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Pentecost

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23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

Sunday 23rd May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,</i> <i>Charlton Kings</i>	6.00pm Mass Ints of Phil & Marie O'Connor 9.00am Mass Anthony & Trish Fray-Smith <i>40th Wedding anniversary</i> 10.30am Mass People of the Parish <i>12.30pm</i> <i>Polish Language Mass</i> <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> 5.30pm Mass Thanksgiving- Eddy & Mary Rose
Monday 24th May <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>9.00am</i> <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am Mass Paul Chapman RIP
Tuesday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	<i>6.00pm</i> <i>Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Richard Zienko RIP
Wednesday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	<i>9.00am</i> <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am Mass Kay O'Neill RIP
Thursday 27th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</i>	6.00pm Mass Mick Wall Anniversary <i>6.40pm</i> <i>Rosary</i>
Friday 28th May <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9.10am</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Nicola Sepede RIP <i>10.10am</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Polish Language Mass</i>
Saturday 29th May <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9.30am</i> <i>Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass Vera Prochazkova RIP <i>10.45am – 11.15am</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm</i> <i>Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Ints of Colleen Buhagair <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Polish Language Mass</i>
Sunday 30th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.00am Mass Kenneth Hall RIP 10.30am Mass Danny McCarthy RIP <i>12.30pm</i> <i>Polish Language Mass</i> <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Rosary</i> 5.30pm Mass Sheril Kuruvila RIP

This Week: Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, brings the Easter Season to a close. A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of England and Wales will be read at all masses today. Ordinary Time resumes tomorrow with Week 8 and Cycle 1 for the weekday mass readings. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4. **Please note Mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am and on Thursday at 6.00pm.**

Last Weekend: Offertory - £895.29

Mass Attendance – 335

Church Cleaning: Following morning mass on Monday.

Step 3 Guidance for Communal Worship during the COVID-19 Pandemic: As of 17th May 2021, we are at Step 3 of the Government's COVID-19 Response Roadmap. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales has updated its guidance for the liturgical life of the church and can be found on www.cbcew.org.uk. Prayer of the Faithful are reintroduced as of this weekend and during the distribution of Holy Communion, 'The Body of Christ' will be announced to each communicant. At present, there is no plan to increase the safe capacity number of St Peter's Church, but this will be kept under review over the coming weeks. Confessions will be heard in the confessional. Congregational singing remains prohibited, and the physical sign of peace suspended. The requirements of social distancing and the wearing of face coverings remain in place.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Kianna Joffrin and Noah Goldsmith baptised this weekend.

Booking a place for Sunday Masses: It is essential that those attending a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. Booking is now open for all Sunday masses up to June 20th.

Week of Prayer for the Church in China 23rd – 30th May: In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI designated 24 May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians as an annual worldwide Day of Prayer for the Church in China. This year, Cardinal Charles Bo, President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, has called on the faithful to extend this to a Week of Prayer for the Church and people of China. Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, is encouraging Catholics to take up Cardinal Bo's call to prayer for China. "I hope that Catholics in England and Wales may take up Cardinal Bo's call to mark this week with prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China, asking Our Lady of Sheshan to protect them. "This is also an important time to pray for the Chinese community in our own countries and celebrate their important contribution to our society." See www.cbcew.org.uk for more details.

Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition: The Bishops' Conference Pastoral letter for this Pentecost refers to a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity, referring to G7 and COP26 and poses the question '*Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?*' 2021 is a very significant year, not just because we are gradually emerging in UK from the pandemic, but because of some very important international meetings which could determine the future of our planet and its inhabitants. There is the G7 summit in June and COP26 on the climate crisis in November, both of which are held in the UK; also, China will be hosting international negotiations on protecting biodiversity. Now is our opportunity to join with voices from Catholics (and others of faith) around the planet asking the leaders of these global gatherings to urgently align national and global commitments with limiting warming to 1.5°C at most. Alongside this we are asking that the wonderful diversity of creatures living in our common home be protected. Please sign the petition at thecatholicpetition.org and ask family and friends to join with you.

Candle of Justice: Churches Together in England are calling on people to light a candle, pray for racial justice and commit to personal action at 12noon on 25th May 2021. Visit www.cte.org.uk for more details.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience Wednesday 19th May 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider some common difficulties we encounter in our practice of prayer. The first is *distraction*. Prayer, like study and work, demands concentration and mental discipline. This calls for our cultivation of the virtue of vigilance, by which we focus our lives on doing the Lord's will daily in expectation of his return. A second difficulty is the experience of *spiritual aridity*, moments of dryness when our hearts – as the Catechism teaches – have "no taste for thoughts, memories, and feelings, even spiritual ones" (No. 2731). The spiritual masters acknowledge that the life of faith involves times of consolation but also of desolation, when we share in the Lord's sufferings. A third difficulty is *acedia* or sloth, a form of spiritual fatigue that leads to the deadly temptation to abandon prayer altogether. The saints faced these same difficulties in their prayer and they teach us that true progress in the spiritual life comes about through daily perseverance, like that of Job who remained constant even amid his many afflictions. As we strive to grow in our own life of prayer let us ask for the grace of perseverance, confident that our loving Father will grant us, through the Son and in the Spirit, all that we need to draw us ever closer to him.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Cecilia Edwards, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, David Burke, Margaret Withers, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Paul Hawketts, Joanne Beamish, Kathy Smith. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick.