

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:15-17. 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus

- after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R.v.19

R) The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R)**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living with him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify

that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! cf. Jn 14:18

I will not leave your orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 17:22

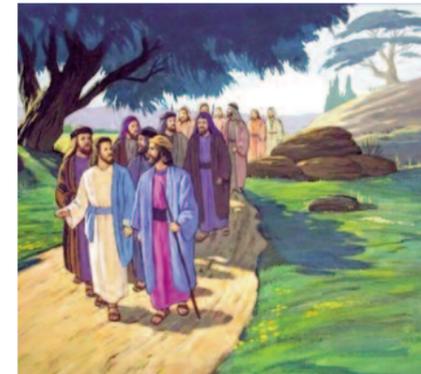
Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Gospel of John has a different quality to that of the so-called synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It deals especially with the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Jesus came on this earth, because it was the will of the Father. He dies on a cross, because it is the will of the Father. Today's Gospel is

nothing other than Jesus' prayer to the Father. He knows now that he will soon be 'returning' to the Father and he wants to protect his followers from the 'evil one'. He is not asking the Father to remove us from the world, but to consecrate them in the truth. Here Jesus is talking about all of us, Christians of the 21st century. As Christians we are 'in' the world, but not 'of' it. But what does that mean? And how can we be consecrated in the truth? First of all we must live in such a way that we see this earthly life as a preparation for the real life, the life with God in paradise. The world tries to persuade us that riches and material possessions are what life is all about. If we are 'consecrated in the truth',

we know the real meaning of life. The devil. The Prince of this world is the Master of Lies. There are so many situations in the world today where lies are presented as truth and truth as lies. If we have been consecrated in the truth, we have the strength to see through all the falsehoods that are being presented to us as the truth. Thus we can be a light in the darkness for a society which has lost its way.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL CONFLICT AND FEAR

28. The loneliness, fear and insecurity experienced by those who feel abandoned by the system creates a fertile terrain for various "mafias". These flourish because they claim to be defenders of the forgotten, often by providing various forms of assistance even as they pursue their criminal interests. There also exists a typically "mafioso" pedagogy that, by appealing to a false communitarian mystique, creates bonds of dependency and fealty from which it is very difficult to break free.



Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11);

Saying goodbye is always sad especially when you are not going to see that that person for a very long time or even if ever?

The disciples were not sad when Jesus left them, in fact Luke's gospel states that they were 'full of joy' when they came down from the Mount of Olives after saying goodbye to him. Their faith allowed them to see beyond the sadness and confusion that is sometimes felt when a loved one dies and a door closes.

The Feast of the Ascension is a peek behind that door; to show us life, fulfilment and hope. It reminds us that we come from God and that death is not the end. The Ascension is not about the number of rooms in the Father's house, or how exactly the Lord ascended into the clouds but about what comes next. It is a union with God that makes us great and makes us happy.

Lord Jesus, On this Feast of the Ascension, You return to the Father's house. Help all who believe in You and who belong to You in the Church to one day join You in that heavenly home forever and ever. Amen





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Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Ascension!!

The global prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come" invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Cardinal Vincent Nichols upheld two pillars of the Christian Faith ie. - Praying to the Holy Spirit for people to come to know Jesus Christ and role of the Holy Spirit as "God's Power" sustaining the created world. Since its inception, "Thy Kingdom Come" has grown into a movement in 172 countries bringing the Christians world over together taking to heart the mission Jesus at His Ascension.

Apart from Corona pandemic, the world is now at the brink of a war as the international community fears that the present violent situation in Gaza border spiral out of control. We do pray for the revival of the Israeli - Palestinian peace process.

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus said to His disciples "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me ...to the ends of the earth"(Acts 1:8)

A high point in relay race is the moment when one runner passes the baton to another runner.. More races are won or lost at that moment than at any other moment in the race. The Ascension Jesus might be compared to the passing of the baton. Jesus passes the baton of God's Kingdom to his disciples to complete the work that He began on earth. How is the work I am doing right now related to the completion of God's Kingdom on earth?

How might I relate it more closely ?

*Now I get me up to work
I pray the Lord I may not shirk.
And if I die before tonight
I pray my work will be alright*

(Thomas Osborne Davis)

May God bless you all from His abundance. In the meantime, stay safe and be blessed!!!!

