

Sunday Bulletin

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Sixth Sunday of Easter



As we are a couple of weeks away from Pentecost, in today's gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. However, He gives a condition for receiving the Advocate: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." When we do this, he adds: "I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that spirit of truth...I will not leave you orphans."

Jesus tells us that it is our actions that matter in the life of discipleship – it is how we keep the commandments of Christ that will determine if we are in true relationship with Jesus or not.

The life of discipleship that Jesus is calling us to will not be easy, but as Christians we should all seek to follow the example of Christ, who poured himself out in love for his friends. In the life of Christ, we see love poured out in action and we are called to do the same.

Let us this week think about how we place our lives in service of the other, in imitation of Him so we truly merit the name "disciple" and be known for our love.

Wishing you every blessing,
Fr Gerry

Live Streaming in the Parish

Sunday 17th May	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass
Monday 18th May	Fr Gerry's Day off
Tuesday 19th May	1.30pm- Rosary 7pm – Evening Prayer 7.30pm – Mass 8.15pm – Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday 20th May	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 21st May	9am – Morning Prayer 1.30pm – Rosary 2pm – Looking at the Catechism via Zoom 6pm – Evening Prayer 6.30pm - Mass
Friday 22nd May	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer



Whilst our church buildings are closed it is a great comfort to be able to live stream these acts of worship and I urge you all to do so whenever you can.



Streaming can be found at [St Teresa's Catholic Church](#)

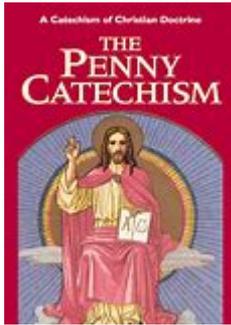
Bible study every Tuesday



Every Tuesday night Fr Gerry invites us all to attend a Bible Study meeting whereby we can collectively grasp a better understanding of the Word of God. At each meeting we will, look at the readings for Mass the following Sunday. You do not have to be an expert on the Bible, quite the contrary. All you need is a desire to be nourished by the Word of God and a willingness

to open your heart and minds to getting to know God fully.

We hope you can join us on Zoom at 8.15 – please look out for the invitation to join this meeting on our FB page



New to Thursday!

Every Thursday we will be getting together via zoom to look at the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During this time of lockdown, let us meet and enrich our knowledge of our Catholic faith and gain a better understanding of doctrine and what it means to each one of us. We will be meeting after the Rosary, at 2pm and invite our young people to attend – those preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**. These meetings are informal and a great way to be together and to learn together.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Gerry will be hearing confession at the following times:

Wednesday 20th May 10.30am – 12 Noon

Please drive into St Teresa's Car park and I will hear your confession. When it is your turn, I will ask you to wind down your car window and I will ensure that I adhere to the correct social distancing. If you do not drive, I will place chairs at an acceptable distance to accommodate you.

SVP



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

For many years now our parish has sadly lacked its own SVP. However, we are delighted to report that we have a couple of parishioners who have expressed an interest in

getting a group off the ground.

This is great news and we would ask that you keep the success of these early discussions in your prayers.

In addition, if you would be interested in becoming part of this group please do let me know.



The **Legion of Mary** is here to serve our parish beneath the standard of Our Lady's loving care. Although meetings are not possible at this time please be assured that prayers continue for all those who have asked and for the whole of our parish. Perhaps you can use this time of lockdown to think about whether this is something you would like to be part of. New members always welcome, why not come along and meet everyone when we are back together once more?

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal."

--Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Father and Doctor of the Church

Readings this Sunday

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Psalm 65 Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!" If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Mass Times

Sun	17	10.30am	Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)	Ints Ron Holloway	cc
Mon	18	No Mass Today			
Tues	19	7.30pm	S Peter Celestine	Jim Bowles RIP	F/M
Wed	20	9.30am			
Thur	21	6.30pm	Ascension of Our Lord		
Fri	22	9.30am			
Sun	24	10.30am	Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)	Our First Holy Communion Children	

Prayers we can say together at this time

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

And I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Daily Prayers:



Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

Sunday: The Sick: Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somerville & Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

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Tuesday: The Sick: Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Hullbridge Free Church and their Minister Brian Gibson.

Wednesday: The Sick: Fr Tom Jordan, Geraldine Stevens., Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her Ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own parish priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick: Maureen Lumholz-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver and Len Smith. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Helen Clapp, Fr Tom Scully, Baby Nash, Catherina Colenso, James Griffin and Hugh Kirkland. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: John Loius Castle, Jim Bowles, Ron Smith. James Aherne and Dennis Henaghan. Those who have none to pray for them.

Saturday: The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Pdraig Evers, John Rice, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly & terry Lewis. Our Student priests: Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Paschal and Damian

Parish Finances

During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, weekly offering donations can be made via

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

Sadly, donations received during this period are more than



90% down on our weekly giving. As we receive no other funding your giving is crucial.

It is a quite simple process and will also allow you to gift aid all donations. Although our buildings are shut, we still need to maintain

them. Thank you very much.

A message from Bishop Alan for National Marriage Week



It is always a delight to meet couples celebrating many years of married life together at the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life, as well as those at the beginning of this adventure. You won't be surprised to know that we've taken the decision not to hold a Mass this year in July as originally planned, and I hope those who would have come this year will be able to come next year instead.

This week is National Marriage Week and I would like to take this opportunity to send my greetings to all married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries this year, and all those who are preparing for marriage. We have recently celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and the church is greatly enriched by all those who live the vocation to marriage, helping their spouse and their children on the path to heaven and revealing something of Christ's love for his church through their own commitment to each other. You are all in my prayers, but most especially those who are experiencing illness and bereavement. I am also aware of the deep disappointment experienced by the many engaged couples who have had to postpone weddings or do not yet know how their weddings will be affected, and you too are in my prayers at this time of uncertainty.

Many families will be under a great deal of pressure with all the additional stresses associated with the pandemic, and sadly some relationships will be pushed to breaking point: please do not be afraid

to seek help, or leave it too late – Marriage Care is one of a number of organisations offering remote access to marriage counselling, and in our own diocese the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society continues to provide vital support to children and families who are experiencing difficulties. As Pope Francis recently tweeted “The Family is the hope of the future. Let us pray especially for families facing serious difficulties: may Our Lord assist them.”

Yours in Christ and Mary,

+Alan, sm

If you are lonely, worried or feel isolated please let us know – your parish is here for you. We have several volunteers who are happy to help those feeling alone and vulnerable with shopping and errands. Please do give us a call.



**Please be assured of my prayers always.
Wishing you every blessing,
Fr Gerry**