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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 17th May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'The Holy Spirit restores us to life. After His resurrection, Christ promised that He would send the Holy Spirit on His Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.

This Thursday, May 21st we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The Clergy wish you all a very blessed and joyful Feast. Father Paul celebrates the 56th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 23rd May. Please remember a prayer for him on his anniversary.

The Novena for Pentecost begins on Friday 22nd May. Please visit the website as we hope to place Novena Prayers for Pentecost on the website. We are pleased to tell you that Father Andrew is improving and he is very appreciative of your prayers for him.

The 'My Day By Day' booklets are available for the months of June and July. If you would like to receive a copy/copies, please let Fr Dominic know by contacting the Presbytery.

Next Sunday, May 24th, would have been the opening Mass of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Mass at 3pm on May 24, at St Chad's Cathedral. If you have internet access, you will be able to follow the Mass. There is also a daily programme of reflection for the week that would have been spent in Lourdes. When St Bernadette left Lourdes to join the Sisters of Charity at Nevers, she said: 'Every day I go in spirit to the Grotto, I make a pilgrimage there.' In the spirit of St Bernadette let us do so each day of this week.

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, we all await with joyful hope the time when our Churches will reopen and we will be together once more around the table of the Lord. In the meantime, please keep up your prayers and the sacrifices you are making out of the love for Jesus and your neighbour. Whatever you are doing, do it all for the glory of God. We, i.e. Fr Paul, Deacon Kevin, Fr Fred, Monsignor Danny and I, send you our love, the assurance of our prayers and every good wish. Please continue to keep us in your prayers too.'

Oscott College was featured recently in one of the 'Fr Brown' episodes, originally written by G.K.Chesterton. You may find it on BBC iPlayer; the episode features 'Upcott College'.

<p>16th May Saturday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21 Mr James & Mrs Anne Hollywood-RIP Nan Monaghan-RIP</p>	
<p>17th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21 All People of the Parish Tony, Eilish Duffy & Family-Intentions</p>	
<p>18th May Monday Easter Feria St John 1</p>	<p>Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4 Josie Hannan Ann & John Kee & Family-Intentions</p>	
<p>19th May Tuesday Easter Feria St Dunstan</p>	<p>Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11 Rene Rainey-RIP Karen Stoakes-RIP</p>	
<p>20th May Wednesday Easter Feria St Bernadine</p>	<p>Acts 17:15,22-18:1 John 16:12-15 Mary Tully-RIP Des Murray-RIP</p>	
<p>21st May Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20 Patrick McMahon-RIP Margaret Campbell-RIP</p>	
<p>22nd May Friday Easter Feria St Rita of Cascia</p>	<p>Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23 William(Bill) Byrne-RIP Colm Martin-RIP</p>	
<p>23rd May Saturday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23-2 Mary Rose-Intention Maureen Healy-Intention</p>	
<p>24th May Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day</p>	<p>Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-15 John 17:1-11 All People of The Parish Mr Scott Edgar-RIP</p>	

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twainoneflesh.org.uk Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21) Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner

Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage, we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.

We appreciate that some of you may be struggling financially. If, however you are in a position to continue your Sunday Offerings you may wish to consider Gift aiding by Standing Order. Forms may be down loaded from the Diocesan website or if requested we can send you a Gift Aid and Standing Order Form.

FOOD BANK- The Christian Renewal Centre, in Lode lane, have kept their food bank open during lock down. They would appreciate non-perishable foods. If you can help please put food in to their orange bins outside their centre in Lode Lane.

CAFOD We are facing an unprecedented emergency in every country we work in; and we are also mindful, each day, of people in our own Catholic community here in England and Wales who are unable to attend Mass; people worried and overstretched; of those who have tragically lost loved ones, and of those who were already enduring loneliness and are now in isolation. We need to respond in faith, hope and love. And so in faith, hope and love, we are reaching out to you. We know all too well that things are far from straightforward in all our parishes right now. We, as a global family, have never faced a crisis of this magnitude –in our own communities, and those communities CAFOD works with. But the scale is unimaginable in the most vulnerable communities of our world, and so as of today, we are [appealing for support for our emergency response](#). Those communities with nothing, who have everything stacked against them, - our brothers and sisters - have never needed your love and support so much.

cafod.org.uk/parishes has a **two-minute video message from me about the appeal**

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL CHAIRMAN Due to Covid-19, we cannot hold the fund raising events that many of you have supported. Meanwhile, the impact of the virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating as so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists. The Charity has launched the FHL Pentecost Challenge to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. Three long standing supporters have pledged to match fund the first £100,000, so every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2. Please donate at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge and please be generous, recognising what you might have donated in better times from attending our events.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Martin Yates	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Sue Hodrien
Trevor Windle	Colette Hickey	Danny Meadows	Kathleen Beale	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan			

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK; We are missing out on this annual house collection which brings in a huge amount of money. The Solihull Churches have set up a Just Giving Page which is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Solihull-Churches-Christian-Aid-Group> Christian Aid Week 10-16 May is online with daily prayers and reflections, daily quizzes for the family. Click on virtual fundraisers

ASCENSION PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!



**As they were watching,
he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
out of their sight.**

Acts 1.9

Please pray for: Karen Stoakes (Tuesday 19th May Robin Hood, 11am) William (Bill) Byrne (22nd May 10am Robin Hood), Thomas Michael Hughes (26th May 10am, Robin Hood), Father Tim Burke, Patrick (Pat) Byrne, Neil Robberds and Marian Webster, who died recently.

Also Maureen Walters, Eddie Kubic, Mary Teresa Dalton, Leslie Docker, Johanna O'Connell, Roger Embley, Pauline Harris, Arthur Claybrook, Catherine Phyllis Rea and all with anniversaries at this time.

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