

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) – 28th April 2024

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Saturday 27 th April	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St Anne's	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)	10.00am	St Anne's	Emmanuel Ndow & Family (Int)
		12.00pm	St Mark's	Elisa Trentin (RIP)
Monday 29 th April	St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor	9.00am	St Anne's	Holy Family Sisters of the Needy (Int)
Tuesday 30 th April	Feria of Easter or St Pius V, Pope	9.00am	St Anne's	Catholic Men of the Mercantile Marines (RIP)
Wednesday 1 st May	Feria of Easter or St Joseph the Worker	NO MASS	St Anne's	
Thursday 2 nd May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor	NO MASS	St Anne's	
Friday 3 rd May	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Feast	10.00am	St Anne's	Requiem Mass: Margaret Jacinta Sylvester
Saturday 4 th May	The English Martyrs National Feast	9.00am	St Anne's	Those Suffering War & Famine (Int)
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St Anne's	Joe Lawrence (RIP)
Sunday 5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	10.00am	St Anne's	Ethan De Souza (Int)
		12.00pm	St Mark's	People of the Parish

5th Sunday of Easter	Reading 1 Acts 9:26-31	Psalm Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 r. 26	Reading 2 1 John 3:18-24	Gospel John 15:1-8
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Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. **Alleluia!**



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'Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty'

We will soon be celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, the moment Jesus leaves the earth to return to the Father. The readings this weekend prepare us for this moment, the moment Jesus will leave us forever entrusting the care of the Church to us

In the first reading this weekend St Barnabus assures the Christian community that St Paul, who used to persecute them and was responsible for the imprisonment and death of many of their family and friends, has converted to the Faith after having an experience of Jesus on the road to Damascus. This gives us hope, even after Jesus has gone back to Heaven people will be converted to the Faith no matter who they are or what they have done in the past. No one is beyond hope!

In the second reading St John tells us that once we embrace the Faith all we need to do is believe in Jesus Christ and love one another as He loves us. When we do this we live in God and God lives in us, no matter what we have done in the past. No one is beyond hope!

In the Gospel Jesus calls Himself the True Vine and tells us we are the branches. The father tends to His Vine and prunes the branches. The more the branches are pruned the more fruit they bear. All we have to do is make our home in Him and He will make His home in us no matter what we have done in the past. No one is beyond hope!

However, Jesus also warns us that part of the pruning process means the branches that don't bear fruit is removed from the vine and 'cut off from me you can do nothing.' It is absolutely true that no one is beyond hope and no matter what we have done in the past we will be welcomed in to the Faith, but once we are in we have to be more aware of our actions, as a disciple of Christ we need to make sure we are making Christ known in the world by our behaviour because if we don't, 'these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.'

When Jesus leaves us to go back to His Father, we wait for the Holy Spirit to come among us to guide and protect us as we proclaim the Gospel and expand His Church, but we need to be on our guard and when we fall we must go to Confession so that God can pick us up, brush us off and send us back on our mission.

'His commandments are these: that we believe in His Son and that we love one another'

Dates for the Diary:

The Marination of Faith: This Sunday : A day for young people (13 to 24), to express their opinions about what our Parish can do for them, **28th April 2024 at 2pm** at St Anne's.

NewDawn's End of Shelter Celebration: *Message from Ami at NewDawn:* Please join us on **Friday 10th May from 5pm-9pm** at **The Bobby Moore Pavilion**, 118 Napier Road, East Ham, E6 2SG. This is an invitation to all your incredible volunteers and congregation. There will be great food and drink, great music, a chance to hear some good news stories and I heard rumours about a bouncy castle...

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 25th May 2024: Join Bishop Alan and parishes around the Diocese, for a day with Our Lady in Walsingham. As we go to print, there are 15 seats left available on our Parish Coach. If you would like to come contact **Mary Vaughan** via: WhatsApp 07855677740 or E-mail: mary@vaughan3.co.uk

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life: Bishop Alan will be celebrating this Mass in the Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 13th July followed by a reception in the hall. If you were married in the last year or are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, ask Fr Daniel for an invitation.

