

## St Mary's Catholic Church Cadogan Street, Chelsea, SW3 2QR

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### *Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

#### **We Welcome...**

*People of All Faiths and Cultures  
Divorced or Separated Persons  
Families with Children  
Those in Loving Relationships  
Those in Difficulty  
Married Couples  
Single Persons  
Those in Recovery  
Travellers from Far and Near  
Widows and Widowers  
Visitors*

#### **We Seek...**

*To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story  
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord  
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

#### **We Celebrate...**

*Diversity  
A spirit of hospitality  
The unity that God wills  
Enlightening those who seek God  
Reaching out to alienated Catholics  
Reverencing the dignity of each person  
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate  
Empowering Christians to realise their call  
Providing a spiritual oasis  
Honouring an understanding among all faiths  
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them*

#### **PARISH DIARY – REGULAR EVENTS**

*Lectio Divina – Tuesdays during term time*

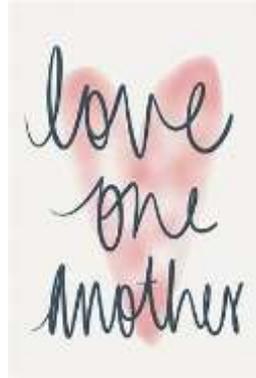
*(Email [kjaubert@btinternet.com](mailto:kjaubert@btinternet.com) for details)*

*Mother's Prayers – Wednesdays in the STM Room 10am*

*SVP Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7pm*

*SVP Outreach – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 8pm*

*Good Friends Café - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10.30am*



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Son of Man, and that in him God has been glorified. All human beings are related to God as creatures that are made in God's own image. In Jesus Christ, however, the whole of the human race is represented in our relationship to God. There is a unity between humanity and divinity in the person of Jesus Christ which is unique, and which allows us to call God 'Our Father'.

This unity entails that in his humanity Jesus Christ dwells constantly in the presence of God, and it is this indwelling which enables Jesus to have insight into the future.

The intimate union Jesus has with his Father means that he is able to see the truth of life in a way which no one else can. But far from removing him from involvement in life this union with the divine enables him to be more truly human than any other human being. He is the Son of Man, and can read the heart of all people. This is not the distant knowledge of a neutral observer, but the intimate knowledge of one who loves. There is nothing neutral about Jesus' knowledge of our hearts, and as he reads Judas' heart his own heart is breaking.

And so he tells his disciples that they must love one another as he has loved them. The truth of life which he reveals to them is the truth of the human heart, as we are loved and transformed with the love which he has received from his Father our lives are given an extra-ordinary dimension - living of his new commandment of love.

*Fr Shaun*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pg 271 Acts 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35.

Sat 18 May **18.30** Alain Karakand RIP  
Sun 19 May **10.00** Kathleen Middleton RIP  
**11.30** People of the Parish  
**18.30** Oberto Cattaneo RIP  
Mon 20 May **10.30** Jaqui Kobus RIP  
Easter feria (At the Royal Hospital)  
Tues 21 May **9.30** Mike Deeley RIP  
Easter feria  
Wed 22 May Church open for private prayer  
Easter feria  
Thur 23 May **12.00** Mary McBride RIP  
Easter feria  
Fri 24 May **9.30** People of the Parish  
Easter feria *No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**11.30** St Thomas More Year 11  
Leavers Mass

*On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mass will be at 9.30am.*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 17.45 to 18.15  
(Reconciliation at other times by arrangement)*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pg 273 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

Sat 25 May **10.00** REGNUM CHRISTI MASS  
Easter feria **18.30** Janet Bettaccini RIP  
Sun 26 May **10.00** Concha De La Moira RIP  
Easter feria **11.30** Dorathea Huchting RIP  
**18.30** Ethan – 21 Birthday

*We pray for the sick of our Parish, those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**Confirmation Rehearsal** will take place in the Church on Friday 24 May at 7pm. Please would all candidates make sure that they attend and that they let Deacon Lawrence know which name they have taken.

**Priest Training Fund** Today's second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic Priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese. Last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Mothers' Prayer Group** Open to mothers, god-mothers, etc meet in the Rectory St Thomas More Room on Wednesdays at 10am Please come and join us and stay for a coffee. We look forward to welcoming you. For more details about the Mother's Prayers community please visit <https://www.mothersprayers.org/index.php/en>.

**'Responding to the cry of the Earth'** Caritas Westminster invites you to an evening of practical suggestions for how your parish can respond to the environmental crisis. The event takes place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm – 8.30pm with refreshments at 6pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. To get your free ticket email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6077 or search the event title on Eventbrite.

**Good Friends Café** meet again in the St. Thomas More room on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am to 12.30pm. All are welcome so please come along.

**St. Mary's Senior Parishioners & Residents of St. Joseph's Almshouses** – Annual Summer Lunch hosted by the SVP will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A sign-up sheet (names only) is at the back of the church. RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> May notifying of any special assistance or diet requirements. Please notify the Parish Office if you find subsequently you cannot attend so that your name can be removed.

**Parish Pizza and Prosecco Party** After the success of last year's event we are delighted to announce that we will once again host a Pizza and Prosecco Party on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June beginning after the 10am Mass. We provide the pizza, cooked in a traditional wood burning oven and we ask that you bring along the prosecco. Please use the sign up sheets at the back of the church so we can get an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

**Chistus Vivit: Echoes from the Youth Synod – Reflections for Young Adults.** A further meeting of young adults at Archbishops' House will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm. These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October. Please let us know your intention to attend by emailing [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).

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