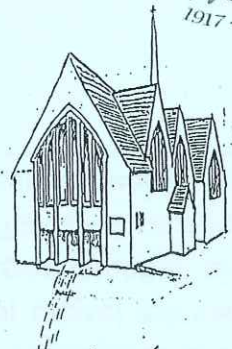




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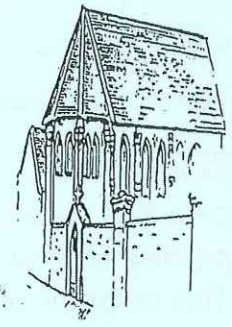


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## 6th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 21 May 2017

From Fr. Sean,

I am wondering, and would like to know, what you are thinking about this increasingly strange election campaign we are currently living through. Strange because the media and the political parties are going through the motions but in our community I sense a collective shrug of the shoulders: whatever your politics, what will be will be; come back in five years when something might have changed. Such attitudes, whilst understandable, are a luxury we can ill afford, because in five years time things will have changed, but as we will have not participated, it is unlikely they will have changed for the better. Clearly the Holy Spirit is at work among us because today I am privileged to welcome to our parish Ernie Cortes, a Co-Director of the Industrial Areas Foundation and one of the great masters of the craft of community organizing in the United States. As part of his week-long visit to the U.K. he will join us for our 11.00am mass and speak with us, sharing a little of his wisdom and experience. A few years ago Ernie was part of the team that put a gathering of organizers and leaders from the U.S. and the U.K. together that I was able to be at. What struck me forcibly then was the paucity of our vision for what we can be as Church. These great leaders have the ability to take us to a different level. They reminded me that we belong to a Church with a rich spirituality, wisdom, and practice hard won over millennia. Yet so often we are literally parochial in the way we view ourselves, unable to see beyond the end of Little Ilford lane, let alone engage with the Johnny-come-latelies who exercise power over us. The Church urges us in these last days of the Easter Season to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately it is a gift of power given to us for others. Indeed, it is already given if we but know how to organize.

### Services for the week beginning 21 May

*Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed  
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.*

Sat 20	6.00pm	Maureen Hulse RIP
Sun 21	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Thanksgiving - Family & Friends of Falvey Family
Mon 22	9.15am	Eddie Maher RIP
Tues 23	9.15am	Damian Luis RIP
Wed 24	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 25	9.15am 9.45am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b> Adoration
Fri 26	9.15am 10.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b> School Assembly
Sat 27	12.15pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	Easter Memorial Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 28	9.00am 11.00am	Benjamin Lopez RIP (A) Mona Hunt-Valli RIP

### Solemnities & Feast Days

27 May St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (feast)

### Parish Diary

Mon	PPC	7.15pm	Community Room
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Thurs	Deanery Conference	11.00am	Canning Town

### Please pray for those who are sick:

Norah Crow, Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole,  
Denzil Lang, John Oruche, Patrick Berton,  
Alvina Telles, Jude Telles, Christine Jones,  
& Christine Kristen

### Thank you for your generous offerings

7 May: £1,489.00

14 May: £1,603.88

## Rotas for weekend 27/28 May

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm	Andrea Morais, Christine Malone	Deirdre Feinan, Jacqueline George, Amanda Narine	
9.00am	Marion McPhilips, Patricia D'Monte	Vida Wills, Earnest Peter, Patricia D'Monte, Victor Emilion, Anastasia John Pierre	
11.00am	Anna Shillingford, Perpetua Chukwuma	Cathay Boyle, Juliana Alvares, Tom Bedminster, Ken Peters, David Graves	

**Confirmation.** As the time for confirmation approaches, everyone is reminded of the confirmation practice on Friday 2 June at 7.00 pm in the church. This is for all candidates and their sponsors. Catechists are invited to a meeting on Monday 5 June at 7.00pm in the Community Room, to prepare for the next part of the journey.

**Parish Pastoral Council.** A reminder to all Councillors that we meet again on Monday 22 May in the Community Room. Refreshments and the opportunity to get to know others better available from 7.15pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.

### **Congratulations.**

*We welcome into our Parish family Alexandra Babarinde, Isabella Bandara, Brandon Bandara, Nojus Adomikaitis, Austeja Adomikaitis, Benedict Chukwuebuka Nwakamma, and Roanna Reid who were baptised in May.*

*Congratulations to their parents.*

**Diocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Thank you to everyone who has booked to join us on 22 July for the centrepiece of the diocesan celebrations. If you reserved a seat but have yet to pay you must do so today or your seat will be allocated elsewhere due to high demand.

### **Diocesan Centenary Lectures.**

**7 June:** Rev. Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist, *The Foundation & Early Years of the Diocese (1917-1951)*

**14 June:** Canon Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of Grays: *The Development of the Diocese (1951-1979)*

**21 June:** Rev. Martin Boland, Dean of the Cathedral: *The Diocese Today – A Reflection*

**28 June:** Dr. Paul Doherty, Headmaster, Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green *The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood*

Admission Free - Bookstall Available.

All Lectures take place at 7.30pm in Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

**First Holy Communion.** Today at 11.00am mass we welcome our last group of children receiving Holy Communion for the first time, together with their families and friends. All families are invited to return on 28 May at 11.00am mass to receive their certificates, and children are invited to dress up for that occasion if they so wish.

**S.V.P. St John Bosco Camp.** Bookings are now being taken for the Summer Holiday Camp at Aldham Essex. Boys, week 1 22- 29 July, week 2 29 July - 5 August, girls 5 - 12 August. Suggested donation £145.00. Apply at [svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://svpboscocamp.org.uk) or contact the parish office.

**Jordan Pilgrimage** We have a few places left on our eight-day pilgrimage to Jordan. Travelling from 30 October to 6 November 2017 and flying direct from the UK. We will be based in Amman and will visit the most amazing places. Petra, Jerash, Nebo, Wadi Rum and Madaba all feature on our itinerary. This pilgrimage will support the local Christian community as we will stay in Amman in the very modern and comfortable guest house of the Rosary Sisters in Fuheis. This pilgrimage includes all meals and is fully guided. You will be able to ride into Petra on horseback (optional) and our visit to Wadi Rum includes a two hour Jeep safari. The cost for eight days is £1650 with a single supplement of £170. Please contact us for more information or to book, Email Elizabeth on [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org). Call us free on 0800 6123423

### **Easter Memorial Mass.**

You are invited to join with all those who have been bereaved in the past year for our Easter Memorial Mass on Saturday 27 May at 12.15pm, when we will remember all our loved ones who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. If you would like someone who has died in the last twelve months to be remembered please write their name down marked memorial mass and hand it in this weekend.