

## MASSES THIS WEEK, 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

All masses can now be attended without booking. Please be sensitive to others by keeping a social distance where possible and wearing a mask. You can still join in all masses online via YouTube – see website for details.

**German Masses every Sunday at 11:30am.**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

6.00 pm (on Saturday) Vigil Mass: *(free intention)*

8.30 am Mass: *(free intention)*

10.00 am Mass: *People of the Parish*

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**St Simon Stock, Priest – Memorial**

10.00 am Mass: *Tina Dignam RIP*

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

10.00 am Mass: *George Varghese Sr RIP*

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**St John I, Pope and Martyr**

10.00 am Mass: *Preeti Jacob Sajeev*

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**St Dunstan, Bishop**

10.00 am Mass: *(free intention)*

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

**St Bernadine of Sienna, Priest**

10.00 am Mass: *(free intention)*

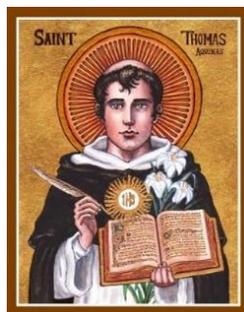
### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

6.00 pm (on Saturday) Vigil Mass: *(free intention)*

8.30 am Mass: *(free intention)*

10.00 am Mass: *People of the Parish*



May is dedicated to Mary: the flowering of Spring symbolises how Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, also gave new life to the world through his resurrection. Please consider saying a daily rosary for Mary this month.

**Confessions Saturday 5:30-5:50pm**

**HAM OPEN GARDENS – MAY 22 2022**

**Food Bank – For provisions, call the Food Bank 020 8940 0274 or go to [www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk)**

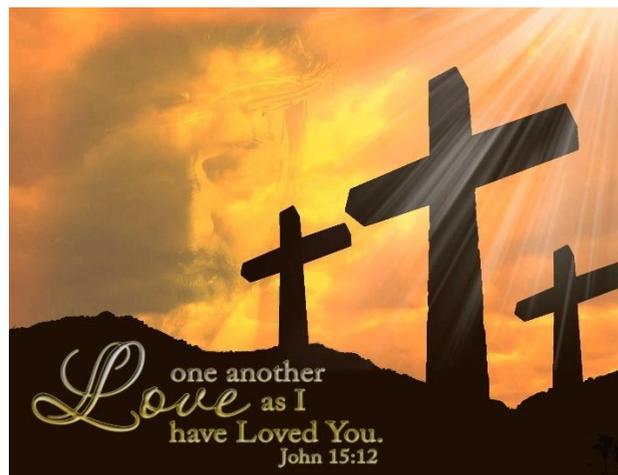
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## 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings are on page 271 in the Parish Mass Book: Year C – Volume 1  
Music for liturgy of the Eucharist - pp15-17 and p57 (Parish Mass Book)**



### **First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 144:8-13 response of v1

*I will bless Your name forever, O God my King.*

### **Second Reading**

Revelation 21:1-5  
John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

### **Gospel Reading**

John 13:31-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

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**For the sick and housebound, Holy Mass can be followed on our YouTube channel. Please see the website for details.**

## EVENTS:

**HAM OPEN GARDENS Coffee on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 12-5pm Fundraiser at St. Thomas Aquinas' Church:** Please plan on providing homemade baked goods or to help on the day. Profits will go to us and two other charities in Ham.

**Help needed for after-mass teas:** We need three more people to help with the monthly rota for teas and coffees after the Sunday 10.00am mass. This involves turning up early for mass to help prepare and serving drinks after mass. If we have three in each group, when one is away the other two can usually cope. Contact [hilaryandrews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilaryandrews@hotmail.co.uk) 07847096006. Thank you. **Please be aware that there will not be tea and coffee just for next week (22<sup>nd</sup> May) as the hall will be in use in preparation for Ham Open Gardens the same day.**



**Last appeal for helpers and bakers to support the Parish act as host to Ham open gardens teas.** Our parish will be expected to supply cakes and beverages for up to 400 people next Sunday and we would love to have more people volunteer to help during the events which opens at 12.00 – closes at 17.00, serving teas and generally helping serve cake to many enthusiastic but hot, dusty, tired and thirsty amateur gardeners. Contact Birgit Michel to offer help [birgit.michel366@gmail.com](mailto:birgit.michel366@gmail.com)



**Flower trough adoption:** There are two empty flower troughs in the carpark and it would be great if these could be adopted by people. We have 4 nicely planted and cared for by different Parishioners and it would be good to have final 2 planted up before our summer events start.

**Request for flowers:** Louise McIlroy is taking charge of flower arranging and will attend church late Friday or early Saturday to create a floral display in church. Outside of major festivals, Louise prefers simple displays and would love to include flowers grown by Parishioners, so **if you have any pretty flowers in your garden and can spare some for the church Louise asks that you leave them in a jam jar of water in the porch of the church and she will collect and utilise them in her displays.**



**Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022:** Christian Aid is the official relief and development agency of 41 Christian (Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) churches in the UK & Ireland, and works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. **There are envelopes at the back of the church which will be passed on to the organisers for Ham or you can donate online at [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk)**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Community Cafe & Food bank drop off point** will be open on **Thursdays from 10:30 - noon** during term time on the following days: **May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, August closed.** Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and meet old and new friends from our neighbourhood.

**Please keep the children who are currently preparing for First Holy Communion and their families in your prayers.** First Holy Communion is on Saturday 18th June.

## OTHER PARISH INFORMATION:

**Church Offerings - Please continue to make your offering for the church directly to Account name: RCAS St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account Number: 79122469, Ref.: Offer**  
**Arranging a standing order at your bank makes things easier for everyone.** This particularly applies if you can **GIFT AID** your donation. Please contact John Kane 07920565330 with any questions. Envelope-donations can be handed in at the church. Ensure your donation is labelled with your name and number if you can gift aid.

**Pray for the sick & housebound:** Fr Raymund Brennan, Dorothy Caygill, Joan Cowdery, Pat Dawson, Mary Gibbs, Michael Kelly, Anne Pobjoy, Emmanuel Solomon

**Pray for those who recently died:** Malcolm Singleton, Rita Thomas, Peter Wise

## NON-PARISH EVENTS:

**Priest Training Fund:** We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese, but it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. To donate, visit [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF). Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Abortion threat:** Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health & Care Bill making 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool letting you email a Peer to oppose the amendment. Visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat) to contact your MP in only 2 minutes.

## Job vacancies

**Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes** Experienced parish secretary needed on a part-time basis for busy parish in Barnes. Must have previous parish secretarial experience and a good working knowledge of the Catholic church.

**Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education** This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

**Diocesan Central Services Administrator** Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full-time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.



**St Simon Stock,** born in 1165 in Kent, was called by Mary to join the Carmelite order, a strict monastic order devoted to her which had only recently been introduced to England during the Crusades. He obliged and later established it in many centres of learning in England and France. He also had a vision in which Mary presented him with a Scapula (a cloak) worn by the Carmelites, telling Simon that he who wore that Scapula would be saved. His memorial is Monday 16 May. ([www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com))