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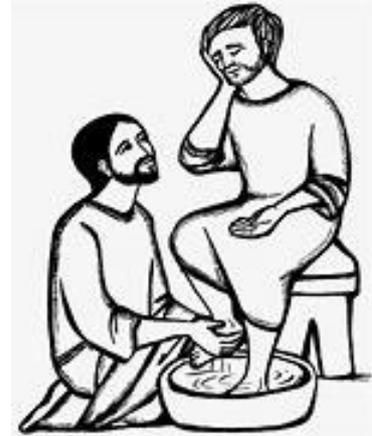
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Opening Prayer

We behold your glory,  
O God, in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted upon the cross and exalted on high.

Increase our love for one another,  
that both in name and in truth  
we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
and so reflect by our lives the glory that is yours.

Grant this through Jesus Christ,  
the first-born from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen



*Love One Another  
as I have Loved You*



**The wearing of Face masks is now discretionary except in the area designated for the vulnerable at the back of the church** where we will still require wearing of masks. Thank you for adhering to the safety measures for such a long time and thank you once again to those who have acted as stewards. Their role will now be to provide a welcome and any assistance required.

### Legion of Mary

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# Eleven New Saints

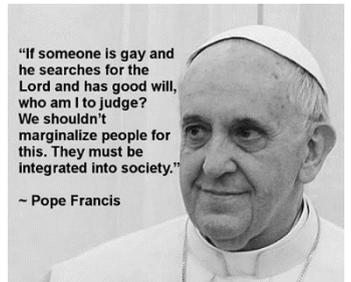


In what is the first Canonization ceremony since John Henry Newman was formally declared a Saint of the Church, Pope Francis will preside this weekend over the formal recognition of ten new saints and the affirmation of one, Margaret of Castello (who was adopted as Saint of the Pandemic). The ten are: Maria Francesco Rubatto, Luigi Maria Palazzolo, Anne-Marie Rivier, Charles de Foucauld, Justin Russolillo, César de Bus, Titus Brandsma, Devasahayam Pillai (aka Lazarus), Carolina Santocanale, and Maria Domenica Mantovani.

The majority were members of religious orders and we might look a little more closely at one or two of them over the coming weeks.

But I would like to begin with the only layperson. Set to be the first Indian layman to be canonized, Neelakanda Pillai grew up in an affluent family and was raised in the Hindu religion. As a young man, he joined the service of the Travancore royal family in southern India, eventually being given responsibilities for the affairs of state. A captured Dutch naval commander brought Neelakanda to the Christian faith. He took the name Devasahayam, meaning Lazarus as his baptismal name. His wife and other family members followed him into the Church. Many in the kingdom turned on Devasahayam and later brought false charges of treason against him, which resulted in imprisonment and three years of harsh torture. Sentenced to death, Devasahayam suffered a barbaric martyrdom. Despite resistance from within the Hindu community — which cited there are no extant records of official religious persecution in Travancore — ecclesiastical archives show conversion of palace officials was considered intolerable. This cleared the way for Devasahayam to be declared a martyr in 2012.

Pope Francis recently gave an interview on the Church's response to LGBT Catholics in which he said "God does not disown any of his children" and that a church that is "selective" about its membership more resembles a "sect" than what the Gospel commands.



To the question "What would you say is the most important thing for LGBT people to know about God?" he said, "God is Father and he does not disown any of his children, and 'the style' of God is 'closeness, mercy and tenderness.' Along this path you will find God."

When asked "What do you say to an LGBT Catholic who has experienced rejection from the church?" the pope replied that "I would have them recognize it not as 'the rejection of the church,' but instead of '*some* people in the church.'"

"The church is a mother and calls together all her children," he added. "Take for example the parable of those invited to the feast: 'the just, the sinners, the rich and the poor, etc.' [Matthew 22:1-15; Luke 14:15-24]. A 'selective' church, one of 'pure blood,' is not Holy Mother Church, but rather a sect."



### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme.

Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

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✚ Collective recitation of one decade of the rosary following the Masses this weekend.

# Mass Times and Other Liturgies

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 14 May	5.30 pm	Maura Goodfellow RIP
Sunday 15 May	9 am 11 am	Patricia Matthews Mary Croughan RIP
Monday 16 May	10.00 am	Rowena Mones' Intention's (with Tea and Toast)
Tuesday 17 May		No Services today
Wed 18 May	10.00 am	Alwyn Kirk RIP
Thurs 19 May	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary Liturgy of Word and Communion
Friday 20 May	10.00 am	No Services today

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 21 May	5.30 pm	A Kathryn Barrand RIP, B Ben Yaxley RIP
Sunday 22 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Robert Sreenan RIP Roger Hemington RIP



Little Church is now held each week as part of the 11 am Sunday Mass.

KINDLY REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS:



*Patricia Anne Kennedy* who died this week. Also Claire Barlow, Louise Boughey, Sarah Challoner, Bob Clay, , Julia Exon, Joan Fitzmaurice, Josie Flaherty, Josie Gatley, Margaret Haslam, Josie Johnson, , Kathleen Mannion, Roger Maxwell, Pat Mooney, John Rutter, Marcos Sala and all who have requested our prayerful support.

*"With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event."*

*Saint John Henry Newman*

