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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 15th May 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Intention

John Cahillane &
Deceased Finneran Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Ken Jones RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Smith RIP Anniv

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 16th

9:30am Holy Mass

Fr David Cullen RIP

Tuesday 17th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Thomas & Catherine Larkin

Wednesday 18th

9:30am Holy Mass

Kieran McCarthy RIP

10:30am – 11:30am

Saint Thomas More Year 6 Confessions

Thursday 19th Saint Dunstan

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)

11:00am – 12noon

Saint Andrew's Year 6 Confessions

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Mary McGuire

Friday 20th Saint Bernadine of Siena

9:30am Holy Mass

Margaret Davis RIP

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 21st

12noon Holy Mass

Saint Thomas More –
First Holy Communions

Next Sunday 22nd THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Tom Browne RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Joseph & Mary Clarke RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mina Hanson RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



THE SEASON OF EASTER

How Many Days Does the Easter Season Last?

The Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion in a state of Grace having been to Confession at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

How Many Days Are Between Easter and Pentecost?

If Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long? After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?

There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

Have a Happy Easter

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop David Evans will be with us to celebrate Holy Mass and Confirm our Confirmandi. Mass for Saint Andrew's on Tuesday 7th June and for Saint Thomas More Wednesday 8th June both at 7:00pm. This is the week after the Solemnity of Pentecost so a very wonderful time to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all those to be Confirmed. This week the children are going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation.

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R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove you face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Veronica Sheridan -

Reception Tuesday 31st May 6:00pm

Requiem Mass Wednesday 1st June 12:15pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood.

Mary Deery, Margaret Davis, Michael O'Sullivan,
 Fr Ted Simpson SCJ, Mary Abbey, John Shally,
 Mary Hawkins.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the Sullivan Family and in memory of Paddy & Mena Jordan.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

01.05.22 – Gift Aid £159.73 Non-Gift Aid: £518.04

Total £677.77

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund £326.65

This Weekend – At the request of his Grace the Archbishop a collection for the Ukraine.

Next Weekend – Catholic Communications

PARISH DIARY MAY

Thursday 26th

Ascension Day Holiday of Obligation

Vigil Mass 6:00pm (Wed) Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

JUNE

Saturday 4th

Pentecost Sunday

Solemn Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday 19th

Corpus Christi

Wednesday 22nd

The Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher

Mass 9:30am

Friday 24th

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mass 12noon Eucharistic Adoration 11:00am – 12noon

Sunday 26th

Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children at Saint Thomas More School who over the next three Saturdays will be making their First Holy Communion. We pray that this will be a time of blessing for them and their families and that they will grow in a deeper understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist. Thanks go to the teachers who have prepared them for this special day.

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 – 18th & 19th of June.**

A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above not at our Catholic Schools who wishes to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please collect an application form from the Sacristy after Mass or phone the Parish office. The next Instruction class will be on **Tuesday 17th at 4:00pm** in church.

SIFA FIRESIDE

Thank you to all who made donations to Sifa Fireside for Edal and Vera, £1100 was raised and with Gift Aid that was £1375. Many thanks.

COMEDY NIGHT

Thank you to Maxine and to all who helped to make the Comedy Night a success and very enjoyable evening. Thank you to the sponsors, Mary Wilkes, John Salt, Reliance Care Solutions Ltd, Pup and Duckling, Marks Hairdressers, Agnus Church Supply, JBB Home Improvements, Broadford Motors, Steven & Philip Painter, Jewson Partnership Solutions, Morrison's, & BDS Group who sponsored the event, The amount raised was £1,024.86.

PARISH TOTE

The Parish Tote will resume from the first weekend in June 4th & 5th.

More information next weekend as we start to get everything ready.

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