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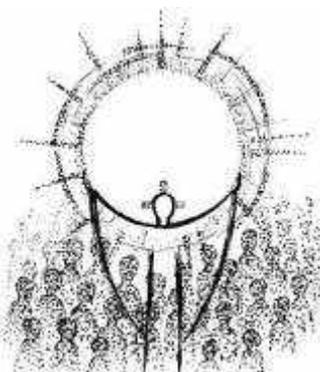
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

9th May 2021



There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

"A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."

W/C 09/05/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Our Lady	Josephine Mann R.I.P.
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney,
Jean Brennan, David Walne, Josephine Mann.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Thursday 13th May is the Feast of the Ascension. We will have a **Vigil Mass on Wednesday 12th at 6:30 pm and Mass on the 13th at 9:15 am** as usual.

CAFOD - Our local MP Nigel Evans has kindly agreed to attend a zoom meeting with parishioners at both St Gerard's and St Mary's to discuss climate change, debt relief and a green recovery from the pandemic. **The meeting will take place on Thursday 27th May between 5.30pm and 6.30 pm.** Would anyone who would like to attend please provide Margaret or Michael Cronin with their e mail address and a link will be provided. Our email address is: michaelcronin_uk@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

CAFOD - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

FOOD BANK - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the

Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Walsingham's May Rosary - Walsingham invite people from Dioceses across England and Wales to pray the May Rosary for the following intentions:
1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
3. Peace in the world
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.
The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Salford for the National Rosary Relay Rally on Sunday May 30th is from 1pm to 2pm. All are welcome to join along in prayer.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 8th/9th May - Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Marie, Haslingden, for Fr. Martin Broadley, their parish priest, and for their primary schools. May the joy of the Risen Jesus be in them and be a visible sign for the world.

Miles that Matter - Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. **Miles that Matter** is running from **1st May until International Refugee Week in June**. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate, please call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

Weekly Eco -Thought for the Sixth Sunday of Easter 9th May 2021 — On Thursday of this week we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Notice Jesus' parting words, as recounted by Mark; 'proclaim the Good News to all creation.' What is the Good News we bring to creation?

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a Mass for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, anniversary etc), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died you can do so by dropping off a note with the details at the Presbytery. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Young Adults: An Online Evening with Austen Ivereigh - We are privileged to invite all young adults (18 – 35 years) to an evening of reflection with Dr Austen Ivereigh. **Thursday 13th May 2021 7pm – 9pm** Austen is the co-author of Pope Francis' latest book: "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future" In it the Pope sets out his vision on how to create a better world as we emerge from the crisis that we have been living through. He sees this crisis as having meaning for us and inviting us to new ways of thinking and doing things. To listen to the invitation on YouTube, please click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZT4nZcd1yE> The first 20 young adults to register will receive a **free copy** of the book! To register or for more information, please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Offertory Donations: We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the boxes on the way in or out of Church. **(One envelope is sufficient can contain many weeks and makes the admin simpler)** You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Presbytery which is

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	8th May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	9th May	10:00	6th Sunday of Easter Kathleen Banks
Mon	10th May	6:15 pm	Josephine Bennett
Tues	11th May	9:15 am	Josephine Bennett
Wed	12th May	6:30 pm Vigil	Vigil of the Ascension Kathleen Bowman
Thurs	13th May	9:15 am	The Ascension of the Lord(S) Blessed Sacrament Guild
Fri	14th May		St Matthias NO MASS (F)
Sat	15th May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	16th May	10:00	7th Sunday of Easter Theresa Cooper

St Mary's, Brownedge <u>Live Streaming Times</u> https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is also a link on our Parish Website. Thank you.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.