


Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) – 5th May 2024

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Saturday 4 th May	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 Giovanni De Souza (Int)
		12.00pm	St Mark's	People of the Parish
Monday 6 th May Bank Holiday	St John Payne <i>Priest, Martyr</i>	10.00am	St Anne's	Dorcas F Leshi (Int)
Tuesday 7 th May	Feria of Easter	9.00am	St Anne's	
Wednesday 8 th May	Vigil Mass: The Ascension of the Lord (B)	7.00pm 7.30pm Confessions 	St Anne's	Efren Cuadro (RIP)
Thursday 9 th May Holyday of Obligation	The Ascension of the Lord (B) Solemnity	9.15am Whole School Mass	St Joachim's	Children & Families of St Joachim's
Friday 10 th May	Feria of Easter	7.00pm Mass NO MASS	St Anne's	People of the Parish
Saturday 11 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	First Holy Communion (St Joachim's)	10.30am	St Anne's	For the Children and their Families
	First Holy Communion (Children of the Parish)	1.30pm	St Anne's	For the Children and their Families
Sunday 12 th May	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St Anne's	Alf Gadson (RIP)
	Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)	10.00am	St Anne's	Nancy Lawrence (RIP)
		12.00pm	St Mark's	People of the Parish
6th Sunday of Easter (B)	Reading 1 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Psalm Ps 97:1-4 r. 2	Reading 2 1 John 4:7-10	Gospel John 15:9-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations
Gospel Acclamation: 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!**



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'God is Love'

In today's second reading we hear the three most important words in the entire Bible, 'God is Love'.

Today's world has so many theories about what it means to love, love is freedom, love is the ability to do whatever you want without any consequences, love is not having to say you're sorry. However, for Christians love is only one thing - God! Without God there is no love, without God we are not capable of love, so it's not surprising that a Godless society is desperate to find love anywhere else and all they find is bitterness, anger and hatred. We are constantly being told to love in the most unloving ways!

The night before Jesus died He gave us a single commandment to live by, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. In today's Gospel He makes it clear how He loves us, 'a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends'. When He tells us to love one another as He loves us He doesn't mean preaching to each other or trying to perform miracles or even asking for miracles, He means to lay down our lives for each other.

Hope do we lay down our lives for each other? By learning to be humble! We lay down our lives for each other by not being bitter, or getting angry or through hatred. We lay down our lives for each other by washing each other's feet, by getting to know each other properly and not demanding other people be more like us, by looking after the needs of others rather than putting our own needs first.

In today's first reading St Peter comes to the house of Cornelius to baptise him and his entire household (family and servants). When St Peter approaches the house Cornelius falls to the ground before him and St Peter says two things, 'Stand up, I am only a man after all' and, 'The truth I have now come to realise is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God does what is right is acceptable to Him.' In the Gospel Jesus says He no longer calls us servants but friends because He has told us everything the Father wants us to know and a servant does not know his master's business. God doesn't prefer any person over another because we are His friends and He loves us, as long as we remain in His love by obeying His single commandment to love one another as He loves us!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Annual Mass for Migrants: The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 6th May 2024, at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR, with the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson, presiding and Bishop Alan Williams, as concelebrant alongside the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15 pm. National Dress welcome.

Do You Have a Vocation to the Priesthood? The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood, is on **Tuesday 7 May** at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

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 **5 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

St Bon's Reconnect: 11th July, 6.30pm, St Anthony's Catholic Club 13 Upton Avenue London E7 9PN. This very special event promises to be a memorable evening filled with opportunities to reconnect with former classmates, and teachers past and present. We can all celebrate the shared experiences that have shaped our lives. This is a chance to reminisce, create memories and network. **Please see posters for more details / QR code.** Book: <https://shorturl.at/jwMP1> (Early Bird price of £35 a ticket – tickets going fast). – email: alumni@stbons.org for more info.

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.

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 points 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