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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 7th May 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Hugh Prunty RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Denis O’Gorman & Denis Jr

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Smith RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

5:00pm Rosary & Benediction

Weekday Masses

Monday 8th

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass

Margaret Allen RIP

Tuesday 9th

4:00pm First Holy Communion & Confirmation Class

For those not in Catholic Schools – in Church

5:30pm Novena & Rosary

6:00pm Holy Mass

Catherine & Thomas Larkin

RIP

Wednesday 10th

--- NO Mass

Thursday 11th

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew’s School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Roma Allman, Sick

Friday 12th

9:30am Holy Mass

Anne Goulding

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 13th

--- NO Morning Mass

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12noon Vigil Mass - Saint Thomas More School

First Holy Communions

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Rosely Sunny

SUNDAY 14th

9:00am Holy Mass

Trevor Jones RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Brendan McCartney RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary’s great joy in her Son’s victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION THIS SUNDAY - 5:00pm

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

The box on the Communion Rails by Our Lady is for your prayer intentions. If you wish prayers taken to Lourdes on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage at the end on May please fill in one of the prayer cards.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

The weekends of 13th/14th and 20th/21st May the First Holy Communions of the children in the Parish schools will take place. Please pray for all the children and their families. The First Holy Communions for those not in Catholic schools will be on Sunday 6th June.

REFLECTION – SACRED SCRIPTURE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house.

His Father’s house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ’s body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today’s Epistle, Jesus is the “stone” destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God’s dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God’s building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be “holy priests” offering up “spiritual sacrifices”—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY
For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- Bishop David McGough
- Gerry Smith, Bernadette Smith, John Askin
- Kathleen King & Geoffrey King –
 Requiem 15th May 10:00am
- Anthony Staley – Funeral Service at Robin Hood
 Wednesday 17th May 11:30am
- Michael Earlis – Reception 21st May 6:00pm
 Requiem 22nd May 2:00pm
 At Sacred Heart & Holy Souls
 Acocks Green
- Patrick Ryan –
 Reception 7th June 5:00pm
 Requiem 8th June 10:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Trevor Jones & Michael Molloy

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

30.04.23 - Gift Aid: £139.50. Non-Gift Aid: £490.64
 Total: £630.14

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund - £380.10
21.05.23 – Catholic Communications

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY
MAY

- Saturday 13th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
- Sunday 14th Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

- Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation**
- Wednesday 17th **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**
- Thursday 18th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

- Saturday 20th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
- Sunday 21st Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 10th & 11th of June.** A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi. Please will all Ministers fill in a form giving information of all the people to whom you take Holy Communion. Forms in the Sacristy. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 9th May**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

All welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13 May. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans. Our afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine. 1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. 3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House. 5pm – Depart
 For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk

AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this such and success. Thank you to all those who came and supported this event. £2341.00 will be sent to CAFOD to help with the earthquake disaster fund. Many thanks.