



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

1921 2021



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Mass Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

11:45 am

Christmas & New Year's Day

10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact

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Perpetual Mass Association

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Sunday Collection: \$1,208

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Please remember to support
your local parishes.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of May 9, 2021 - May 15, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 9	10:00	Gerarda Mauro+ Geraldina Rose	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	12:00	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Mon. May 10	9:30	Christine Woffel+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Marilyn & Rich Kane
Tue. May 11	9:30	Deceased Members of the Desrochers Family	
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Costa
Wed. May 12	9:30	Benedict Walsh+	Breda Walsh
	11:45	James E. Cronin+	O'Connell Family
Thurs. May 13	9:30	Leoncio & Cecelia Gonzales+	Rosal Family
	11:45	Spec. Int. Grace & Charlotte Sarner	Victoria Costa
Fri. May 14	9:30	Benedict Walsh+	Breda Walsh
	11:45	Ann Peltier Broaddust+ James Kurpiel+	Michelle Supper
Sat. May 16	9:30	Tom Brunetto & Family+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Mary Jean Quinn+	Lisa McCarthy

**HAPPY AND
BLESSED
MOTHER'S
DAY**



Today's Readings: First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everybody.

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.

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.

MEMORIAL DONATION
Altar Bread and Wine is
offered in memory of
Ruth Kane by Rich Kane.

CELEBRATE WITH US! HONOR A LOVED ONE BY PLANTING A TREE

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“Love one another, as I have loved you.”

Illustration

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.

Gospel Teaching

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 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.

NOTE.- Dear friends,

In this Easter Season when we are steeped in the joy of Christ’s Resurrection and Mercy, we thank God for the continued blessings that He bestows on us. In a particular way, here at the Mission in Tenaflly, we are also thanking the Lord for a very special milestone. This year **SMA celebrates 100 years of service at 23 Bliss Avenue!**

As an effort to mark this great event, we are giving the property a “face lift” by planting a variety of 100 trees that will help enhance the beauty of the grounds of the Mission. It is a big task, but with your help, it will be a memorable one. Each tree we plant will be in memory of a special loved one in our lives.

If you would like to help sponsor us with a **\$250** donation for a tree in memory of a loved one, we will remember their name(s) in a memorial plaque that will be unveiled on the property later on this fall.

Due to the nature of the shrubbery, planting will commence at the middle of April and will be completed by September. We are requesting the donations be received by **May 31st 2021.**

Your friendship has always been a gift to us. Thank you for your support. Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA