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Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) 15th May 2022

Today's Readings

Acts 14:21-27 The first Christians were badly treated, but Paul and Barnabas lifted their spirits. We all go through many hardships, they said, on our way to glory.

Apocalypse 21:1-5 There is to be no more suffering in God's new creation. Heaven will no longer be remote when God comes to dwell among humankind.

John 13:31-35 Jesus helped his disciples to understand true glory. Selfless love was to be their rule of life.

Mass This Week

Saturday 14th 6:30pm

Sunday 15th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 17th 7:30pm Easter Feria

Wednesday 18th 9:15am Easter Feria

Thursday 19th 9:15am Easter Feria

Friday 20th 9:15am Easter Feria

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Christian Aid

Giuseppa Tamberello, Nicola DiTella
And Vincenza DiTella (RIP)

Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse

May devotions

Clara Zsidi RIP

Children's Liturgy

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

First Holy Communion It is our joy this weekend to rejoice with the young people and their families. Please keep them in your prayers. There may be more people than usual at the 10:30am Mass, you may wish to consider coming to one of the other weekend masses to create more space for our guests.

Parish Pastoral Council Our next PPC will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday June 1st in the Sacristy. Among items for discussion are to be a review of the year so far, social events and fundraising and planning our Parish AGM and beginning to prepare for our Summer and Autumn activities.

Rosary Online Over the past two years, a regular parish recitation of the Rosary has taken place online via Zoom. We are grateful that the marvels of technology have enabled us to unite in prayerful fellowship throughout the pandemic, and plan to continue with this practice at 10:00 on Mondays. Please let Anita know if you would like to join so she can forward your details.

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In Church The Rosary will be recited publicly after Mass at 09:45am on Wednesdays (after the 09:15am Mass). All welcome.

Children's liturgy starts again next week. This will take place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays, during term-time. Children's liturgy is for our youngest parishioners, so that they can hear the Word of God proclaimed in a language more appropriate to their levels of understanding. It is aimed at children from birth through to Year 3 at school (when they typically make their First Holy Communion) - if your child is below nursery age and comes along, they will need someone with them. The liturgy usually includes singing, learning about the Gospel, prayer, and some sort of activity. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Children's Liturgy.

Saturday 25th June – Churches Together - Quiet Day - at Nicholas Ferrar House, Little Gidding – we will be leaving Royston at approximately 9.15am to arrive at 10am and aiming to car share. Fr Tony Rogers will be leading the day with a mix of quiet time and worship on the theme of 'Developing church life following the pandemic'. Cost will be £30 each to include tea/coffee/biscuits on arrival, courgette soup, roll, butter and fresh fruit for lunch and tea/coffee before we leave. To book your place, please contact Annette Guttridge by calling 01763 241818 or via email: annette@guttridge.org.uk We need numbers by May 29th.

Fire Wardens Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We could do with few more people to cover every mass. Please sign up in the sacristy. We can arrange a further short training session.

CWL Meeting This is a reminder to all CWL members that the May meeting has been cancelled, our next meeting will be on Monday 13th June. The May coffee morning will still be on Sunday 29th May, as planned.

Priest Training Fund Priest Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Holy Fathers 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.

Christian Aid Week We join with our partners in Churches Together for Christian Aid Week. There will be a second collection after the masses this weekend and envelopes are available at the back of Church.

Bishops' Conference Plenary Statement *Returning to Mass at Pentecost*

Our Bishops have invited all Catholics to return to the normal practice of attending Sunday Mass in person from 5th June (whilst acknowledging there have always been dispensations from this obligation, such as for those who are ill or infirm). Part of their statement reads:

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

The full statement is on the board in the Sacristy and may be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>