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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 24th May 2020


Dear Parishioners,

'Christ our model of prayer and suffering. Prayer is the birth right of every Christian. It is as natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God in me.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

On Wednesday 27th May, we celebrate our Patronal Feast, Saint Augustine of Canterbury. Let us ask his prayers for our Parish and School community and for our own individual needs. May his example help us to continue to grow in faith, hope and love. **On Friday 29th May,** we celebrate the Solemnity of the Dedication of our Church of Saint Augustine. May we soon be able to return to Church and to gather as God's family. **As you may have heard,** the Archbishops and Church representatives are in communication with Government officials as to when the churches will reopen and what procedures will need to be put in place. In preparation for the re-opening of the churches may I request volunteers for a rota for the daily cleaning of the Church. If you are able to help please contact the Presbytery. If you are able to clean the Church and to arrange the flowers would you need to be provided with protective equipment or would you be able to provide your own? Again, please let the Clergy know when you contact the Presbytery.

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, as I write this brief message it is the afternoon of Ascension Thursday. These days between Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost, May 31st, are days of extra significance. Let us join with our Blessed Lady as we await a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one who renews our hearts and minds, pouring out His gifts on us and on our world. Jesus promised to send Him to us so that we would be His witnesses. Thank you for all the ways you are witnessing to His gentle power at work in your lives. Thank you for the prayers and love that you are offering and revealing in the context of your daily lives. May His presence continue to strengthen the bonds of family life and keep us ever close to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.'

Sequence for Pentecost: "Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow. Heal our wounds, our strength renew, On our dryness pour thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away."

<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 Oxford Fellowship Mr Scott Edgar-RIP</p>	
<p>25th May Monday St Bede the Venerable</p>	<p>Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33 Vince McMahon- Intention Alistair Ogg-RIP</p>	
<p>26th May Tuesday St Philip Neri</p>	<p>Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11 Thomas Michael Hughes-RIP Jim McNally-RIP</p>	
<p>27th May Wednesday FEAST St Augustine of Canterbury</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 2:2-8 Luke 10:1-9 Maura Sheahan-RIP Phyllis McEvoy & Family</p>	
<p>28th May Thursday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 22:30,23:6-11 John 17:20-26 Tonino Polidon-RIP Mona Deehan-RIP</p>	
<p>29th May Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION</p>	<p>Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 4:19-24 Miran Al Hill-RIP Annette & Frank Kelly- 49th Wedding Anniversary</p>	
<p>30th May Saturday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 28:16-20,30-31 John 21:20-15 Christine Flynn-RIP Peter Doyle- RIP</p>	
<p>31st May SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</p> 	<p>Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23 All People of the Parish Nancy Maguire & Family-Intentions</p>	

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Matt 5:38-48) Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship

The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to "...turn the other cheek...". In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite.

This 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.

LEPRA- A Lepra representative has asked for our help in order that the organisation may receive a £1,000 donation from the Ecclesiastical Movement for Good awards. It is quick and easy to nominate Lepra, just visit: www.movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity You will be asked to enter a Charity number (213251) and then, Lepra should auto populate below. Lepra's Charity type is Health. Then you just need to enter your name and email address. The closing date for nominations is 24th May 2020

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, 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**

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.

The **Novena for Pentecost** begins on Friday 22nd May. Please visit the website as the Novena Prayers for Pentecost can be found there..

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		

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 54th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

"That you may tell your children and grandchildren" (Ex 10:2)
Life becomes history

I would like to devote this year's Message to the theme of storytelling, because I believe that, so as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together. Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us. A narrative that can regard our world and its happenings with a tender gaze. A narrative that can tell us that we are part of a living and interconnected tapestry. A narrative that can reveal the interweaving of the threads which connect us to one another.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace,
Help us to recognise the evil
Latent in a communication that does
Not build communion.**

**Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others As our brothers and sisters.**

**You are faithful and trustworthy;
May our words be seed of goodness for the world.**

Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;

**Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;**

**Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;**

**Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;**

**Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen**

Please pray for: Thomas Michael Hughes (26th May 10am, Robin Hood), Marian Webster (Thursday 4th June) Father Tim Burke, Patrick (Pat) Byrne, and Neil Robberds, who died recently.

Also Eithne Holden, Eileen Crumpton, Keevan Collum O'Kane, Tom Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Clinton, Matthew Cooke, James Cosgrove, Maureen McQuillan, Baby Dani Rush, Catherine Thomasine Harvey, John Thomas Murphy, Baby Mayzi Rae Williams, Henry George Walker, Catherine Wilcock, and Christine Anne Flynn and all with anniversaries at this time.

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