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PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
SUNDAY 9 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00
MONDAY 10 MAY	-----	NO MASS	-----
TUESDAY 11 MAY	6 TH WEEK IN EASTERTIDE	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
WEDNESDAY 12 MAY	6 TH WEEK IN EASTERTIDE	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
THURSDAY 13 MAY	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 09.30 19.00
FRIDAY 14 MAY	ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - FEAST	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
SATURDAY 15 MAY	6 TH WEEK IN EASTERTIDE	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Vigil Mass	09.00 09.30 18.00
SUNDAY 16 MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00

SUNDAY REFLECTION

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations.

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's

preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God.

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise.

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

Scott Hahn

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton, Marion Newton

MAY ROSARY MISSION

All of the dioceses throughout the UK are being invited to participate in praying the Rosary for the following special intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St. Joseph.
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life.
3. Peace in the world.
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

During the Marian month of May, there will be three designated National Days of Prayer:

1. Monday May 24th – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church – a Rosary Day of Prayer for our young people and for the Mission of our Schools, Youth Associations/Groups/Projects, our Young People and for Families.
2. Sunday May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – a National Rosary Relay Rally throughout the Dioceses of Scotland, Wales and England. The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Aberdeen is from 2pm to 3pm
3. Monday May 31st – Feast of the Visitation – Bishop John Keenan, of the Diocese of Paisley, will host a Crowning Rosary online at 8.00pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.