



Sunday 24th May 2020

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter during this difficult time for all of us. It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

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## THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sun 24 May</b><br>9.30am   | <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>People of the parish<br>George Hillier RIP         |
| <b>Mon 25 May</b><br>9.30am   | <b>S. Bede the Venerable</b><br>Fee & Bonner Mc Dermott RIP<br>Rosaleen Gartland Ints |
| <b>Tues 26 May</b><br>9.30am  | <b>S. Philip Neri</b><br>Terasa Canavan Ints<br>Peggy Condon Ints                     |
| <b>Weds 27 May</b><br>9.30am  | <b>S. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</b><br>James Mullane RIP                                |
| <b>Thurs 28 May</b><br>9.30am | <b>Easter feria</b><br>Sebastiana Rebello RIP   |
| <b>Fri 29 May</b><br>9.30am   | <b>Pope S. Paul VI</b><br>Johny Greene RIP<br>Fr Micheal Johnston Ints                |
| <b>Sat 30 May</b><br>9.30am   | <b>Easter feria</b><br>Max Perera RIP   |
| <b>Sun 31 May</b><br>9.30am   | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br>For the people of the parish<br>Mary Doran RIP             |

## TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14**

After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the apostles return to Jerusalem and gather in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1,4,7-8**

The Lord is our salvation.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

If you suffer for Christ, you will be blessed.

**Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a**

Jesus prays for his disciples

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come!"*

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Paul Turnbull, Tom Fernandes.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Fr Liam Holmes (Assistant priest at St George's 1981-1984)

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Leslie Sequeira, Christine Kilker

### WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ ALL WHO WORK IN THE NHS AT THIS TIME.
- ◆ DOCTORS, NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF.
- ◆ ALL WHO ARE SICK IN ANY WAY.
- ◆ THE ELDERLY & VULNERABLE.
- ◆ FOR OUR POLITICIANS MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
- ◆ FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR CARE HOMES AND ALL WHO WORK THERE.

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY

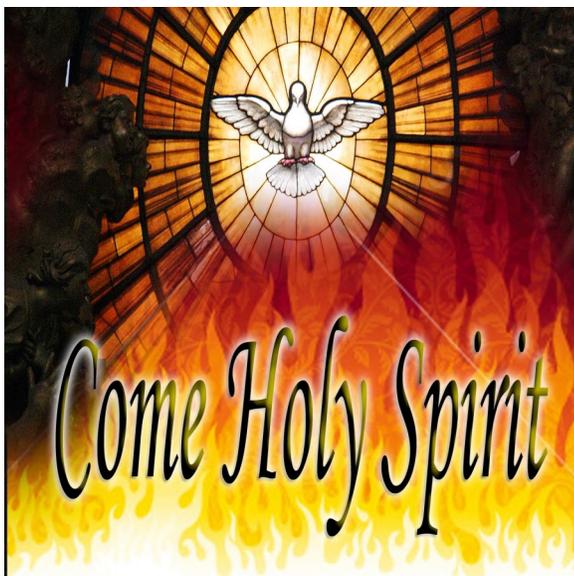
**For Deacons:** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

IN MEMORY OF HARRY JALES RIP

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for  
**THANKSGIVING FOR EVA JURI  
& TEREZINHA RODRIGUES**



In his Last Supper discourse with his beloved disciples Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here and the willing offering of his life for us. How does the cross reveal this glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation (Romans 8:1). Jesus gave his Father the supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross for our sake. In times of defence the greatest honour belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. The Lord Jesus freely and willingly offered up his life out of obedience to his Father and love for us.

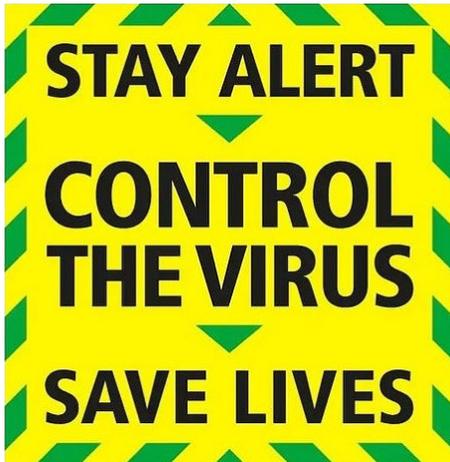
Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation - the eternal Word who became flesh for our sake (John 1:14) - and the Cross of Christ which won for us pardon, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, guilt, and condemnation. His sacrificial death brings us new life - the abundant life of peace and joy which God wishes to share with each one of us. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love - a love that is merciful, sacrificial, and generous beyond measure.

Jesus offers us eternal life. What is eternal life? It is more than simply a life without end or an eternal state of being. Science and medicine look for ways to extend the duration of human life - but God offers us something vastly greater and more surpassing than a simple extension of physical life. Eternal life is qualitative more than quantitative. To have eternal life is to have the very life of God within us. When we possess eternal life we experience here and now something of God's majesty, glory, and holiness which he shares with us. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit, God fills us with the abundant fruit of his peace, joy and love.

Jesus also speaks of the knowledge of God. Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally and be united with God in a personal relationship of love and friendship. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the personal and experiential knowledge of God as our eternal Father - the one who knew us before creation (Ephesians 1:4 and Romans 8:29) and who knit us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13 and Jeremiah 1:5). Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as *our* Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like.

In Jesus Christ we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you hunger to know God personally and to be united with the Father in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the unity of the Holy Spirit who dwells with us? The Lord Jesus invites each of us to enter more deeply into a personal relationship of love and oneness of mind, heart, and spirit with the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created us in love for love.

# NEWS UPDATE



**ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COMING BACK TO MASS IN CHURCH? (UPDATE)** A date has been generally set for 4th July for the reopening of Churches for private prayer, though not for the celebration of Mass which would involve larger numbers of people. We will have to wait a bit longer to know plans when we may be able to celebrate Mass together. There are however plans under way for social distancing and the reintroduction of the celebration of Mass but they are complicated with risk assessments and the need for constant supervision and constant cleaning and limited numbers. We will very soon be asking for your assistance. So stay alert also for our call for help etc.

**YOU CAN FIND POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINING MASS LIVE-STREAMING**  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/pray-at-home/> <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED** please know we try to continue as normal behind the doors. Mass is offered every day for you, your loved ones, all the sick and the departed.

**MASS INTENTIONS.** If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the presbytery. Please note that at the moment the parish office is closed.

**ORGAN DONATION:** The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have produced Guidelines for Catholics on Organ Donation, and how to record this decision online via the Organ Donation Register (ODR). The ODR also allows you to record

your faith beliefs so that they may be respected in the event of death and organ donation.

Bishop Paul Mason, the lead Bishop for Healthcare and Mental Health, said: 'Preparing for death should not be feared. These guidelines hope to provide you with some information to help you make a well-informed decision about donating your organs after death. It is important to discuss this with your family and loved ones so that they are aware of your decision and can honour it. In turn, it is hoped that this may help to start a conversation so that you too are able to make an informed choice about loved ones when the time comes.'

'It is good to see that the Human Tissue Authority have both retained and strengthened the sections relating to faith (Paragraphs 92-102) in the final Code of Practice. The Code of Practice has also provided further clarity on the potential case of a family objecting to the donation of the deceased's organs where consent has been deemed, as well as the role of the specialist nurses (SNs) in this scenario. We are grateful to the Human Tissue Authority for taking our consultation response into account and for providing these assurances.'

In a letter to faith groups, Professor John Forsythe, Medical Director, and Dr Dale Gardiner, National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation, of NHS Blood and Transplant, said:

'The essential principle we want to reinforce is that a person's faith and beliefs will be respected in discussions with their families about donation, should the opportunity arise - whether or not they have recorded their decision in the register.'

After writing to NHS Blood and Transplant about organ donation in light of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Paul Mason received the following assurances:

'Our practices in supporting families are continuing during this unprecedented time. We are continuing to approach the family of every potential organ donor, to discuss whether their loved one would have wanted to donate their organs.'

'We continue to offer families the opportunity to seek advice about organ donation from a faith leader, in this case a Priest. Our specialist nurses would facili-

tate those discussions and depending on the situation in the hospital, this would be supported, either face to face or by phone. It will come down to local hospital policies whether or not such practices can continue due to COVID-19.

'We are conscious that it is a very difficult time for families. Hospitals are functioning as best as they can in very challenging circumstances. But rest assured, our specialist nurses remain committed to supporting donation conversations and the donation process, where it is possible to proceed, with the same care, dignity and compassion as always.'

NHS Blood and Transplant also noted that patients who have had COVID-19, or have been exposed to the virus, will not be considered as organ donors.

The Guidelines for Catholics can be found here:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Organ-Donation-Guidelines-Feb-2020.pdf](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Organ-Donation-Guidelines-Feb-2020.pdf)

More information on the law change can also be found on the NHS Organ Donation website:

Information about the law change: [www.organdonation.nhs.uk/opt-out/](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/opt-out/)

Questions and answers around the law change: [www.organdonation.nhs.uk/opt-out-faq/](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/opt-out-faq/)

**Information and resources regarding the Christian perspective on organ donation:** [www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/your-faith-and-beliefs/christianity/](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/your-faith-and-beliefs/christianity/)

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Bethany	blessed	heaven
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# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

## Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: Acts 1:12-14

of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

*R/. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? *R/.*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *R/.*

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' *R/.*

## Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

## Gospel Acclamation: cf. Jn 14:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;*

*I will come back to you,*

*and your hearts will be full of joy.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:  
glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this:  
to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you  
before ever the world was.  
I have made your name known  
to the men you took from the world to give me.  
They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.  
Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent me.  
I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those you have given me,  
because they belong to you:  
all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,  
and in them I am glorified.  
I am not in the world any longer,  
but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.