Fr Chacko

OFFERINGS – PLEASE SET UP STANDING ORDER IF YOU CAN ☺

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For more information, contact Christine Elie Christine.elie21@gmail.com

Transition to Normality....

As lockdown eases next month, it is planned to re-open St Bernadette's for Sunday Mass at 11am after 15 months. In view of this and how difficult it is for Fr Chacko to talk to parishioners after Mass at Christ the King and then rush to St Bernadette's, it is proposed that the Mass at Christ the King be moved forward to 9am from 27 June.

DAY	TIME AND CHURCH	Celebration or Feast Day
Sat 15 th	6pm at St Bernadettes	VIGIL MASS of ASCENSION <i>Mass Intn: Carmen & Philippe Guetirrez R I P</i>
Sun 16 th	9.30am Christ the King LIVE STREAMED	ASCENSION of our Lord World Communications Day – the right use of Media
Mon 17 th	6pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Easter Weekday Mass after Ascension
Tues 18 th	9.30am Mass at CTK	Easter Weekday Mass after Ascension
Wed 19 th	NO MASS	
Thur 20 th	9.30am Mass at CTK	Easter Weekday Mass after Ascension
Fri 21 st	9.30am Mass at CTK	Easter Weekday Mass after Ascension
Sat 22 nd	6pm at St Bernadettes	VIGIL MASS of PENTECOST <i>Rite of Election for Confirmation Candidates</i>
Sun 23 rd	9.30am Christ the King LIVE STREAMED	PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS ATTENDANCE

please remember to book.

To book attendance, email; carmelbending1922@gmail.com (for CTK)
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Do you or any of your family know the Hail Mary in another language other than English? We would love you to share it with others in the Parish. If you are willing and able to, please send in a video clip to Maria McKay, if you do not have the facilities to do so, please contact Maria who can arrange for someone to record for you. maria.mckay@ntlworld.com.

CAN YOU HELP???

Do you know of a cat that needs rehoming? A lady in our Parish has lost hers and would love a replacement. She has fostered many but they do need to be housetrained, weaned, vaccinated so not a new kitten. Please contact Paddy on 01202 920057 please ring evenings

HOLY ROSARY MARATHON

Please join us for the Rosary at the grotto's at 7pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri at Christ the King
Tuesdays at St Bernadette's
Saturdays at 5.15pm at St B
Sunday after Mass at CTK

RITE OF ELECTION for Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for the 16 young people who will make their declaration of commitment at the vigil Mass of Pentecost



As Coronavirus brings devastation across India, **CAFOD** is working with the sister agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. 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 cafod.org.uk/give.

Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Fundraiser for Pax Christi.

In the week 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary.

For details on how to sponsor, please go to their website

www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/

Thy Kingdom Come <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

A novena of prayer from Ascension Thursday until Pentecost Sunday, introducing more people to Jesus. Watch Bishop Mark take the lead: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10P_Y-MDQ7E
Further information and resources are available at the Thy Kingdom Come website above.

Novena Prayer *Lord Jesus, We pray for the confidence to be missionary disciples, sharing your Good News of salvation with those we meet in our daily lives. We bring before you in prayer those who have never known you, that the light of your truth may penetrate their minds and hearts, and those who have grown lukewarm in their faith that they may be reawakened to your graces. We commend to you those in need of your mercy that they will know the joy of your forgiveness (name the five people). We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers...

Fr Chacko
Canon John Webb
Carol Hyde
Eileen Bendall
Tony Bateman
Margaret Simpson
Gareth Hughes
Marcia Russell
Norman Warmington
Pauline Warburton
Veronica Williamson
Anna Browne
Lucy Rose
Miriam Miller
Sheila Perry
Chelsea Waring
Sheila Browning
Maria Heyes
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Miriam Park
Mary Neito
Anne Flood
Sheila Shelley
Judd Barker
Theresa Smith
Grace Leung
Fr Jude
Imogen Garcia
Thomas Torok
Mary Hogan
Katrina Brookes
Mary Trott
Lee Langdown
Neville Rogers
Barbara Rogers
Frances Herbert
Elina O'Connor
The Martin family
The Bailey family
Mandy Russell & family
Margaret Place & family
Kathleen & Mike Carter
Elwyn & Awena Hughes
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel

Please let Madeleine know if you are ready to have your name removed or wish for a name to be added..