-Marie Glancy	Team 4 – Chris Meaney
<b>LINEN</b>	Ann Kane	Ese Temeinor

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Titus Mwangangi, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - MAY**



We remember in our prayers: Margaret Downes, Peter Storer, Mary Ann McNally, Julianna Akogboso, Anthony Reeves, Gerald Coleman, James Bryne, Isobel Kooper, Bill Glancy, M.Fitzpatrick, Bridget Kelly, Charles Plowman, Owen Wait, Michael Downes, Margaret Sheridan, Emanuel Camilleri, Nancy Jarrold, Francis William Allen, Owen Toland, Sheila James, Charles James, Frank McMahan, Josephine Della, Rose Bateman, John Sheridan, Sheila Conway, Michael Lynch, John Fleming, Joanne Walker, Terence Crowley, Phyllis Eyre, John Twomey, Veronica Esenwah, Patrick O'Shea, Kate Wait, Alexander Kelly, Robert Burchell, Eilish O'Sullivan, Stella Hill, Thomas Murray, Raja Perera, Charlotte Wickenden, Kevin Dwane, Catherin Egbukwu, Barry Clarke, Eustace Rudolph, Sylvia Sobemheim, Dr. Tony Juwah, John Gerreyn, Danny McNally, Michael Lyons, Rose Bateman, Denis O'Donoghue, Vidmantas Grigaliunas and Mary Brophy.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sun:</b> May 17: <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)</b></p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Brian Glancy, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Vidmantas Grigaliunas, RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Death Anniversary)</p> <p>11am Mass: Edel McEveney, RIP and Denis Lynch, RIP</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p><b>Sat:</b> May 23: <b>Vigil of Pentecost Sunday (A)</b></p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Katherine Bingley, RIP</p>
<p><b>Mon:</b> May 18: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p><b>Tues:</b> May 19: <b>No Mass</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wed:</b> May 20: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Margaret &amp; Ken Nuttman, GB</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thu:</b> May 21: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Pauline Rusell &amp; Family, RIP</p> <hr/> <p><b>Fri:</b> May 22: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sun:</b> May 24: <b>Pentecost Sunday (A)</b></p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: Mary Adepoju, BT</p> <p><b>Note:</b>            SI means Special Intention            SR means Speedy Recovery            Bl means Blessed            GB means God's Blessings            GP means God's Protection            WB means Well-Being            TG means Thanksgiving            PI means Private Intentions            BT means Birthday Thanksgiving            WA means Wedding Anniversary            Pro Populo: People of the Parish  <b>Private Mass:</b> Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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