



# The Catholic Parish and Ordinariate Church of S. John Vianney Clayhall



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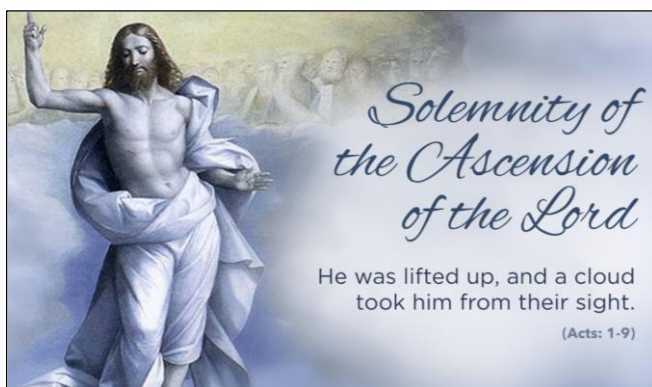
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**T**oday's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.



## The Ascension of the Lord *Holyday of Obligation* Thursday 9 May

**9am Low Mass**

**8pm Solemn Mass**

# Readings and psalm responses

## Psalm response

**10am:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**5pm:** From you comes my praise, Lord, in the great congregation.

## First reading

Acts 9:26-31

## Gospel

John 15:1-8

## Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

### Parish Finance

Offertory, Mass stipends, candles,  
repository, coffee morning  
+ average standing orders  
and online donations                      £1,604.11

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

### First Communion

Please pray for

Ariana Michelle Birungi

Adanna C Opara

Chidere A Opara

Jasmine-Rose Pearson-Brown

who will make their First Holy Communion next Sunday morning.

### Coffee morning

A big thank you to those who organised last Saturday's coffee morning and plant sale and grew the plants that were on sale, as well as to all who came and supported it. It was a most enjoyable event and raised £230 for parish funds.

*Fr Rob Page*

*Parish Priest*

## Parish Notices and News

### Monday evening Mass

Mass in Latin will be celebrated at **6.30pm** on **Monday, 29 April**, the feast day of S. Peter of Verona, Martyr.

Please note there will be no evening Mass on **Monday 6 May**.

### First Friday devotion

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass on **Friday 3 May** until 11am.

### Mass cancellation

There will be no morning Mass on **Wednesday 1 May** and **Thursday 2 May**. This is because Fr Rob needs to attend a Brentwood clergy residential conference on those days.

The church will not be open for morning prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on these two days.

### Important meeting for catechists

All catechists are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 21 May at 7pm with the catechists from Barkingside and Hainault. It will start with a short period of Adoration in the church. Please let Fr Rob know if you will attend.

### Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, available in the narthex, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia. Sundays are booked well ahead but there is plenty of availability for weekdays.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement.

### Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings of active members take place on most Sundays after the 10am Mass. Auxiliaries are most welcome to join us.

### Our lamps

Do consider sponsoring any of the four lamps that burn at significant spots in our church: Sanctuary Light, Our Lady's Altar, Our Lady of Walsingham and S. Joseph. Please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex, place your stipend inside (suggested minimum £7) and give it to Fr Rob or Sonia.

## Living Rosary – intention for May

Dear Lord, we pray for unborn children. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Mary, Holy Mother of God, pray for us. Amen.

## Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of tinned fruit and tomatoes, vegetarian foods, long-life fruit juice and milk as well as toiletries, toilet paper, sanitary pads and baby nappies, are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the foodbank table in the S. John Henry Newman Chapel.

## Parish repository

Our repository is open after the Sunday morning Mass and stocks a wide variety of gifts, cards and devotional items. Open at other times on request.

## External events

### Lunchtime organ recital

The next lunchtime music recital at Brentwood Cathedral will take place on **Wednesday 1 May** at 1pm. It will be given by Barnaby Silverstone, a second-year undergraduate at the Royal College of Music. He will play pieces by J S Bach, Grayston Ives, Samuel Barber, Max Reger and David Bednall. Refreshments in the Song School afterwards.

### How beauty draws us closer to God

A lecture by Fr Patrick van der Vorst on **Friday 17 May** at 7pm at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London.

Fr Patrick is a recently ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe and the founder of the evangelistic initiative [www.Christian.Art](http://www.Christian.Art). He will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A session and

## Parish events: save the dates

- ◆ Saturday 8 June 7pm to 10pm – International Evening, a repeat of our successful event last year. Free admission but donations towards costs appreciated. Bring your own food (to share), drinks and party piece. A list to write down what food you wish to bring will be available next Sunday.
- ◆ Saturday 13 July 11am to 12.30 – Coffee morning
- ◆ Sunday 4 August – Annual S. John Vianney Day BBQ after the 10am Mass. Ticketed



- ◆ Saturday 19 October – Dinner Dance. Ticketed
- ◆ Sunday 24 November after the 10am Mass – Tea Party (with a festive theme). Ticketed
- ◆ Wednesday 25 December – Christmas raffle

refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Tickets (cost £10) from the organisers, Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, at [guild-ransom.co.uk/events](http://guild-ransom.co.uk/events).

## Job opportunities

### Trinity Catholic High School

The school is seeking:

- SEN TA, 32 hours, asap
- Midday supervisor, 5.75 hrs/wk asap
- Teacher of business, p/t or f/t, asap or September.

Go to [tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment](http://tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment) for details.

### Ursuline Academy Ilford

The school is looking to recruit a science technician and a subject leader: business studies and economic. Full details at [uai.org.uk](http://uai.org.uk).

## Mass times and intentions

<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	Mrs Alexandrine Kunrunmi – birthday thanksgiving	(Tolu Ayeni & family)
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>S. Peter of Verona, <i>Martyr</i></b>	
	18.30	Mass in Latin	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Tuesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.00	Diane Hunt – ill health	(Ann Stevens)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>S. Joseph the Worker</b>	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>S. Athanasius, <i>Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i></b>	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ss Philip and James, <i>Apostles</i></b>	<b>Feast</b>
	9.00	Anna Correia RIP	(J Alvares)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	<b>National Feast</b>
	9.00	Josef & Maria – thanksgiving and spiritual guidance	(Maria Josef)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	All members of Rita and Arthur's family	(Rita & Arthur)
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
<b>Tuesday, Friday and Saturday</b>			
	8.00	Office of readings and morning prayer – week 1	
	8.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday to Friday</b>			
		No evening prayer this week	

### Stewards

**This Sunday** Pauline Brooke, Bernadetta Sharon, Lionel Sharon

**Next Sunday** Merlyn Sealey, Kate Echeazu, Jennifer Alvares

### Extraordinary Ministers

**This Sunday**               **10am** John Sarpong, Lily Sarpong, Bernadetta Sharon  
**5pm** Pauline Brooke + volunteer

**Next Sunday**           **10am** Akash Cheeda, Joseph Loroy, Antoinette Loroy  
**5pm** Theresa McDonagh, Pauline Brooke

**Ministers taking communion out today** Joseph Loroy, John Sarpong + Akash Cheeda, Bernadetta Sharon, Heather Steadman. *Spiritual communion call* Bernadetta Sharon

**Ministers taking communion out next Sunday** Antoinette Loroy, Charles Nwaoha, Marina Julian, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Pauline Brooke (5pm).  
*Spiritual communion call* Theresa McDonagh.

**Readers** (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

**This Sunday** Jacqui Ricketts, Ikem Enebeli

**Next Sunday** First Holy Communion readers

**Repository** Barbara Cheah

**Refreshments** Siew Mendoza

**Flowers next Saturday** Lily Sarpong