



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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The Church is closed until further notice.

World Communications Day

World Communications Day 2020 falls on **24 May** as much of the world remains in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The Pope's World Communications Day message focuses on storytelling, truth and who we are in God's eyes. He looks to the Bible as "the great love story between God and humanity" with Jesus at its centre. This Sunday the Pope has asked us to pray for all those working in communications during the pandemic. We are invited to pray for "those who work in the media, who work to communicate today so that people are not isolated... who help us to bear this time of isolation" He recognises that given a growing digital culture throughout the world, the media must become a primary platform for spreading the Gospel. Here in our parish we have seen how the 'digital age' has helped us continue to celebrate our faith and support one another.

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.

Parish Priest: **Fr. Duncan M. Adamson**
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The parish office is closed to visitors until further notice.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Fr. Duncan writes: On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we await the coming of the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised at the Passover Meal, his Last Supper, that he celebrated with his disciples on the night before he died. Now he has ascended to his Father, we gather with the apostles in prayer, waiting. Waiting is something that we are all getting used to at this present time. When we go shopping, we wait in the queue to enter the supermarket, the bank and shops. We are also waiting to see when we can open the churches again and resume Masses and other celebrations. The various religious leaders are meeting with the government to organise how this can be done safely. We hope that we can open the church for private prayer, but we wait. During this time, preparations are being made to make people welcome and keep them safe in church. As we receive more information, I will let you know. In the meantime, we continue doing our best to prevent the spread of the virus. And so now: we – Stay at 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 still 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.

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).

Vigil of Pentecost

The Cardinal has recorded a Pastoral Message for the Feast of Pentecost.

The video is available online at <https://vimeo.com/421046273> and on the diocesan website.

In his message, the Cardinal asks that, across the diocese, priests and people participate, from their homes, in a short vigil of prayer next Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. You are welcome to join us via Zoom on **Saturday 30th May** at **5.00pm** for a short vigil of prayer, **MEETING ID: 842-7969-5228**.

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-oHeT4Klr0bHzPNgz1yddTcg/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.

Lately Dead

Please pray for the following people who have died recently: Pat Callaghan, Josie Ryan and Rita Grimer. 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

Many thanks to all those who have made a contribution. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations 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 and we will forward it. Thanks.

Mass Intentions

2 daily Mass intentions will be said privately by Fr. Duncan and Fr. Sebastian as they will continue to say Mass every day in our Church. We will try and keep all the anniversary Masses to the nearest date possible.

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.

Little Voices Playgroup

Please contact Pat Gradwell on **07534 908615** or on patricia.gradwell@btinternet.com for September enquiries.

VIA Lucis – Stations of the Resurrection

These take place each Friday evening beginning at **7:30pm**. 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: 23rd – 31st May 2020

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.)
Monday 25 th May St. Bede	Alison Tilley, R.I.P. (Ann.) Michael Hannon, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Tuesday 26 th May St. Philip Neri	Stephen Sullivan, R.I.P. Katie Burke, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Wednesday 27 th May St. Augustine of Canterbury	Seamus McMahon, R.I.P. Roy Lewis, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Thursday 28 th May	Sheila Miles, R.I.P. Geoffrey Moyse, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 29 th May St. Paul VI	Charles Banks, R.I.P. Maureen Kilbane, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Saturday 30 th May	Jim Giuletta Calabrese, R.I.P. Michael Power, R.I.P.
Sunday 31 st May Pentecost Sunday	For You the People Susan Condon, 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:

Jim O'Brien, Kevin Hynes, Michael Hannon, Katie Burke, Roy Lewis, Geoffrey Moyse and Maureen Kilbane.

**God Bless
Fr. Duncan**