

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.*

*Psalms 98 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

*1 John 4:7–10 God is love.*

*John 15:9–17 The greatest sign of love is to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Our readings today move us from acceptance to love. Peter points out that the Holy Spirit comes to Gentiles and Jews alike, preaching that God does not discriminate. John calls on us to love one another, for God is love. Jesus, on the night before he was put to death, tells his disciples that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others. Let us listen to these lessons of grace-filled tolerance and selfless love.

## CALENDAR

Thursday, 13th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, <i>For Mass times, see notice inside bulletin.</i>
Friday, 14th May	Feast of St Matthias
Sunday, 16th May	World Communications Day

## OFFERINGS

**Second collection** : we hope to restart these in the near future.

**Regular worshippers**, please consider making your offerings by standing order. Details from the Cathedral Office (address on front page).

**Gift Aid:** If you are a parishioner, a regular or even an occasional visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations. This adds 25% to your contribution, as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. To do this, you should fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and obtain some of our Blue regular GA envelopes. If you require more envelopes, please speak to Fr. Sharkey. To make a one off donation, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope, available in the pews, and fill in the details required on the front. If you have questions please speak with Canon Sharkey or email the parish office, [cathedral@rcag.org.uk](mailto:cathedral@rcag.org.uk).

## STREAMING

Watch Cathedral services online—see link at [www.cathedralG1.org](http://www.cathedralG1.org)



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# SAINT ANDREW'S METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Parish founded in 1792. Church opened in 1816

9th May 2021

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“In every nation whoever fears  
God is acceptable to God.”*

*Acts 10:35*



SUNDAY MASS	Vigil 5.15pm, 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 5.15pm
MASS MON—SAT	1.00pm and 5.15pm
CONFESSIONS	Please see information inside.
PRAYER & DEVOTION	Our usual devotions will resume as soon as possible.
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## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Ascension Thursday (13th May)** Although normally a Holyday of Obligation, because of the current circumstances, **this year it does not apply**. However, we know that many people will wish to attend Mass on this major feast. You should **book a place at Mass** in the way we do for Sunday Masses. Masses will be Vigil, (Wednesday) at 5.15pm, Thursday 1pm and 5.15pm. If these Masses are fully booked we may be able to add an extra Mass, please check our website for details during the week.

**Volunteers Required:** We are still looking for more people to assist with stewarding and sanitising the pews after Masses throughout the week. If you would be willing to help, please email or phone the Cathedral Office (details on front page) with your name and contact details, and let us know when you would be available.

**Donations:** We would not have been able to keep going over the past year and particularly in the last few months without the generous support of parishioners who continued to donate (either by bank Standing Order or through Paypal) even when the Cathedral was closed but when bills continued to arrive. Your generosity will never be forgotten! If you were unable to help us earlier, perhaps lacking the technical skills, perhaps you would now consider a small additional donation to ensure the Cathedral can continue to function in the future.

**Stall:** The stall continues to sell cards, gifts, prayer books and spiritual items. However, sales of our Catholic newspapers and magazines have fallen dramatically. These can be a great resource to keep up to date, to see contemporary issues from a Catholic perspective and to learn more about our faith—please do consider regularly purchasing a Catholic paper.

## NOTICES

**SPUC:** On Saturday, 22 May 2021, at Carfin Grotto, SPUC Scotland will display 14,000 white flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year, to create a 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display at 2pm. If you would like to sponsor a virtual flower, visit [www.whiteflower.org.uk](http://www.whiteflower.org.uk) or call SPUC Scotland (0141 221 2094) to make a donation.

**May celebrations:** There is a special Rosary Mission this month which culminates in a National Rosary Relay Rally across the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland on Trinity Sunday, May 30th from 9am to 9pm. Each Diocese has been designated a Rosary Hour for this day. On May 24th we will encourage our Schools to pray the Rosary. More information available at [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) and [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk)

## NOTICES CONT'D

**Mary's Meals:** This May, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay).

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**Mass:** from Monday, the simple 50 person limit on capacity in churches was removed. Now, we have no fixed maximum attendance for liturgies, but must still observe social distancing. We can accommodate at least 75 people (possibly a little more—details are still being worked out) at each Mass while still maintaining the 2 metre distancing requirement.

**There is no need to book for weekday Mass (except for this Thursday)—**attendance is on a first come, first served basis. However, **please continue to book for all Sunday Masses**, including the Saturday Vigil, via the link on our website. Please arrive in good time for Mass—at least ten minutes before Mass—so there is time to check your name, and follow the safety procedures before Mass begins.

You should also remember that the obligation to attend Mass is still lifted (by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland). The bishops will make clear when this changes. Until then, you may choose to attend Mass another day, rather than Sunday. If you are unwell, if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, or are in self-isolation, you must not attend Mass to protect others and prevent the spread of the virus.

To augment good practice with regard to hygiene and to reduce unnecessary contact, please take your parish bulletin away with you, rather than leaving it in the Church where it might be picked up by someone at a subsequent Mass.

**Confessions:** The current rules prevent us from using the Confessional Boxes (people are too close together, there are no opening windows to allow better ventilation). We made special alternative arrangements for Confessions at Christmas and in Holy Week and we hope to be able to provide further opportunities in Eastertide and gradually return to normal. However, it is still possible at the moment to email or phone the Cathedral House to arrange a suitable time for Confession.

**Votive Candles:** We ask you not to light candles yourself. Place your donation in the slot and ask the steward to light the appropriate number of candles for you.