

**PLEASE NOTE:** The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email the Parish Office, at [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk). In case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry *only*, please call Fr. Anthony or Fr. Eugene on 020 8546 4633.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**  
**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Montague Laing RIP

6.30pm Wellbeing of Marie Terzian & Muna Arzouni  
Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9am Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien RIP  
Alejandro Cordero de Solis & her Son Raul RIP

10.30am Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien RIP  
Francis Jarvis RIP

6.30pm Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien RIP  
People of the Parish

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Special Intentions

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30am Charles Laing RIP

6.30pm Thanksgiving for Robert Kifumb – 70th Birthday  
Private Thanksgiving Intentions

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

**Mass Times:** Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

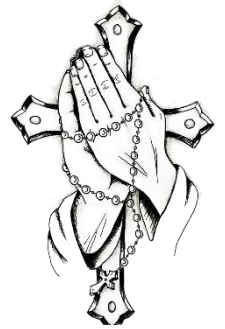
James Young, Geoffrey Allen, Mary Finley, Mary Postins, Oscar George Friend, Mary Jordan, John O'Leary, Emily Jones, Margaret Little, Brian McCarthy, Mrs. Mcquillan, Mary Sinteff, Mary Smith, Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahon, John Paterson, Mabel Heck, Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale. **+++May they rest in Peace +++**

**LET US REMEMBER**

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

**MAY DEVOTIONS**

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During May it has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church to highlight our devotion to Mary and seek her intercession in our lives.



Sadly, this year we will be unable to come together as we would usually to Pray the Rosary and have Adoration and Benediction. We therefore encourage you to Pray the Rosary individually and also as families. Prayer life is essential in these changing times.

**+++ LATELY DEAD +++**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Horgan who died on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Our condolences to her family. Her requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 12pm. If you would like to attend, due to the restrictions on numbers attending, please contact the family directly.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.'

**VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT KINGSTON HOSPITAL**

Are you able to give some time on a Sunday or mid-week to help spread the love of Jesus? There are patients in hospital who are often lonely and to whom receiving Holy Communion would make a huge impact to their life. As a volunteer chaplain at Kingston Hospital, you can really make a difference and each exchange with each patient is rewarding and special. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office or speak with Fr's Anthony or Eugene.

**HOLY COMMUNION 2021**

All usual arrangements for First Holy Communion had to be suspended in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place.

**FHC will recommence when we are permitted by the Archdiocese to hold classes in the church again.** Please keep an eye on the newsletters for news of when we hope to resume.



## Seventh Sunday of Easter, Cycle B

Sunday, May 16, 2021

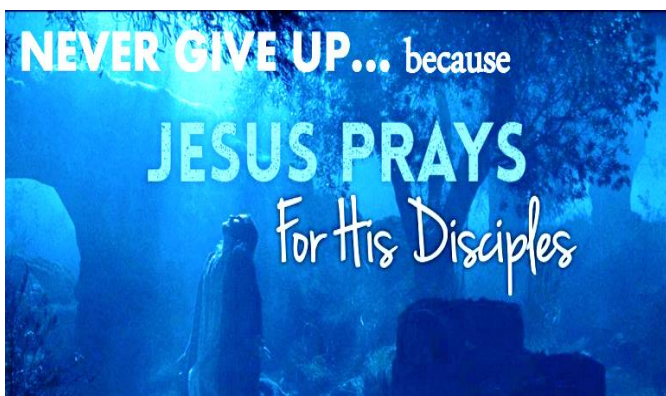
### Gospel Reading

*John 17:11b-19 Jesus prays for his disciples.*

### Gospel Reflection

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness. The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name — "God saves" — announces his mission on our behalf.



## Family Reflection

One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our family life is protection from harm. Families work together to keep one another safe from physical harm. Think of the effort a family makes to childproof its home for infants and toddlers. Families also work together to protect each other from emotional harm. For example, we attend to the ways in which family members talk to one another so that we do not hurt one another's feelings by our words. Most importantly, families work together to protect each other from those things that might harm them spiritually. We shield our children from those things in our culture that might tempt them. When families work together to strengthen their sense of God and community, they build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead them away from God and the Church. Jesus' prayer for his disciples can also be a prayer for family life.

Gather as a family and talk about the things that you want most for each other. Talk about the fact that as we work toward these things, we also work to protect one another from harmful things. What do you want to protect each other from? Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus shows these same two tendencies as he prays for something he wants for his disciples and prays for their protection as well. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:11b-19. Consider what Jesus wants for his disciples and what Jesus wants to protect his disciples from. We know that when Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for us as well. We pray for these things as well, for example, when we pray the Lord's Prayer. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

### LET US DREAM

#### The Path to a Better Future

Inspired by Pope Francis' Let us dream: The path to a better future, the Bishops Conference Spirituality Committee invites us to follow the Church on her journey as she emerges from the empty tomb in the light of the resurrection and from the upper room prompted by the Holy Spirit. [More details here.](#)



### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2021

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK) from the various Shines taking part:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially broadcast Rosary.

