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Sixth Sunday of Easter

First reading - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 - **The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97(98):1-4 - ***The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.***

Second reading - 1 John 4:7-10 - **Let us love one another, since love comes from God**

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:23 - **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!**

Gospel - John 15:9-17 - **You are my friends if you do what I command you**

Love one another

Today's gospel reading follows immediately after the gospel proclaimed last Sunday, in which Jesus spoke about his relationship with his disciples. He is the vine, and they are the branches. We learnt that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

In John's gospel, Jesus affirms that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is expressed in. Those who know Jesus well will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in today's gospel. The first is Agape. The second is Philia. The first word is mostly used to describe love for other people and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, Philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God.

This reading, like last Sunday's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. These words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in the light of his death and resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the great example of the kind of love and service that he teaches his disciples. He has laid down his life for his friends, his disciples, and us. Through his death and resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded us to love one another.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

Adoration available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedds

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul 10am

12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford 8:45am

9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, Our Lady of Lourdes)

7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Palmer Partnership News

Our parish is part of the Palmer Partnership comprising the parishes of Ss Peter & Paul, St John the Baptist, St Cedd, St Teresa and St Bede.

We had our first joint council meeting this week and decided to have a gathering of catechists, readers and eucharistic ministers from the parishes. If you are involved in one of these ministries, you are invited to St Cedd's hall on Saturday 22nd June from 14.00 -16.00.

More details to follow nearer the time.

With kind regards,

Rev. Canon Andrew Headon



Vocations Evening

The next "Enquirers' Evening"

for those considering or interested in a

vocation to the priesthood is on

Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral.

The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly.

For further information please contact

Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

Health and Safety Co-ordinator

A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Co-Ordinator to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese.

Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org

Full job description is available on the Diocese website.

Closing date: 14th May

Dates for baptism sessions

Parents/Guardians note dates for baptism classes. All sessions start at 7pm promptly in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend. Parents confirm on the Sunday before each session that you will be attending.

Wednesday 15th May

Wednesday 26th June

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 2nd October

Wednesday 20th November

RIP Gillian Mary Le-Gonidec

We are sad to announce the death of Gillian Mary Le-Gonidec who passed away on 9th April.

Her funeral will be held at St Bede's on Tuesday the 7th May

Her parents were long standing parishioners

We offer our prayerful sympathy to all her family at this sad time

May she rest in the peace of Christ and rise to eternal glory

'Revive; Discover; Empower' a young adults retreat

Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd – 23rd June.

The retreat is open to those who are 19+.

It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university.

The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

The following forms are available at the back of the church

Registration forms

RCIA application forms

Eucharist ministers application forms

Readers application forms

Please complete and return to Fr Henry or any member of the Parish council

Donations

27th & 28th April

Envelopes: £345.50

Loose Plate: £402.13

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

Mass Intentions

4th May to 12th May

Saturday 4th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Mary Lucy (RIP) 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 5th	9.00am	Fr. George Ngosa (RIP)
	11.00am	Linus and Bernadette Ikegbunami Family Intentions
	12.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass
Monday 6th	9.00am	No Mass
Tuesday 7th	9.00am	Fr. Victor Chiboma (RIP)
	11.00am	Funeral Mass- Gillian Mary Le-Gonidec (RIP)
Wednesday 8th	9.00am	Fr. Cavallo (RIP)
	10.45am	School Mass
Friday 10th	9.00am	Fr. David Kaputo (RIP)
Saturday 11th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Chukwuonso Iloghalu Intentions
Sunday 12th	9.00am	John Patrick Byrne (RIP)
	11.00am	Rosemary Muma Thanksgiving
	12.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Annie Childs
Bruce May, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Rachel Antonella Rizzo, Micky Bennett
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden
Joe Travasso, Rizzo Enzo, Emily Pougnet, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel, Maria Skekel



Anniversaries

William Jackson, Rose Delaney, Victor Vaughan, Alison Moore, John Byrne
Ellie Murphy, George Joseph, Bernard Perry, Catherine Crowley, Nora Sisk
Patrick Kiernan, Brian Grady, France Goodwin, Christina Corbin, Holly Gavin, Kathleen Collins
Anne Thomas, Eric Walker, Felicitus Sebastian, Daniel Condon, Kathleen Reed, Michael Lillis
Eileen Landy, Tim Conroy, Noel Neville, John Brigrove, Joseph Compton, Herbert Tomsett
Peter Humphries, Eileen Kelly, William Swann, Alan Turner, Joe Nolan, Ann Lamey
Frederick Mackenzie, Winnifred Fredrick, Rachel Activille

May they rest in Peace