

## Notices for the week beginning 10 May 2015

**Sunday 10 May 2015 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 268

6.00 pm (Vigil) Paddy & Imy O'Connor (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Zac Hinds and Family

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Our Lady of Fatima*

Mass: 10.00 Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Thursday *St Matthias*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Kay Burton (Lately Dead)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Easter Feria* Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

**Sunday 17 May 2015 Sunday of the Ascension**

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am Rajam Selvaraj (Anniversary)

### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

**Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Melanie Edwards, Judy Fernandes, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Michael Kelly, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Gill Rollsprayer, Clair Sutton, Merridee Wadling;

**Lately Dead:** Father Finbar Buckley

**Anniversaries:** Moyra Brooks, John Carter, Judy Clark, Margaret Cole, Richard Coogan, Anthony Crook, Bridget Gollege, Daniel Hurley, Ella Knock, Catherine O'Sullivan, Mary Parker, Rajam Selvaraj, Peter Sobocinski, Maria Weeks and Anne Whadcoat. May they rest in peace.

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
16/17 May	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps
		G Booth		W Hinds
	R	S Wright	D Crauford	S Lewington
		M Miles	W Winstone	H Houston
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £217.80

Loose: £139.07

Building Fund: £41.00

Standing Orders for April: Offertories £1,914

Building Fund: £129.00

## PARISH NEWS

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10 May 2015



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John F Kennedy (Secondary), Hemel Hempstead, phone 01442 266150  
website: [www.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jfk.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Mr Paul Neves.

### Times of Services

Sunday

Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Holydays

Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Weekday

Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am

**FRANCIS  
BISHOP OF ROME  
SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD  
TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER  
GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE**

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy," has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father. Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish Communion today to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. So he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love, choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I have chosen the date of 8 December because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive. With the Council, the Church entered a new phase of her history. The Council Fathers strongly perceived, as a true breath of the Holy Spirit, a need to talk about God to men and women of their time in a more accessible way. The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way. It was a new phase of the same evangelization that had existed from the beginning. It was a fresh undertaking for all Christians to bear witness to their faith with greater enthusiasm and conviction. The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world.

We recall the poignant words of Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: "Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity ... The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all;

patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children." Blessed Paul VI spoke in a similar vein at the closing of the Council: "We prefer to point out how charity has been the principal religious feature of this Council ... the old story of the Good Samaritan has been the model of the spirituality of the Council ... a wave of affection and admiration flowed from the Council over the modern world of humanity. Errors were condemned, indeed, because charity demanded this no less than did truth, but for individuals themselves there was only admonition, respect and love. Instead of depressing diagnoses, encouraging remedies; instead of direful predictions, messages of trust issued from the Council to the present-day world. Another point we must stress is this: all this rich teaching is channeled in one direction, the service of mankind, of every condition, in every weakness and need."

The full text of this document can be found on <http://www.im.va>.

#### **PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

Thank you for your generous response to the Priests Training Fund last Sunday which raised £623.50.

#### **NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**

There will be a special collection today, after Holy Communion, to support the people of Nepal after the recent earthquake. CAFOD is working with the other major agencies.

#### **GIFT AID TAX REFUND**

We are about to submit our parish claim for 2014. If you Gift Aid your giving to the church, we can reclaim the tax on your Offertories etc. We need to know if you have ceased to be a UK tax payer during the year. We do not wish to make a false claim. In the circumstances, and in order that we do not claim tax which has not been paid, please will you let Canon Berry or David Long know (in confidence) if you are no longer a UK tax payer.

#### **GRAND PUDDING QUIZ**

The Justice and Peace Group, Tring invite you to a Grand Pudding Quiz in High Street Baptist Church Hall on Saturday 13 June High Street Baptist Church Hall from 7.30 pm to 9.45 pm. This is a fun quiz for all ages with delicious puddings and cakes during the interval ((included in the ticket price). Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. Tickets £5.00, £2.50 for under 16s. Please contact Margaret 07767 770505 or email [Margaret.donnelly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.donnelly@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **END OF YEAR BBQ**

Please make a note of this in your diary, mobile or tablet. On Sunday 19 July after the 10.30 mass. Messy Church, SPOG and the Youth Club are having a combined celebration. All are welcome. We would be glad of help in preparing for this. Please get in touch with Dan.

#### **ROSARIES ABROAD**

The Catenian Rosary Group has been sending rosaries to people in Third World countries. If you have unused rosaries hidden away in cupboards and drawers, please send them to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, Lancs, BL1 4PN.