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## THE MONTH OF MARY



May 24th 2020

7th Week of Easter

Psalter Week 3

**Mass Intentions for the Coming Week.**

SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	For the People
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	Violeta Wright † ( <i>A. Chesterman</i> ) <i>S. Bede the Venerable PD</i>
TUESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Clive Hick † ( <i>Sylvia &amp; family</i> ) <i>S Philip Neri P.</i>
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Smith † ( <i>E. &amp; A. Smitheram</i> ) <i>S. Augustine of Canterbury B.</i>
THURSDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah O Neill † ( <i>Campbell family</i> )
FRIDAY 29 <sup>th</sup>	Maura Shanahan † ( <i>M. Burke</i> )
SATURDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Grzelec Intentions ( <i>A. Chesterman</i> )
SUNDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>	For the People



***All of these Masses will be said privately by Fr. Christopher at 8.00am in the Church.***

If you have a request for a Mass you would like said please get in touch by either emailing:

stetheldreda@btinternet.com or phone 07813 686857.

### ***Thought for the week.***

Catholics in previous generations found their spiritual lives nourished by novenas: novenas to the Sacred heart of Jesus and to Our Lady were among the most popular. The mother of all novenas is the period of prayer that the Mother of Jesus and the Apostles spent between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. In the opening chapter of the Acts of the Apostles Jesus, before he is taken up to heaven, tells the Apostles to return to Jerusalem to wait for what the Father had promised, i.e the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles and Mary the Mother were constantly at prayer in the Upper Room until the day of Pentecost.

The Church encourages us in these days between the Ascension and Pentecost to follow the example of Our Lady and the Apostles. The day of Pentecost has never ceased. We were give the gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and in the Sacrament of Confirmation. During these days leading up to Pentecost, let us thank God for this gift of the Holy Spirit and let us pray that we may be more open to his guidance and prompting . Let us ask that the Spirit may mould and shape our lives to the pattern and example of Christ the Lord. I would like to commend to you a prayer which I like to use myself leading up to Pentecost written by the nuns of Stanbrook Abbey.

‘ Spirit of God, on the waste and the darkness

Hovering in power as creation begun,

Drawing forth beauty from clay and from chaos

Breathing God’s life in the nostrils of man.

Come and sow life in the waste of our being,

Pray in us, form us as sons in the Son,

Open our hearts to yourself, mighty Spirit,

Bear us to life in the three who are One.

With every good wish and the assurance of my continued prayers,

*Fr Christopher*

Bishop Alan Hopes will lead priests and people across the Diocese of East Anglia in responding to a call from Pope Francis to pray the Rosary during May by taking part in the Rosary Relay on May 31.

On Pentecost Sunday, The London Rosary Shrine, Walsingham Basilica, Carfin Grotto and Rosary on the Coast are jointly organising this 12-hour rosary event, which will take place across England, Scotland and Wales.

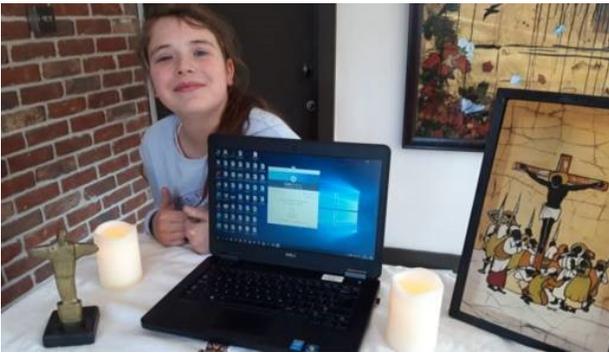
The Diocese of East Anglia has been asked to pray the Rosary between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Sunday May 31. Bishop Alan will lead the Rosary at 2.00pm, and it will be live streamed from St John the Baptist cathedral.

The intentions of the rosary relay are:

- For faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations
- For an end to the Covid-19 virus
- For those who have died, and the grieving, for all health workers and carers, for those researching for an anti-virus
- For the poor, homeless and destitute
- For the protection of the common good, and people's livelihoods
- That the Holy Spirit will preserve us from disaster and war



The event will end with final blessings at 9pm from Bishop John Keenan at St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley



# Virtual children's Liturgy

CAFOD are offering a live stream Children's Liturgy of the Word, for children in the time of lockdown. To find it go to the CAFOD website and follow the links. This takes place on Sundays at 10am.

## Weekly Offertory

If you are wondering about the best way to continue with your weekly offering to the Church during the current situation where the Church is closed, there are various ways which you can do this.

