

<p>6th Sunday of Easter First Reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everybody.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 97:1-4 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10 John insists that the more fully and completely we know God, the more the reality of God's love dawns on us. We are called to love one another as God has loved us.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! .Jesus said: `If anyone loves me he will keep my word, And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him`. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel John 15:9-17 Jesus spends his last hours with his closest companions, speaking of love – abiding in love, living each day with joy, and bearing the fruits of that love and joy.</p>
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Sunday 9th May 2021 Sunday Year B
6th Sunday of Easter Weekday Cycle II

"Love one another, as I have loved you."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	8 May	5.30pm	Donald Whitney RIP
Sunday (St Michael's)	9 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	9 May	11.00am	George, Mary and Terence Dyson RIP
Tuesday	11 May	12.00pm	Bill Callaghan RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	12 May	12.00pm	Richard Lee Herbert RIP
Thursday	13 May	12.00pm	An end to the Covid Pandemic
Friday	14 May	12.00pm	Covid victims and those who mourn
Saturday	15 May	12.00pm	Melissa Taylor RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	15 May	5.30pm	Pat and Mike Pease Golden Wedding
Sunday (St Michael's)	16 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	16 May	11.00am	Terence Dyson RIP

On this day last year a two-minute silence was held at a hospital in Northampton, England, to honour a frontline NHS nurse who died after contracting coronavirus. Father-of-four Augustine Agyei-Mensah – known as Gus – was a highly regarded learning disabilities nurse. Gus had been working with patients at the trust for six years. He collaborated closely with teams in speech and language therapy and psychology to support patients with a variety of complex cognitive and sensory needs. Originally from Ghana, Gus was proud of his heritage and dedicated to his young family. The chief executive of the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust said Gus cared for some of the most vulnerable people in society, adding that "lives have been transformed because of him; he was committed to making a difference and giving people a second chance". A co-worker described him as "a truly wonderful colleague who is so missed and shall be remembered for his smile, his energy, and his unwavering care and compassion".

Gus was one of hundreds of healthcare staff and care workers in the UK who died from Covid-19 in the first few months of the pandemic. They were among thousands of the health workers around the world who died after contracting the virus. In the UK, many had come from other countries to work for the National Health Service. Most were working on the front line and caring for patients; some were retired but continued to work. They were heart surgeons, eye doctors, nurses, midwives, plastic surgeons, porters, paramedics, pharmacists, care home staff, patient transport staff, hospital security staff. And they were loved members of their families and community of friends.

The laying down of life for love is the theme of today's Gospel. In these final weeks of Eastertide we listen once again to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus offers himself as the model of love, willing to go so far as to suffer danger and death to express love. The second reading today explains this more fully. John is writing to the early Christian community and tells them, "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God." And in the first reading we learn that God loves everybody. Peter has been hesitant to go into the home of Cornelius, because he is a Roman soldier, outside the Jewish faith community. But when he does, then

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suddenly the Holy Spirit is poured forth upon that home. The people receive the Spirit just as the first disciples did after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter says, "they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have".

Loving as Jesus loved will require sacrifice. Love is not just a sentimental, warm, fuzzy feeling: it's a conscious decision to share ourselves with others, to give of ourselves for the sake of another.

Probably, most of us are not going to be challenged to lay down our lives for another, but none of us knows what lies ahead. From the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, doctors, nurses and healthcare workers risked their lives working on the front line treating patients with Covid-19. In the UK, and in other countries, people showed their appreciation with public displays of support for healthcare workers. Tens of thousands of volunteers flocked to join community support groups, picking up shopping and delivering medicine to the most vulnerable people. Volunteers from four central London parishes brought food and water into Trafalgar Square each day to give out to homeless people, working alongside the Sikh community. There was an outpouring of solidarity and neighbourliness in many areas.

As followers of Christ today, we are called to love ourselves and others outside our own circle. Following his own example, Jesus taught us to reach out to those who are poor, excluded and marginalised. Let us carry on breaking barriers to reach out to others. Jesus teaches us not just to love to those who love us, but to love our enemies too. It takes great courage and conviction to understand that we must love one another as Jesus loves us. And there is a further dimension. Pope Francis taught us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* – issued six years ago this month – to hear "the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth". We are called to care for the whole earth community, described by Pope Francis as "our common home". All things and all people are connected and united in God's love.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Bracken, who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Red Mission Boxes

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CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us