

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 6 EASTER**
Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- MON** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9 15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking
Open and Sharing the Word.
1st Mass of the Ascension at 7 pm.
- THU** **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day – restored to Thursday)**
Mass at 9.30 am
Adoration 10 am (approx.) – 7 pm.
- FRI** Requiem Mass of Richard Eades at 1.30 pm.
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (7 Easter) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Psalter Week 6 + Easter Readings etc.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(5): Jerry O'Mahony RIP (anniv); **Wed:** Mrs. Joyce Ellis, RIP; **Sat(12):** Eric Conn RIP.

READINGS

Reading 1: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48.

Psalm (97) Refrain: ***The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.***

Reading 2: 1 John 4: 7-10.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Derek Dyer, Christine Coghlan's brother, who died recently, and for Christine and the family; also for Richard Eades, who died recently, (funeral 11 May 1.30 pm) and for Margaret and the family; also for Eric Conn, Vera's father, who died recently; and for Vera.

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SUNDAY 6 MAY, 2018

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned inside this newsletter, we all need more of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives. We simply cannot live a Christian life without him. We may be living what we imagine to be a "Christian life" by our own power, but it will have little to do with the life to which Christ has actually called us. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is something we must seriously seek and pray for. We may think we have the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation, and indeed, we have been *given* the Holy Spirit, but that is different from having *received* him. I may *give* you a gift, wrapped; but if you toss it in a cupboard, unopened, you have not really *received* it. It is only when you have unwrapped it and allowed it to make a difference to your life that you have received it.

Jesus, and his Holy Spirit, do not force their way into our lives; we have to welcome them. "Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in..." It is only with their power working in us that we can live the kind of life Jesus wants of us. Some people think that there are 2 levels of Christian faith that are valid; one of deep commitment, another of a more casual involvement. This is not true. A casual involvement is not really Christian life at all; if we try living on that level we will not only probably lose out in eternal life, but will lose out in this life as well. There is a joy in living the Christian life that we do not recognise if we stay "on the edge". Like in a swimming pool – from the edge the water may seem cold and uninviting; but once you are in the pool and have adjusted to it, the hardest thing is to get out again! So with the Christian life; you only discover the joy of it by getting fully immersed in it. For this we need the Holy Spirit. So do join in with the Novena, and the 24 hour Adoration praying for the Holy Spirit on 17 May, that he may come more deeply into your life and that of the whole parish.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £217.52; Clergy Training Fund: £223.51

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND: our monthly collection will be this weekend.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY next w/e with retiring collection for the Church's work in the media.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

HOLY DAY: Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day, which has been restored to Thursday. We will have Mass on Wednesday evening at 7 pm and Thursday at 9.30 am, immediately before the Adoration – it may slightly overrun.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am (approx.) – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

NOVENA: Leaflets will be available this weekend for the novena preparing for Pentecost. Please pray either at home, or with us after Mass on the weekdays when we have Mass. We will begin the day after Ascension and end on the Saturday of the Pentecost weekend. We will use the orange sheets for public praying of the Novena; there is also a CTS version available in the rack at the back of church which some of you might like to use for reflection at home – you will need to use a bible alongside this one for the scripture passages suggested. *We all need more of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives individually and as a parish to live out our Christian lives to the full – so do try to pray for his help using one form or other!*

PENTECOST VIGIL: On Saturday week (19 May) we will have our customary Pentecost Vigil which will have extra readings and be a little longer than the usual Saturday evening Mass.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER FOR PENTECOST: On the evening of Pentecost (20 May) we will as usual have our Evening Prayer celebration, and as in the last couple of years, we will invite the other local Churches and adapt it slightly to make it suitable for an ecumenical celebration.

FR DANNY WRITES FROM PERU: Saludos del Peru. I have just received the proceeds from the Maundy Thursday collection - £ 960!!! Your generosity overwhelms me. Many, many thanks. I should be back in the UK by the end of this year. Meanwhile I have a number of projects which I hope to complete before I leave Peru so your support is a tremendous boost. May the Lord bless your generosity. I wish you Easter blessings and the Blessing of the Risen Lord. Un abrazo fuerte. Fr Danny

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: Saturday 19th May 2018 at Queensway Chapel, 8.45am for 9.am. Speaker is Susie Romer. Please sign up on sheet at back of church before Wed. 16 May.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday 17th May 10am to Friday 18th May 9am: This period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours has a three-fold purpose.

1. To pray in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress to be held in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September 2018 Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, laity and religious which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. The Deanery Clergy have organised a programme of Eucharistic Adoration in the week 14th to 20th May 2018. Most of the parishes within the Deanery are taking part and having a period of Adoration on an allotted day that week.

2. "Thy Kingdom Come" This is an invitation from the Presidents of Churches Together in England to join again this year in a global wave of prayer for mission, evangelism, peace and justice. People around the world will be coming together to pray for family friends and neighbours to come to know Jesus Christ.

3. As we approach Pentecost to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit anew on our parish and its future when Fr. Richard retires.

This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and already have cover from 10am to 7pm We are asking many more parishioners to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 Hrs. Please sign up on the spread sheet in the church porch.

FROM NORA: May is the Month of Mary. Let us gather round the Blessed Mother and ask for Her intercession, She who was able to move Her divine Son to perform His first public miracle, can still do that for us today. Join in praying for vocation in the priesthood, religious life and for sanctifying grace for Christian families. Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church during May.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please care when the car park, so children – and be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: articles, etc, presbytery at the on the front of



drive with great entering or leaving that the lives of adults – may not

Any information, please send to the address supplied the newsletter.