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**SUNDAY 13th MAY 2018**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR B**



Last week, on Ascension Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, the fortieth day of Eastertide, in the **Entrance Antiphon** (Acts 1:11), we pronounced the words of the Angel to the Apostles who, following their beloved Master's departure from their sight into Heaven, remained for a while gazing (surely sadly and longingly) into the empty sky. The Angel assures them that, one day, Jesus *will* return when He comes, of course, to Judge us all at the end of time.

This year, as the Solemnity fell on the exact day, i.e. Thursday, that day was, of course, a Holy Day of Obligation, binding on the Faithful, as are all Sundays, giving us the very clear message that the Eucharist has an indispensable and central role in our lives.

The **First Reading** (Acts 1:1-11) narrated that familiar scene in which Our Lord took leave, so to speak, of His Apostles.

Jesus had, of course, promised to be with us, His Church, always. Through the **Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9 response v6) we celebrated this continuity of our Saviour's presence among us as, indeed, we do every time we participate in the Mass. In order to

fulfil this promise, Jesus and the Father were to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This word, again, has a numerical significance, coming from the Greek for 50, i.e. the number of Days after Easter that the Spirit came to transform the twelve timid first Bishops and Priests into fearless Crusaders, eleven of whom would eventually be Martyred for preaching the Truth, and with one in exile. The Apostles were Confirmed or 'energised' as it were, to "...*Go out to the whole world...*", come what may, and '*...proclaim the Good News...*' that Christ is, indeed, Risen and that, through His Body, the Church, with her Pope, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and Her seven Sacraments, we have the infallible link to God and our Heavenly destiny. Only knowing and persistent refusal to live God's Way can, ultimately, deprive a soul of the Life God wishes to give to us eternally.

In the **Second Reading** (Ephesians 1:17-23) Saint Paul prayed (*as must we!*) for the necessary Graces to aid us in understanding and living by the Teachings of Our Lord who, alone, can give us Eternal Happiness. We must recognise that those who consider themselves 'worldly-wise' among us will, at times, not accept Jesus as '*... the ruler of everything...*', as is evidenced by the continual challenges to Catholic Moral Teaching around the world. We may be challenged, sometimes shunned, because we practise and profess the 'unpalatable'! In the **Gospel** (Mark 16:15-20) we heard the Apostles (*now ourselves!*) being told to, '*... Go out into the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation...*' We are assured that we, and those we evangelise (and who embrace the Faith) '*... will be saved...*'

In France and Germany, among other countries, the importance of this day was emphasised by its being a Public Holiday, echoing the deep Catholic Faith of former times. In the days when England proudly proclaimed herself the *Dowry of Mary*, Holy days were, very often, the only days off in addition to Sunday, especially, probably, for the Poor. From this extra day of rest, of course, comes our word, *holiday*. Hopefully the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord was a joyful day in our Families, encouraging not only us and our children but, also, through us, those of other faiths (or none) that we may encounter, to see beyond the limits of this world.

### **Thank you for your generosity**

The collection for Sunday 6th May 2018 came to **£1969.00** (£1269.00 (baskets) & £700.00 (Standing Orders).

Would Gift Aiders kindly ensure that they **use only the new pale green envelopes** to make their offering.

Today there is a Second Collection for **World Communications Day**. The purpose of this collection is to assist the Bishops of England and Wales through the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) in the promotion of the Gospel, and in representing the Church when it comes to dealing with the Media.

**Please note that Gift Aid does NOT apply to this collection, and you therefore should NOT use an envelope.**

Please take away with you one of the special little information and prayer cards from the main porch.

### **GIFT AID SCHEME**

You should by now have received your new Gift Aid envelopes.

**Current envelopes are a pale green colour, whilst those for second collections are yellow.**

If you have not received your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Please bear in mind that many Gift Aid numbers have changed.

To join this scheme, please contact John Byrne via the Parish Office. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself, if you are a taxpayer and you qualify for the scheme.**

***If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.***

Did you know that you can also Gift Aid your Mass Offerings, or indeed any donations you make to the Parish?

### **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

*If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office with their details, and we shall contact them. Please note that dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals, provided they are informed by hospital staff or relatives.*

### **CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 3 please:**

Jeannette Da Silva, Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Berni Knight, Christiana Muoghalu, Antoinette Nwanoneze, Blessing Otite. *If any more ladies and gentlemen can help clean God's house, please contact the Parish Office.*

### **WE WELCOME**

We welcome once again Fr David Standley, who will be saying the 10am & 11.30am Masses this morning.

### **COFFEE MORNING THIS MORNING FOR MISSIO**

After 10am & 11.30am Masses. Sausage and bacon sandwiches, teas and coffees will be available.

You can find out about how you can help MISSIO, by becoming a holder of a Red Mission Box.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism,

**Ava Lily McCann** who was Baptised here last Sunday.

### **READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Would you all kindly provide your available dates for ministry for the month of June 2018, by next Wednesday.

### **THERE IS ONCE AGAIN A SPUC GROUP IN OUR PARISH!**

A new group has been formed here at St Bartholomew's. Further details will be provided shortly.

### **SPUC PETITION AGAINST BUFFER ZONES AROUND ABORTION CENTRES**

You are invited to sign the petition which you will find in the main porch. There are those who seek to restrict the freedom to pray and to bear witness in defence of unborn children and their mothers outside abortion centres. The valuable work of the Good Counsel Network, SPUC and other pro-life organisations will be affected by this. Of course your prayers, too, are vital in the cause of life, so please do continue to pray for all affected by abortion.

