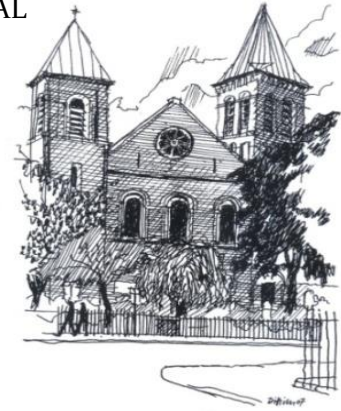


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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 MAY 2014

If you Love Me



Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."

Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There is a lot we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline; they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS: The AGM will be held in the Church at 4pm on next Sunday 1st June and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

LEGION OF MARY PRESENTS MARY'S MAY DAY TODAY SUNDAY 25TH MAY: Please join us after the 10.30am, 12noon, and 6.00pm Mass for information about the work of the Legion of Mary and light refreshments.

ORGAN RECITAL: here at St John's, by Carl Jackson (from Chapel Royal, Hampton Court) on **next Saturday 31st May at 7.30pm**. Admission is FREE - Retiring Collection towards the parish music fund. Music by Bach, Dumage and Alain. *Please come along, all welcome!*

CAFOD VISITORS FROM ETHIOPIA TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

6PM TO 8.30PM: You are invited to hear a first-hand account of how donations to CAFOD are enabling communities in Ethiopia improve access to clean water. Talk will take place at CAFOD's office in Lambeth, SE1. To book call 020 8449 6970 email Westminster@cafod.org.uk

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DIARY

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next course of preparation for parents with children for baptism is on **Tuesdays 3rd and 10th June at 7pm** in the Church. Preparation is required by the Church. If you live outside the parish you will need a letter of permission from your parish Priest. Please complete a registration form from the Vestibule and return it to the office.

NOTICES

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR JUNE ARE ON SALE IN THE VESTIBULE FOR JUST £1.

PENPAL WANTED: For 15 year old French boy. Possible exchange. Please contact Arthur or Susie on 020 7226 5467.

CHARITY CONCERT 7:30PM 5TH JUNE AT ST MELLITUS CHURCH:

Islington elders might be interested in this concert, musical memories unforgettable songs and melodies from The Parlour to the Great War and beyond including Gershwin. Refreshments will be served in the interval. Ticket £7, concessions £5. Tickets are available on the door. All concert profits go to the penal reform group Progressing Prisoners Maintaining Innocence/concert organised by the Justice and Peace group at St Mellitus.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who died recently, Hazel Gorman and Mary Theresa Maher and for all those

whose anniversaries occur about this time, Thomas Duggan, Anna O'Shea, George Laurie Ellis, Raymond John Di Spinto, Mary Edwards, Edward Riordan, Johanna Daniels, Samuel Keith Fitzgerald and Anthony Patrick Butler.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mick Feeney, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Joe McConville, Christiana Visentin & Family and Bernadette Bywaters.

THE LATE HAZEL GORMAN: Passed away on 15th May aged 92, leaves behind 2 daughters, 2 sons, 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 27th May at Greasby, Wirral.

| THE WEEK AHEAD | | | |
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| DATE | TIMES | INTENTIONS | GOSPEL |
| Sat 24 May | 6pm | Peter Winford RIP (Anniv) | John 14:15-21 |
| Sun 25 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9am | Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP | |
| | 10.30am | Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP | |
| | 12noon | All our Parishioners | |
| | 6pm | Rosina Maestri RIP (Anniv) | |
| Mon 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest | 10am | Colwyn St Davids RIP | John 15:26-16:4 |
| Tue 27 May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop | 10am | Intentions of Robel & Family | John 16:5-11 |
| Wed 28 May Easter Feria | 10am | Intentions of Deirdre Weir | John 16:12-15 |
| Thu 29 May Easter Feria | 10am | Matthew & Julia Tynan & Family RIP | John 16:16-20 |
| Fri 30 May Easter Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i> | 10am | Patrick Magee RIP | John 16:20-23 |
| | 1pm | Funeral Mass for Mary Theresa Maher RIP | |
| Sat 31 May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 10am | Richard Ashley Cannon RIP | Luke 1 :39-56 |
| | 10.30-11.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| | 10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 6pm | Eithna Clarke, Bridget Lynch, Bill Ruth & Families RIP | |
| Sun 01 Jun THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 9am | Stanisleo Correa RIP | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| | 10.30am | Patrick & Mary Kelly RIP (Anniv) | |
| | 12noon | All our Parishioners | |
| | 6pm | Vera Mulvihill RIP | |