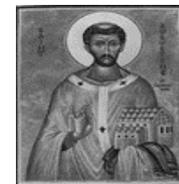




CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 6th MAY 2018

Sat 5th	6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 6th	8.30am	Deceased Members of the Raven Family
	10.30am	Grateful thanks to St. Jude
Mon 7th	10.00am	
Tue 8th	10.00am	Fr Gerard Young intentions
Wed 9th	10.00am	
Thu 10th	10.00am	<u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> The Ascension of the Lord Douglas Houghton RIP
	7.30pm	Evening mass
Fri 11th	No mass	<i>Friday abstinence</i>

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Latin Mass: 1st Sunday 3.00 pm (extraordinary form)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Parish

Day of Prayer: 1st Wednesday 10.30 to 6.30pm

Children's liturgy: -There will now be a regular 'family mass' on the first Sunday of every month. Children's liturgy will be held weekly at the 10.30 Sunday Mass.

Please remember in your prayers:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially Mick Balls, and Helen Fitzgibbons. We remember those who have died recently, Brendan O' Reilly, Marguerite Wilson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, namely, Johan Kiausus, Eileen Simmons, Hugh Toal, John Albone, Edward Cybulski, Agnes Hughes, James Tracey, Mary Day, Martha Smith and Sarah Feeney.

Queen of the May

May is a month that is loved, and its arrival is welcome for several reasons. In our hemisphere spring advances with so many colourful blossoms; the climate is favourable for walks and excursions. For the liturgy, May always belongs to the Easter Season, the season of the "alleluia," of the revelation of the mystery of Christ in the light of the Resurrection and of the Easter faith; and it is the time of expectation of the Holy Spirit, who descends with power on the nascent Church at Pentecost. With both these contexts, the "natural" and the liturgical, the tradition of the Church is well in tune in dedicating the month of May to the Virgin Mary. She is, in fact, the most beautiful flower to blossom in creation, the "rose" that appeared in the fullness of time, when God, sending his Son, gave the world a new spring. And she is, at the same time, a humble and discreet protagonist of the first steps of the Christian community: Mary is its spiritual heart, because her very presence in the midst of the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and pledge of the gift of his Spirit.

The Gospel of St. John offers us an implicit spiritual portrait of the Virgin Mary, where Jesus says: "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). These expressions are addressed to the disciples, but they can be applied precisely to her who is the first and perfect disciple of Jesus.

Mary was the first to fully observe the word of her Son, thus demonstrating that she loved him not only as his mother, but as a humble and obedient handmaid; because of this God the Father loved her and the Most Holy Trinity made its dwelling in her. Moreover, when Jesus promises his friends that the Holy Spirit will assist them, helping them to remember and understand profoundly every word of his, how can we not think of Mary, who in her heart, temple of the Spirit, meditated and interpreted faithfully everything that her Son said and did? In this way, already before and above all after Easter, the Mother of Jesus became also the Mother and model of the Church.

Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary for the Church, and for peace in the world, and for the Love of Christ to dwell in our homes.

Fr. Denis

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RCIA Course: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings. If you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr Denis.

St. John's School is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Ms Alex Hanou on 01462 892478. The school website is www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk

Newsletter: Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the dedicated newsletter email address (baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your Safeguarding Representative is Tom Keating 07909892178. The Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group

For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sacrament of Confirmation

6th May at 10.30 mass.

Baldock Festival 4th-20th May

Car Treasure hunt starting from the Church hall

Monday 7th May 10.30am, £10 per car.

Bottle Tombola We are having a stall at the Street Fair on **Saturday 19th May 10am** and would be grateful for bottles of drink. There will be a box in the porch for your donations, and nearer the time a list for helpers on the day. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity, as all money from this event will go towards our Church building projects.

The Knights of St

Columba (KSC) is a national Catholic men's organisation.

We pray together, raise funds for charity and provide practical support within our parishes. Do join us for an open evening on **Wednesday 9th May at 8pm in the Holy Family Room** and find out more without commitment.

Contact John White (on 07803 203459 or jwhite@cix.co.uk) if you hope to come.

Mothers' Prayers We invite women young, old, and in between to join together in prayer for our children, on the 2nd Saturday of each month, **beginning on 12th May, here at the parish.** We will meet at 9.30 am for tea/coffee/ introductions and the prayer meeting will be from 10 to 11am. Mothers' Prayers groups exist worldwide and follow a suggested format. There is opportunity for spoken and silent prayer, scripture, song, and a surrender of the care of our children into the arms of Our Father. *'Cast your cares on the Lord for He cares for you'* Read about Mothers' Prayers at www.mothersprayers.org

Readers' workshop 12th May 11am-12 noon with Joanna Cherry.

TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE



AFTER 10.30 MASS EVERY SUNDAY

An Introduction to the New Evangelisation

We welcome Deacon Adrian Cullen to speak to us about setting up a Parish Evangelisation team on **Wednesday 23rd May 7.30 - 9.15.** Through a workshop format, participants will be encouraged to share ideas and hear about successful evangelising experiences. The evening will help in the setting up of a parish team to plan and develop local evangelisation strategies to grow into a 'Missionary Parish'. Please come along to the parish rooms if you are interested in responding to Pope Francis' call for 'missionary parishes' to be set up.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the second session of the baptism course takes on place on Tuesday 16th May. For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

First Communion masses dates

9th June 11am -2pm

RCIA 2018 - 2019 Are you an adult non Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. It consists of regular weekly meetings, which begin on **12th June, Tuesday at 7.30 in the Holy Family room;** if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127. Alternatively, contact your local parish priest as most parishes run a RCIA course.

Extra Ordinary Eucharist Ministers' Day

16th June 10am - 12.30am finishing with Lunch.

Outdoor Mass

8th July 10.30am

Knit & Natter This group will meet on the first FRIDAY of every month in the Holy Family Room.

Mission - APF Mission Members please leave your red boxes at back of church to be emptied in May. There will be an appeal for new members in May when parishioners can take home a box or make an annual contribution directly to the Missions. The total amount collected in 2017 was £820. Thank you for your generosity.

200 Club New application forms are available at the back of the church; apply now for the new 18/19 year. Tickets cost £12 each year, with a total of £80 being paid out in prizes every month. Remember 'you have to be in it to win it'.

COLLECTION UPDATE Collection for Sunday 8th April: Envelopes £ 276.35 Loose Plate £217.50

The Cake sale made £217.50

Thank you for your continuing generosity.