



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
Holywell. CH8 8PE



**MAY 5, 2024**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **Mass Timings**

Saturday Vigil Mass      4.00 Pm  
Sunday Mass                      10.00am  
Weekdays                      9.00 am    In Denbigh House

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

***May 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 2024 being the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord and a holiday of obligation the Holy Mass will be at 10.00 am.***

### **READINGS**

First Reading -                      Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
Second Reading -                      1Jn. 4:7-10  
Gospel -                                      Jn 15: 9-17

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – "*Love one another as I have loved you.*"

**In the first reading**, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit

and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost.

**In the second reading**, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "*as expiation for our sins.*" This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus,

**In today's Gospel**, teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he

liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- APRIL 28, 2024**

Loose cash	£190.00
Gift Aid	£111.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£301.00</b>

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.  
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

### **HOUSE BLESSING**

Fr. Paul and Fr. Jose will be most happy to avail themselves for the blessing of the houses of the Parishioners during the coming months. If anybody like the priests to come and bless the house, please approach Fr. Paul, and fix a convenient date and time.

### **ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION AND PADRE PIO DAY**

It was in May 2022 the Vincentian ministry was officially inaugurated at Pantasaph. On May 25, Saturday a One-Day convention and Padre Pio Day is organized to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Vincentian Mission at Pantasaph. The programme will start at 9.30 am and will end at 3.30 pm. Rt. Rev. Peter Brignall, the Bishop of Wrexham has agreed to officiate the Holy Eucharist on that day. The Divine UK team will lead the convention. On May 25<sup>th</sup> there will not be the usual 4.00 pm Vigil Mass.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Br. Joseph Marshall, Peter Caldwell, Jean McCormack,  
Noreen Roberts, Fr. Kenneth Connolly, Fr. Vincent Giblin,  
Rose Marie McGrath, Wendy Leeming,  
**Let their souls rest in peace.**

## **Second Collection for the Communication Sunday**

**There will be a second collection to promote the efforts of the church for promoting the right media of communication. Please contribute generously.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
May 4, Saturday		For the Parishioners
May 5, Sunday	Louise Parry	Antony Parry, Healing
May 6, Monday	Fiona Pereira	Fiona Pereira n Family
May 7, Tuesday	Geneveve Fernandes	Wedding of Gisel and Fernandes,
May 8, Wednesday	Pion Silva	wedding anniversary of Pion Silva
May 9, Thursday	Gordozo Family	Annoora Gordozo, Shayne Gordozo
May 10, Friday	Christen Hall	Healing of Christen and Vasanllian

## **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

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