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(Betharram)



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
9th May to 17th May
2020

**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

**Today's Mass
Readings**
Acts 6:1-7;
Ps 32;
1 Peter 2: 4-9;
John 14: 1-12

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel begins with beautiful words: **"Do not let your heart be troubled."** This is an beautiful invitation for us to overcome fear. A deep fear has taken the hearts of the Apostles in the Upper Room: the fear of suffering, of death and of the future. Jesus suggests that there is only one way to overcome the many and deep fears that beset us. It is faith in God and faith in Him. This invitation reveals that God is the rock on which we have to build our life. This also assures us that the love of God is faithful and never abandons us: this is the great certainty that comforts us because we are like the Apostles in the Upper Room in this uncertain time for our world.

As Pope Francis said, the month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. Through the Blessed Virgin Mary we can reach Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

For this reason, we can encourage each other to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home as a family or individual in the month of May. Pope Francis has provided a beautiful prayer to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary. This is on the last page of this newsletter.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I assure you all of my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly. Stay safe and take care.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Margaret Dunne, Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk, Lenard Turner, Leah Hobson, Bridget Murphy**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Bernard Small, Bridget Dix, Anne Giles, Madeline Owen, Rev. Alan Fortune SJ, Michael Hart, William Richards, Mary Ward, Patricia O'Brien, Ellen Harris, Joe Attridge, Irene Povey, Joseph Greaves, Mary Boyle, Hugh Marshall, Charles Lloyd, Thomas Nugent, Arthur Griffiths, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

Jesus is the way who alone can lead us to the Father. 'No one comes to the Father, but by me'. After his resurrection, Jesus ascended to take his place at the right hand of the Father. He wishes us to be with him and his Father in glory. Jesus promises that at his 'Second Coming' he will take us to be with him and the Father forever. Jesus said 'I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, you may be also'. We are on a journey to the Father. Pope John Paul II said "The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father". In faith we should keep our eyes fixed on heaven, longing and thirsting for it. Christ has promised to come back to take us there. He has prepared a place for us in his Father's house. This hope can overcome all the troubles that harden our hearts and fill them with confidence, joy and peace. Father, I thank you for creating me to live forever in your presence. In Jesus I can come to you freely. I can know you as my Father and see you face to face. Teach me to put my faith in the truth of the gospel and the hope and life it brings.

DEACON TERRY

This Week Saturday 9th May – 17thMay (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 9th May Easter Feria	10:00am Brian McClarnon	
Sunday 10th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Ints. of Eamon Connors, Val & Toni Family	
Monday 11th May Easter Feria	10:00am Ints. Of Payal Gordhan	
Tuesday 12th May Easter Feria	10:00am Lilian Levell	
Wednesday 13th May Easter Feria	10:00am Patrick Doocey	
Thursday 14th May Feast of St Michael Garicoits	10:00am Regina Bailey RIP, Elizabeth and Edward Bailey	
Friday 15th May Easter Feria	10:00am James Grogan	
Saturday 16th May Easter Feria	10:00am Ints. Of John and Margaret Beirne	
Sunday 17th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Sr. Vincent Fallon and Lilian Levell RIP	

SUNDAY OFFERTOERY COLLECTIONS

I would like to place on record a sincere thanks to all those who have had concern about our parish finance and putting their Gift Aid Envelopes and Offertory Donations through the Presbytery door in the last few weeks. Thank you so much for your continued support to your parish. There are many parishioners who had enquired about how to give offertory donations. The simple and easy way is to set up a standing order, if you can. To set up a standing order please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who are in the Gift - Aid Scheme, the Gift - Aid Envelope Boxes for the current year are available now from the Parish Office. I hope that many of you are going for a walk (daily exercise), if so please pop in to the Parish Office or the Presbytery and collect your Gift - Aid Envelop Box. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation in this unprecedented time.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£ 245.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**GREAT BARR FOOD
BANK**

We are low on all stock; milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam and biscuit/snack bars. Any donations can be brought to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

Next Sunday's Mass

Readings:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17;

Ps 65;

1 Peter 3:15-18;

John 14:15-21

Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary,

**You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.**

**We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered
in your faith.**

**“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.**

**Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.**

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*