



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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The Church is closed until further notice.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus are those suffering from the coronavirus.

Coronavirus – Covid 19

The latest news is we still wait patiently to be permitted to open our churches. Even though we have a little more freedom to go out, we need to continue social distancing to avoid spreading the virus. The bishops are continually reviewing the situation, and so we must wait further guidance. In the meantime, we continue doing our best to prevent the spread of the virus. And so now: we – Stay Alert, if we have to go out – keep our distance from other people and when we return home, wash our hands. If we keep to these instructions, we will beat this pandemic.

Whilst we are in lockdown and prevented from gathering as a community in our church, we continue with various devotions and activities online. Please see the newsletter and parish website for full details. During this time Fr Sebastian and I remember all in our parish as we celebrate Mass each day. We will try and keep all the anniversary Masses to the nearest date possible.

Parish Priest: **Fr. Duncan M. Adamson**

Assistant Priest: **Fr. Sebastian Joseph**

Seminarian: **Francis Thomas**

Parish Administrator: **Anne O'Connor**

Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Jo Marsh**

Pastoral Youth Worker: **Siobhan Denny**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Duncan writes: This Sunday should be the second of our Parish First Communion Sundays. This week 37 of our younger parishioners should be receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Because of the coronavirus all our churches are closed and so this celebration will be postponed and will, hopefully, take place in the autumn. We will have to wait for further news and instructions. Today, as last week, we have a special Children's Liturgy for the children and their families. Please pray for them, their parents and catechists this weekend. They will complete their preparations when we are able to bring them together as a group in the church again. I am particularly grateful to Jo Marsh and her team of catechists, who have been teaching the children and have prepared them to receive this Sacrament. Please keep them all in your prayers.

This **Thursday** we celebrate the Feast of **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**. A couple of years ago, the Bishops returned this feast to its proper day, 40 days after Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection. Although, The Ascension is a Holyday of Obligation but this year because of the pandemic our obligation to attend Mass is removed. The Feast of the Ascension is a celebration of the promise of the Lord to be with us always and not simply a commemoration of the departure of the Lord. It is this promise that ensures the effectiveness of our mission as Church, the people of God, to preach the gospel to all nations. We gather as the Church in obedience to Christ. We do so in the joyful celebration of Christ's Ascension. We do so in the knowledge that he promised to be with us always. Today our task is to be living witnesses of his presence and his love as we reach out helping and supporting one another.

Thy Novena to the Holy Spirit

Between the Ascension and Pentecost, the apostles gathered together in the upper room waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. These nine days of prayer is the original Novena. We will pray this Novena of Prayer each day beginning on **Friday 22nd May** and ending on **Saturday 30th May**, the Vigil of Pentecost. Each day you are invited to join us at **11.30am** to say the Novena Prayers. We will then end with the Angelus. To join us; Telephone **03330 110945** then when prompted, enter the following: Room Number **29316542#** Guest PIN: **5714#**. (Calls charged at local rate).

Pentecost 24/7 Virtual Prayer Room

As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, we will come together spiritually to pray 'continuously' for 168 hours for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our 'virtual' prayer space has been established so we can all pray in our own homes for an identified hour (or hours) knowing that others in our parish will be continuing the prayer during the rest of the day.

Please follow the link below to sign-up for an hour during the week or alternatively text or call (**07852 978741**) with your preferred time slots.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DGOIHxQfKhKZ8vUAKR-oHeT4KlrObHzPNgz1yddTcg/edit?usp=sharing>

You can pray in any way you feel comfortable during your hour and there are resources on the website.

Pentecost Scripture and Art Project - Year of the Word—The God Who Speaks

You are invited to take part in the Most Sacred Heart Parish Project. Over the next two weeks, as a family or individually, read, meditate, reflect and pray on Acts 2: 1-13 From your meditation, produce a piece of art—this can be anything you feel inspired to create: a painting or drawing, a collage, photography, cooking, photographed freeze-frames or poetry. Once complete, please take a picture of your work and email to: jomarsh@rcdow.org.uk or alternatively, if you are able, pop it through the parish door so it can be collated with the rest of the parish work to create a parish collage and shared with everyone.

E-Alerts:

To receive a copy of the weekly parish updates straight to your inbox, please sign into the parish e-Alerts on our parish website.

The parish office is closed to visitors until further notice.

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Lately Dead

Please pray for the following people who have died recently: Pat Callaghan and Josie Ryan. We commend them to the love and mercy of God Our Father, we also pray for their family and friends.

May they rest in peace.

Word for Easter

Scripture reflections and faith sharing continue to take place via Zoom on **Mondays at 2pm** (meeting id **459-795-303**) and **Wednesdays at 7:30pm** (meeting id **302-144-232**).

The Priest Training Fund Collection

The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund (WEEF) would normally be taken up at this time of the year. Donations to the Priests' Training Fund are always gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Many thanks to all those who have made a contribution. If you are passing the house on your walk, you may also put your donation in an envelope marked 'Priests Training Fund' and put it in the presbytery letterbox. Thanks

Gift Aid

Please inform Anne in the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a Gift Aid declaration. Also, if you are now in a position to gift aid your donations or would like to change your planned giving donations to standing order during this lockdown, please email Anne. Thanks.

Confirmation

Youth Alpha sessions via Zoom will continue to take place each **Tuesday at 7pm**. Contact Jo (jomarsh@rcdow.org.uk) for more information. Meeting ID: **853-3784-0255**

VIA Lucis – Stations of the Resurrection

Please join us during the Easter Season on Fridays at **7:30pm** via Zoom (**267-561-510**)

To join please visit the website: <https://Zoom.us> and click 'Join Meeting' and enter the code for the meeting when prompted. Depending on your device, you may be prompted to download an App or a programme. Please accept this and allow access to both camera and speakers / microphone / audio.

Meeting ID: 267-561-510. The prayers, reflections and Scripture passages can be found in the Stations of the Resurrection Booklet, available on our website to download.

Virtual Children's Liturgy

it was fantastic to see so many of you at Children's Liturgy last week - a great way to continue our prayer together. While we remain in lockdown, please join us each Sunday for Virtual Children's Liturgy Session at **11am** via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 844-0908-4760**). To join please visit the website: <https://Zoom.us> and click 'Join Meeting' and enter the code for the meeting when prompted. Depending on your device, you may be prompted to download an App or a programme. Please accept this and allow access to both camera and speakers / microphone / audio.

Lectio Divina

Even though most of us are unable to receive Jesus physically, through his Body and Blood, at this time. We can receive his Word, personally speaking to us in the Scriptures (the Word of God). Perhaps you might consider joining us for Lectio Divina: praying, reflecting and sharing our meditations on Scripture each **Tuesday at 11am** via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 881 880 170**) To join please visit the website: <https://Zoom.us> and click 'Join Meeting' and enter the code for the meeting when prompted. Depending on your device, you may be prompted to download an App or a programme. Please accept this and allow access to both camera and speakers / microphone / audio.

Rosary Conference Call

It has been really wonderful to continue to pray with a group of parishioners while maintaining social distancing. All are welcome to join daily at **9:30am** (incl Sunday). Telephone No: **0333 0110 945**. When prompted, enter the following Room number: **29316542 #Guest PIN: 5714 #**

Mass Intentions for: 16th – 24th May 2020

Saturday 16 th May	Patrick Warr, R.I.P. (Ann.) Mary & Joseph McGrath, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 17 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Maureen Gill, R.I.P.(Ann.) Damian Loughman, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Monday 18 th May	Nora Harris, R.I.P. Christine Kilker, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Tuesday 19 th May	Sheila Miles, R.I.P. Eric Francis, R.I.P.
Wednesday 20 th May St. Bernadine of Siena	Tony Page, R.I.P. Sun Perera Intentions
Thursday 21 st May The Ascension of the Lord	Sheila & Kenneth Burgess, R.I.P. Adele & James Cusack, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 22 nd May St. Rita of Cascia	Genny Maguire, R.I.P. Marcus Bartley Jr, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Saturday 23 rd May	Lesley Watkins, R.I.P. Jim O'Brien, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 24 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	For You the People Kevin Hynes, R.I.P. (Ann.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Harry Butler, Lily Fehin, Carmel Galanty, Doreen Jones, Rose Pick, Marjorie Shaw, Caroline Titley, Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Fiona O'Leary, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Simon Mott, Claire Wilmshurst, Edward Vivier, Carmel Keane, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson, Barbara Steadman, Christine Andrews, Wendy Davies, Teresa Jefferson and Kevin Horner.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Patrick Warr, Mary & Joseph McGrath, Maureen Gill, Damian Loughman, Christine Kilker, Adele Cusack, Marcus Bartley Jr and Michael Gormley.

**God Bless
Fr. Duncan**