

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9th May – 15th May, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B | 6th Sunday of Easter |
Ferial cycle | Psalter Week 2



MY ONE COMMAND IS LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Today's readings invite us to recognize and believe that the Paschal Mystery, which is the centre of our Easter celebration, is an expression of God's love for us, and an invitation to enter the love of Jesus and His Father, and to give it expression in our own lives. True love expresses itself in action rather than in words. The Father's love, John's letter tells us, was expressed in our midst when He 'sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life in him'. The words of Jesus in John's gospel remind us how complete is the gift which He brings, as an expression of the love which He shares with the Father: 'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend'.

Now, in real life, love is not static or inert. Love is power. Love empowers. Love energises the one loved. Love is creative (the only truly creative power there is). Love gives life. Love makes a difference; it makes an impact.

The God who is love, who loves Jesus, transforms Jesus into love and empowers Jesus, in His turn, to love others. As today's Gospel put it: As the Father loved me, so I have loved you. So, it all starts with God. It is creative, positive, and redemptive. With love, things, persons, and situations can no longer be the same. We come to see that loving defines who we truly are. We are truly ourselves only when we choose to love; we are truly human only when we choose to love.

He said we are friends of His - friends whom He trusts so much that He has shared with us what is most precious to Him: He has told us everything He has learnt from His Father, that is, the non-negotiability of loving. The Lord called us friends. He made us His friends. He gives us His friendship. Jesus defined friendship in two ways. There are no secrets between friends. Christ tells us everything He hears from the Father; He gives us His full confidence and, with confidence, also knowledge. He reveals His face to us, His heart. He shows His tenderness for us, His passionate love that goes to the folly of the cross.

How do we understand the tremendous gift of friendship in our lives? Jesus wants us to love so that we can be truly human, so that we can come alive. In fact, He said that His reason for sharing all this with us is so that His joy may be in us and our joy be complete. Let us never forget what Jesus has done for all of us. He has laid down His life for all of us. Let that be our motivation for keeping His commandments, for in doing so, He will know that we are His friends. To be a disciple of Jesus means to love one another. "My one command is love one another." As we probe the readings further, we discover a truth about the command of Jesus: the truth that God first loved us. We never earn God's love. We cannot merit God's love. No matter how many commandments we try to keep, we do not merit the love of God. God first loved us. John describes that so clearly in the second lesson: "This is what love means, not that we love God but God first loved us." And you see that very dramatically carried out in the first lesson of today.

READINGS

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 97(98):1-4

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:7-10

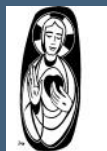
GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

LEARN

The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between "the two ways" and to put into practice the words of the Lord.¹⁶ It is summed up in the Golden Rule, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets."¹⁷ The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.¹⁸

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SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9TH MAY

6:00PM (SAT)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN IN THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR INTENTIONS. DECEASED MEMBERS OF D'SILVA FAMILY EDWARD KARGBO, RIP

10:00AM

DEBBIE O'NIEL (NI'NEILL), RIP

12:00 NOON

RODRIGUE PEMKAMLA, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

6:00PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 10TH

FERIA

09:00 AM

FRANCES & ELLEN ROBINSON. HELEN ADEKALU, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING. WINNIE PEPPE, RIP

7:00 PM

TUESDAY 11TH

FERIA

9:00AM

JOHN & MARTHA RAYNE

CATHY APPIAH & NANA OPOKU, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

7:00PM

HOLY SOULS

WEDNESDAY 12TH

FERIA

9:00AM

ALBERT DAUGHTERS

7:00 PM

THURSDAY 13TH

THE ACENSION OF THE LORD

9:00AM

CHRISTINA HICKEY

A DONOR FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING

ROBERT MERRIFIELD, SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRANCIS TERTULLIEN, RIP

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FRIDAY 14TH

FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

9:00AM

EDWARD & LOUISE HEALEY

7:00PM

NICHOLAS TERTULLIEN, RIP & DESMOND LEWIS, RIP

SATURDAY 15TH

FERIA

10:00AM

ELIZABETH KEEL

6:00PM

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THEIR LOVED ONES

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**ISAIAH 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days
of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING**ACTS 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'
Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'
While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**SECOND READING****1 JOHN 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****JOHN 14:23****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**

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE:

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:

Sacred Heart Church Camberwell

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £ 409.88

Gift Aid amounted to not including standing orders
£ 414.00

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to: camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

MASS BOOKINGS

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

Deanery/parish thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Pats

retirement: This will take place in our parish on Sunday 20th June at 6pm Mass. A second collection will be taken the weekend of 30th May to support the charity project of Bishop Pat "the grow Edo project". This charity provides Job opportunities for young people in Edo state Nigeria to discourage them from falling victims to trafficking gangs. Voluntary cash donations will also be welcome as we shall also give him a personal envelope to express our gratitude for his dedicated pastoral leadership and love for our parish.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is a very special month for us Catholic's in honour of our blessed mother Mary. Endeavour to pray the rosary everyday during this month of May. May our lady continue to intercede for the world Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST NOVENA

On Friday 14th May— 22nd May, we shall begin our Parish 9 days Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Novena prayers will be said after each Mass.

FUNERAL PROGRAMME - EDWARD KARGBO

The Funeral programme of our dear parishioner Edward Kargbo is as follows:

Vigil Mass /Christian Wake service: Friday 14th May, 7pm to 9pm @ Sacred Heart Church

Funeral Mass: Monday 17th May @ 11am followed by burial at Camberwell new cemetery Honor Oak at 1:30pm.

May his gentle soul rest in peace Amen.

MEMORIAL MASSES

The One year memorial Mass for Paulin Ngang, the father of Madaleine Pemkamla will take on Thursday 27th May at 7pm

The One year memorial Mass for Geoff Chabala will take place on Friday 28th May at 7pm. May their souls rest in perfect peace Amen.

RCIA

RCIA class will be on Thursday 13th of May 2021 at 7.30pm. Classes are done via Zoom.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Confirmation Mass Group 1:

Saturday 22nd May 2021 @ 6pm

Confirmation Mass Group 2:

Saturday 29th May, 2021 @ 6pm

ASCENSION THURSDAY

In England and Wales, the solemnity of the Ascension is on Thursday 13th May. It is a Holyday of obligation - we have two masses at 9am and 7pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS

World Communications Day : A second collection will be taken next Sunday 16th May to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.

Pentecost Sunday: A second collection will be taken on Sunday 23rd May to support Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW), the charitable activities of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to Fr. Victor. Such forms will be ready for pick up by the next day between 10am and 4pm.

For any other consultation please **email:** Camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5 to 6pm followed by Mass.

PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto of 2020 is now being advertised for October half term 2021. After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 including flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide.

Optional extras: Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18. Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour. Tickets to Papal Audience included.

PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers.

We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

Tel: 01732 886666, 017322088666

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