### **FATHER INNOCENT**

Fr Innocent is currently taking a short break in Belgium. He will be back here with us this coming Tuesday.

### **CHANGE OF PARISH MASS BOOKS**

Parish Mass Books will change commencing 26th & 27th May, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

The Year B Volume 2 books have blue covers, and will take us up to the Solemnity of Christ the King.

## **A HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FATHER DEO ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

New General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This will affect us all. We are now required to both ensure and indeed show that we know who has access to all personal information we hold in the parish, what information is held, and in which format/s. I know that a many of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and so you may well have some personal information at home or in your office, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please could you let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies or might apply to you, so that I can inform you as to what actions, if any, you will need to take going forward. Some of you have now responded, and members of the clergy and the PPC, and the Parish Secretary and others, have attended training sessions on GDPR. Things will become clearer over the next few weeks. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. I cannot stress strongly enough the important impact which this new legislation will have upon everybody in the parish. I am also mindful of the most severe penalties which may be imposed for non compliance.

### **KEEPING YOUR FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECURE**

With GDPR in mind, this also covers financial information held by the parish, such as that relating to Gift Aid. Please be aware that we will never send a stranger to your home, or ask them to contact you in any way in order to disclose your banking details. Should you ever receive such an approach, you should politely but firmly decline, and inform the Parish Office straight away. As with any such enquiries, there are criminals out there hoping to obtain your data, so do remain vigilant, and always report anything of concern.

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

This coming Wednesday 16th May 2018, the rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the church at 7.30pm. This event is for Candidates, Sponsors (if available) and parents. Please be prompt.

### **CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP PATRICK LYNCH**

We are delighted that Bishop Pat will be here next Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost itself, in order to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 33 Confirmandi, as the culmination of their 4 month journey towards their reception of the Holy Spirit. Mass will take place at 12 Noon, replacing the normal 11.30 Mass.

Please note that the Confirmation Mass will be very busy and will take longer than the normal Sunday Mass, and therefore some of you may like to consider an alternative Mass, if the timing is not convenient for you.

NB: The final session for the newly Confirmed takes place on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.30pm.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Our Meditation & Shared Meal takes place in the hall next Saturday 19th May 2018 from 10am - 12 Noon. This is for Candidates and their parents. Candidates will also practice how to reverently receive Holy Communion.

### **REPOSITORY**

Confirmation and First Holy Communion items are still available. There are plenty of cards and appropriate gifts available to commemorate these important Sacraments. These events are now almost upon us!

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018**

This takes place from 24th - 31st August 2018, together with the dioceses of Clifton, East Anglia and Northampton. This year Archbishop Peter Smith will be leading the pilgrimage. Those interested in going should visit: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or go to [www.tangney-tours.com/CA](http://www.tangney-tours.com/CA) Or call 01732 886666 or 0800 917357.

### **FLOWERS - AN APPEAL FOR HELP**

After many years of service to the community, our local florist has closed. This leaves us without a handy supplier, and may mean turning to a more expensive supplier, or making trips at dawn to New Covent Garden Market! If you have contacts with a reasonable florist or larger supplier who could help us, please contact the parish office. We are always happy to receive donations towards the purchase of flowers. You may now contribute using the wall box below the windowsill to the left of the main porch. This was previously used for CTS and papers, but the correct wall box for those items is that which is already in use for that purpose, below the windowsill to the right.

### **CHANGES TO THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH**

The Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, has been introduced by the Church, to fall on the day after Pentecost. This new Memorial is therefore to be instituted on Monday 21st May 2018.

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest, (Not to be confused with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) has also been introduced, and this will fall on Thursday 24th May 2018.

Together, let us embrace these two new celebrations which honour Our Blessed Lord and His Blessed Mother.

### **UCM**

The UCM meets in the hall this coming Monday 14th May 2018 from 2pm - 4pm.



## Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

### Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.277

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)  
*On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm*

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 13th May 2018 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.15pm (Saturday 12th May)	Richard Cottom RIP
	8.30am	People of the Parish
(MISSIO COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS)	10am	Abraham Ghandi RIP
(MISSIO COFFEE MORNING AFTER MASS)	11.30am	Valencio Dourado RIP
<b><i>Rosary &amp; Benediction</i></b>	<b>4pm</b>	
	5pm	Thomas Corr RIP
Monday 14th May 2018 St Mathias, Apostle (Feast)	7.30am 10am	Rev Basil Miller RIP (Foundation Mass) Thanksgiving for friends of Mary Kenny RIP
Tuesday 15th May 2018	7.30am 10am	Thanksgiving for the life of Kashigar Gosai RIP Jack Chapman RIP
Wednesday 16th May 2018 St Simon Stock, Priest (Memorial)	7.30am 10am	Bronislawa Barzowski RIP Lucy Solan RIP
Thursday 17th May 2018	7.30am 10am	Lucy Solan RIP Baby Jamie M Fernandes RIP
Friday 18th May 2018 St John I, Pope & Martyr (Memorial)	7.30am 10am	Ann Strain RIP Hervé Yoo Foo RIP
Saturday 19th May 2018 St Dunstan, Bishop (Memorial)	10am	Thanksgiving & Special Intention - Muoghalu family
Next Sunday 20th May 2018 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	6.15pm (Saturday 19th May)	David Davies RIP
	8.30am	Eugene Lopez RIP
	10am	Welfare of Celine & the McCready family
<b>CONFIRMATION MASS</b>	<b>12 Noon</b> (Polyphony Choir)	People of the parish
<b><i>Rosary &amp; Benediction</i></b>	<b>4pm</b>	
	5pm	Welfare of Elsie McCleave