- 1) You can send a cheque weekly/monthly to the parish office, payable to **'CATHOLIC PARISH ACCOUNT'**.
- 2) If you have access to internet banking you can set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit from your bank. Church bank details are **sort code 20.60.38. account no. 30244759**,
- 3) if you are more comfortable to continue using your weekly envelopes, then please do, put them to one side each week, until have an opportunity to drop them into the letter box outside the parish centre entrance, (Fr. Christopher empties this box each day) or keep them together until our church reopens.

You can also make your donation gift aided, we can get a further 25% from the government. It doesn't cost you any more money. Please contact our Gift-Aid coordinator Joe Millyard 07920837319 or email JMillyard1@hotmail.co.uk for information on this.

***Thank you for your support and cooperation in these difficult times for everyone.***

# Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 31st May 2020 - The Eighth Sunday of Easter

## ***1) Relax & Remember***

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

## ***2) Read***

**Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 31st May 2020 - The Gift of Peace (John 20:19-23)**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

### **3) Reflect**

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection. At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

**'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties? Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness?**

**Or are they the same?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

### **4) Respond & Request**

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families.

**Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**

## WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 31st May 2020

### **First Reading: The Birth of the Church**

**Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech, Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language, They were amazed and astonished, 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

*The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and so the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallel between Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by bringing healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the coming of God's Spirit upon Moses and the elders in the Old Testament. So the new message is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the scene at the Tower of Babel, when the Lord split up all the peoples of the world by their inability to understand one another's languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church! **How can the Church claim that, through its mission, the Spirit is at work in the world? Mention three outstanding ways in which the Church shows Christ at work today***

## Second Reading: The Body of Christ

### 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

*The slightest glance round a church full of people is enough to show the variety within the Christian community. But it needs the hints given us by Paul to remind us that every member of that community has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully, these gifts are all different. It is valuable to reflect on the natural gifts that we find all around us. It is also valuable to reflect how dull, or even intolerable, life would be if I lived with a lot of clones of myself, all with the same gifts - and the same faults - as myself! Every one of us contributes something different and valuable in our own way, whether it is as the baby squeaking as a sign of new, developing life or the older person contributing wisdom, experience and even the suffering of Christ. The other inspiring thought is that all we varied and diverse people go to make up the Body, which is Christ. We all have experience of various corporate bodies, organisations and companies, but none of these other bodies makes up a person. Together we all make up that person who is Christ, since as Christians we all live and operate through Christ's Spirit. Who is the most Christ-like figure for you in the present or recent past?*

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valuable in our own way “**

## **A Prayer For Help & Healing.**

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We come to You today with our fears and concerns. You know what is in our hearts. We love You, we trust You, we need You. We ask You to be with us. Help us through these times of uncertainty and sorrow.

We know you are the Divine Physician, the healer of all. We ask you bring your loving touch and healing presence to all who are sick and suffering right now from the coronavirus. Please comfort them.

Please stand at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others.

Please have mercy on those who have died, may they be with You in heaven.

Please be with the grieving families of those who have passed away.

Please be with those who are trying to find a remedy to this pandemic.

Lord, we are afraid and we are sorrowful,. Please heal us. Send us your peace and overwhelming presence.

*(If you have a special intention mention it here)*

Jesus, we thirst for You. You chose to enter this world as a vulnerable baby.

Be with the most vulnerable now. Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal.

Amen.

Mary, our Mother, Untier of Knots. Pray for us.

*St. Anthony the Great, patron of those affected by infectious diseases. Pray for us.*

*St. Roch. Pray for us.*

*St. Edmund, patron of the victims of pandemics. Pray for us.*

## **Your prayers are asked**

For the sick: Deacon Clive Brooks, Peter Giblin, Joan Heflin, Pat Ward, John Taylor, Dan Stannard, Pat O Malley, Peggy Upton, David McCoy, J. P. McCoy, Kathleen Sheridan, Keith Mc Greavy, Milo Stallman, Paddy Garrad, David Mc Elderry, Susan Stallman. Hazel Wood. Paul Canning, Anii. Sylvia Hick.

Those who have died recently, especially Maura Shanahan and for those whose anniversaries occurs at this time: Doreen Murphy, Eileen Sheehan, Josephine Deane, Maureen Malone, Sr. Anne Doherty, Annie Fay, John Tyler, Esther Burnand, Thomas McNaughton, Patrick Kelly, Clive Hick, Janet Smith, James Mitchell, Ellen Sexton, Mary Harvey, Helen Beaumont, Margaret Rice, Kathleen Hiscutt, Stephen Curivan, John Taylor, Mary Boyle, Albert Moran, James Lynch, Eileen Tomlinson, Gunvor Magill, Henry McErlain, Thomas Barden.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*

## **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you to be truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. I unite myself with the celebration of Mass throughout the World. As I cannot receive you sacramentally, come to me spiritually. Bless me and all those for whom I have a duty to pray. Make me grateful for your many blessings. Amen”**



