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Sunday 14th May 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 14th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 13th May)

Kathleen Schmook & family

(Easter Mass Bouquet)

8.30am Eugene Lopez RIP

10.00am Jack Chapman RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Fr Basil Miller RIP

Former Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's

(Foundation Mass)

Fifth week of Easter:

Monday 15th May

7.30am Dennis Franklin RIP

10.00am Funeral of Agnes Selman

Tuesday 16th May –

St Simon Stock, Priest (Memorial)

7.30am Young parishioners sitting

public examinations at this time

10.00am Welfare of Margaret &

Michael Nicol, family and friends

2.00pm Funeral of Andrew Sokolowski

Wednesday 17th May

7.30am Thanksgiving and special

intention – Muoghalu family

10.00am Jimmy Reilly RIP

1.00pm Funeral of Eugene Shaughnessy

Thursday 18th May

7.30am Ann Strain RIP

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Friday 19th May

7.30am Norma Papsin RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving for prayer

answered (Muoghalu)

Saturday 20th May – Our Lady

10.00am Eugene Shaughnessy RIP

Next Sunday 21st May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 20th May)

Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Pietro Mobile RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Agnes Selman RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat 9.30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am

*Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am

Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon

from 5pm to 6pm, and daily at call

whenever a priest is available.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - Page 265.

A special booklet will be available for the

First Holy Communion Mass at 12 Noon.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to £2053.00

(£1455.00-baskets; £598.00-standing orders.)

You also gave £818.00 towards the

Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

The amount given to the Maintenance of St

George's Cathedral, two weeks ago, has

now reached £627.00

THE PILGRIM:

The May edition is now available

FREE of charge from the porch.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE GIFT AID:

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BOXES, EVEN IF YOU GIVE BY STANDING ORDER. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE ORANGE/SALMON COLOURED OR WHITE ENVELOPES OR INDEED ANY OUT- OF- DATE ENVELOPES PLACED IN THE BASKETS. DUE TO HMRC RULES, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU STOP USING ALL OLD ENVELOPES AND INSTEAD USE ONLY THOSE PINK & BLUE ONES FROM YOUR NEW BOXES.

End of Year letters will be issued in the next few weeks



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please offer a special prayer today for the following children, who will be receiving Our Blessed Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the very first time at 12 Noon Mass.

May this First Communion be followed by regular and fervent reception of Jesus Himself in this most unique way throughout the lives of these young people:

Izabela Kozłowska;

Emily Da Luz Coixao;

Shane Gyedu-Buadi;

Zara Cecilia Adams;

Alisha Afriyie;

Romilly Musyoki;

Igor Miszczyszyn;

Joshua Smith-Mbolokele;

Charles Mercer;

Morayo Bello;

Maksymilian Zworski;

Simona Hamid;

Ave-Maria Prempeh;

Lacey Crocken;

Rosie Kamalagharan;

Lucy Okolo.

In the coming week:-

Monday 15th – Knights of St Columba meet in the St Basil Room, upper hall, from 8.00pm to 10.00pm.

Wednesday 17th – First Holy Communion practice in the church for candidates and parents & guardians, to prepare for 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 21st May. Please arrive promptly for a 6.30pm start, scheduled to finish at 8pm

Wednesday 17th – Confirmation Candidates Session 7 in the hall from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please be prompt.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Halls will be closed on Thursday 8th June 2017 due to the General Election.

Sick and Housebound

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. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Bob Foster, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Eugene Shaughnessy**, a fondly remembered teacher of BTG School and a founder member of our Life Group. He died on Thursday 4th May 2017. His funeral will take place here on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 1pm.

Church Cleaning: Group 1: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam, Irene Reynolds.

Please could you help clean God's house?

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

The special day dedicated to prayer for Fr Deo is Friday 26th May.

Please see the list of clergy in the main porch, on the right hand noticeboard.

CTS: The CTS rack is situated beside the Repository. We try to stock a varied selection of popular booklets designed to help us to discover, understand and grow in knowledge of the many elements of our Catholic faith. If you should wish to obtain an item which is not in the rack, please let us know, and we shall endeavour to order it on your behalf. Whether it be the Sacraments, the Saints, Prayer or Catechesis, there is something for everyone, with some items available in other languages such as Polish.

A Thought on First Holy Communion

As we move from Lent to Easter and from Spring to Summer, everything brightens and emerging blossoms tell us of life breaking out against the numbing cold, damp and dark of Winter. This is, of course, an allegory of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Over these weeks many of our young Parishioners, having made their First Confessions, will receive a still greater share in this Victory; for the very first time they will receive their Saviour, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the most intimate way open to them this 'side' of Heaven; please God, these First Confessions and Communion will be the first of many Confessions and Communion in a life lived increasingly in love with and in service of Jesus.

On Good Friday, we recalled Our Lord's being nailed to the Cross, hanging there for three hours then being laid, dead, in Mary's arms; He was buried in the Tomb, in the eyes of many, gone for good! As we are hearing at the moment in the Gospels, in particular, Christ definitively proved that He is, indeed, God; He Rose from the dead, having atoned to the Father for the sin of Adam and Eve. As we recite, weekly, in the Creed, He soon confirmed the precarious Faith of the Apostles by sending the Holy Spirit; gone was the fear of reprisals for proclaiming the Truth. We are already hearing, not only of the bold proclamations of the Truth, but of the resistance to that truth, in the forms of beatings, imprisonment and death. Did the Church curl up and die? Not a bit of it! Energised by the Grace of God and by His Presence in Holy Communion, the Church has gone from strength to strength as, indeed, Christ promised it would. He promised, before ascending into Heaven, that He would be with us, "...until the end of time...". Saint Paul, another of the fruits of the conquest of Good over evil, recalls us to this fact: If we live, faithfully, God's Way, nothing can keep us from attaining Heaven.

Our Brothers and Sisters, in certain places in the world, are still suffering attacks, privation and death for living out the Faith which, in the 'free' world, so many treat so casually. Please God we will not fail our young people, the precious Church of the future. May they grow up in families where the Faith is an integral and growing part of life; may it never be allowed to come to be regarded like so many of the fashions and interests which they may well discard as they grow older.

Actions, as the Apostles demonstrated, **speaking louder than words**. Enriched by regular reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, may our lives, ever more, be the examples which stimulate the growth of the Church!

MARCH FOR LIFE

Remembering the **8 million babies aborted** since the passing of the infamous 1967 Abortion Act, that is 50 years ago, The Good Counsel Network and SPUC are arranging coaches for those who wish to travel to Birmingham to take part in this pro-life event which takes place on Saturday 20th May 2017. Three bishops from England will be present. There is a poster along with leaflets in the porch.

HEAVEN'S ROAD CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is a new online radio station based at our diocesan seminary. You can tune in and enjoy features like prayers, interviews and music which appeal to a Catholic audience – a winning combination. The station is run on a shoestring by unpaid volunteers, so any donation, however small, would be very welcome. Cheques should be made payable for Heaven's Road FM and sent to Heaven's Road Radio, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU3 0QX. Masses are also broadcast live on a daily basis, ideal if you are unable to get to church.

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