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LATEST NEWS

2ND MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

Mon 3rd May - Feast of Ss Philip & James, Apostles

Tue 4th May - Feast of the English Martyrs

Wed 5th May - Easter Weekday

11.30am May Marian Devotions

(with prayer for an end to the Pandemic)

12 Noon Mass

Thur 6th May - Easter Weekday

Fri 7th May - Easter Weekday

Sat 8th May - Easter Weekday

9TH MAY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Parish Mass

(The People of the Parish)

Please ensure that you book a place for Mass on Eventbrite.

MAY PRAYERS FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC Pope Francis is inviting Catholics across the globe to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Acts of the Apostles. See www.vaticannews.va for more details. As part of this initiative will pray the rosary and other Marian devotions in St Patrick's throughout the month of May before the Wednesday at 11.30am. Please do come to Mass early and join us as the Holy Father asks.

DAY OF THE LORD As mentioned last weekend, the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on the post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and the Sacraments. It is available to read at: www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/04/Day-of-the-Lord-220421.pdf

EXTRA PPC MEETING on-line Thursday at 7pm. There will be just one agenda item: To discuss the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales letter called 'The Day of the Lord.' regarding our post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to Mass. Please read the reflection in advance of the meeting.

ASCENSION DAY This year the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension falls on Thursday 13th May. Mass will be celebrated at 12noon.

ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM Jane Wragg and a small team of people support Fr Michael in the pastoral care of our parishioners. This is a ministry exercised within our Parish Pastoral Council. We do of course need to be kept up to date with the needs of the frail/elderly/the sick etc. Please do let Fr Michael or Jane, as group coordinator, know of anyone needing help. Once lockdown is ended, the monthly Mass for those with special needs will be restored followed by lunch time refreshments. Jane can be contacted on grannywragg@gmail.com



BOOKING FOR MASS We are thankfully seeing a gradual return to Mass now that so many have been vaccinated. If you have not yet celebrated your Easter communion, we look forward to seeing you soon. Mass is celebrated on Wednesday at 12noon and Sunday at 10.30am. Please remember that booking is still required to attend Mass to ensure right numbers for social distancing. We will increase the number of masses as the number of people booking rises. The booking link is:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644. If book and you later find that you do not require the place, please let us know or cancel it through Eventbrite to enable another person to come to Mass. Covid regulations mean that sadly we are still not permitted to sing as a congregation. Masks are required (unless medically exempt) Communion is given in one kind on the hand only.

Please observe the one-way system in Church: the car park door is for ENTRANCE only and the Bath Road door for EXIT only unless you have a disability. If we all observe these regulations, we help to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2021 In consultation with survivors, the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (May 4th) in England and Wales.

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

RIGHT TO LIFE UK “As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us”

BORDERLANDS Grateful thanks to all who generously donated to the recent Borderlands food collection.

WORTH ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers: Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB. Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time Led by Robert Elliot Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis’ vision ‘Let us Dream’ Led by Austin Ivereigh For further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

THE REGINA CAELI (Queen of Heaven) replaces the recitation of the Angelus for the duration of the Easter season before 12noon Masses. There are copies available at the back of the Church to take away. “Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, Alleluia! For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

ST MARY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BATH is seeking a deputy head teacher for September 2021. Full information can be downloaded from the ‘Our Community’ section of our website www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk Closing date is Sunday, 2nd May with interviews on 12th and 13th May.

THURSDAY EVENING ZOOM PRAYERS The prayer session organised by Pat Ruffell & Cath Elms is open to everyone and continues through Eastertide. It is approximately 15 minutes long and starts at 6.30pm each Thursday (excluding Holy Thursday). You can join from 6.20pm. Email thurs.pray@gmail.com for joining details.

CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Wednesday 28th April 2021. Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of meditative prayer. Everyone needs moments of recollection amid the busyness of our daily lives. For Christians, meditation is not simply a matter of introspection but a method of prayer, a means of encountering Christ, above all in the mysteries of his earthly life. While there are many methods of meditation in the Church's rich spiritual tradition, all have a single aim: to enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus our Saviour. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ in faith is nurtured through the use of our intellect, imagination, emotions and desires. The Catechism teaches that meditation on the mysteries of Christ deepens our faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts, and strengthens our will to follow in his footsteps (cf. No. 2708). Our Lord's every word and action can thus touch us and become a part of our own lives. On every page of the Gospel, we are invited to encounter Christ and to discover in him the source of our salvation and our true happiness.

PLEASE HELP TO RENOVATE OUR STATUE OF SAINT JOSEPH Please pop your donation in an envelope marked 'St Joseph' and post it in the presbytery letter box if you can help. The statue has now been stabilized and St Joseph is back in Church! We now need to restore the statue. Thank you to those who have kindly contributed so far! Statues of the Saints in Church are like our family photos in our homes. They remind us of our brothers and sisters, family members in heaven.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital, please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

Saint Patrick's Community at Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, James Gallagher, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Survivors of Abuse (Tuesday Day of Prayer 2021)

The Holy Father's May Prayer Intention: The world of finance: That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Diocesan Prayer Link: English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne & Ilminster

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Patrick's Catholic Church

May - Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honour our heavenly mother.

O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus, your divine son, dying on the cross, confided us to your maternal care. You are our mother, we desire ever to remain your devout children. let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. make your name again glorious in the shrine once renowned throughout England by your visits, favours, and many miracles.

Pray, O holy mother of God, for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed.

O blessed Mary, mother of God, our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us.
Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion



“My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You.”

An Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You, to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen.

I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday of Easter



First reading

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Or Alleluia!

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’

The Gospel of the Lord.