Notices:

Year of Prayer in Preparation for our Parish Year of the Priest: If you would like to take Our Lady of Walsingham home with you for a week, to pray for vocations to the priesthood in your family, please write your family name on the sign-up sheet, on the next available Sunday and take Our Lady home with the prayer card, to pray every day as a family for vocations in your family. At St Anne's if you normally come to the 10:00am Sunday morning Mass, please make sure you return Our Lady, **before** the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday evening.

GIFT AID: 24-25: Gift Aid Envelopes are now available. Please note, you may have a **new number**. There is a list of names, in alphabetical order, with the envelopes, use this to find your box, and then **please mark an 'A' or 'M'**, next to your name, depending on whether you **worship at St Anne's or St Mark's**. If you use **Gift Aid via a Standing Order**, use that list to find your new number, put an 'A' or 'M' next to your name and adjust your Standing Order appropriately. If you give by Standing Order, there are smaller boxes of envelopes available for second collections, please take one if you wish. Second collections can also be given via the QR codes displayed in the churches.

Making a Donation to the Parish

- **Standing Order** - This is the best way to make a regular donation to the parish as you simply set it up with your bank and then you don't need to worry about it anymore! To do this, simply send an e-mail to the Parish Office requesting the parish bank details. You can then set up a Standing Order with your bank. Make sure you include your Gift Aid number in the reference (e.g. GA xxx) so we can claim an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to you!
- **Bank Card** - Bring your bank card to Mass and use it with one of our contactless units, as you leave the church.
- **Parish Website** - Go to <https://www.royaldocks.faith/giving>
- **QR Code** - You will find these posted at various point in the church. Simply use your smartphone to scan the code of your choice (£3, £5, £10 or £20).
- **Second Collections** : <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/ourladyofwalsingham>

St Vincent de Paul Society: On the first weekend of every month, we will have a second collection for the SVP. Donations can be made anytime online by using the online payment link, <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/ourladyofwalsingham>

Nearly new St Joachim's uniforms are available for sale in the Repository at St Anne's for SVP.

Over-60s Bingo: St Anne's Hall, every Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Country Line Dance Classes: Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm, in St Anne's Parish Hall. £5 per person. Everybody welcome!

Wednesdays / 6pm: Custom House Foodbank If you can make a financial contribution to the Food Bank, please take a **Food Bank Donations Envelope** from the church porch, place your donation in the envelope and put the envelope in the donations box. If you are on Facebook search for *Custom House Food Bank* page, like it and receive regular updates from the food bank.

If you would like to volunteer – please contact sheryll_perrine@hotmail.com

In winter months, we have a **Warm Haven** too, on Wednesdays, from 6-9pm approx., for anyone struggling to heat their home. Come along for a warm drink and a chat.

CONTACT INFORMATION



Parish Office: Open Monday – Thursday, 9.30am – 2.30pm
(Church Open for Prayer at these times)

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<i>Parish Open Surgery</i>	Every Thursday 10am – 2pm
<i>Repository</i>	Open after all Masses
<i>St Joachim's School</i>	0207 4761 658
<i>Headteacher</i>	James Allen
<i>Parish Safeguarding Representative</i>	Joan Jones 0772 5989 477 joanjones1.polow@gmail.com
<i>Holy Family Sisters of the Needy Ministry of Readers</i>	0203 6898 870 0785 5677 740 Mary Vaughan
<i>Parish MCs</i>	0750 127 8760 Michael 0777 462 2652 Liberty
<i>St Anne's Welcome Ministry and Parish Social Committee</i>	0778 953 4730 Michael 0790 332 4705 Francis
<i>Legion of Mary</i>	0755 6577 970 Stephen Agera Meetings every Sunday after 10am Mass at St Anne's
<i>Catholic Women's League, Royal Docks</i>	Contey Iyalla 0754 6152 782
<i>African-Caribbean Community</i>	Chris Uchendu 0796 1543 774 Community meets every first Sunday of the month after 10:00 Mass in Upper Room