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17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year A

Sunday 17th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Holy Rood, Swindon; Saint Peter, Swindon; and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	David Blackburn <i>Anniv</i>
	9.00am Mass	Ian Merriman <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am Mass	Ints of Tommy & Margaret Higgins
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	5.30pm Mass	Deacon Colm & Liz Robinson
Monday 18th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am Mass	Mary Mathew
Tuesday 19th May <i>Saint Dunstan</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am Mass	Lindsay Palmer <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 20th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12.00 noon	Mass Funeral Mass: Hugh Brogan
Thursday 21st May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	7.00pm	Mass Confirmation Mass
Friday 22nd May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am Mass	Don Mathew <i>3rd Anniv</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Saturday 23rd May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass	Patricia & Anthony Fray-Smith
	10.45am – 11.30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	6.00pm Mass	Mick Wall <i>8th Anniv</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 24th May <i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Paul Montanaro <i>RIP</i>
	5.30pm Mass	

Last Weekend: *Mass Attendance – 935*

Church Cleaning: Will take place on Monday after the morning Mass. Thank you to those who give up their time to clean the church each week. New volunteers are always very welcome.

This Week: Easter Week 7. Daily Prayer of the Church Psalter Week 3.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost: This feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit can be seen as the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter Season. The days between the solemnities of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost are seen as a particular time to ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary gathered with other disciples of Jesus between these two events in the Upper Room. This is often seen as being the first Novena.

Pentecost Vigil: The 6:00pm Mass next Saturday will be celebrated as our Pentecost Vigil. During this Mass, which may be seen as a complement to the Easter Vigil, there will be four Old Testament readings and prayers between the Penitential Act and the Gloria. The Mass should not last much more than an hour and is a particular opportunity to join with Mary and the Apostles as we gather in prayer and vigil, praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday is a day of prayer for **World Communications Day** and it is good for us to pray for the right use of the media. There is a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network this weekend

Confirmation: Bishop Bosco will be with us this **Thursday 21st May** for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass at 7:00pm. All are welcome to this celebration. We pray for the candidates at this time. There is a **rehearsal** for the candidates, their parents and sponsors in the church at 6:45pm this Sunday evening.

Lectio Divina after Mass this Friday in the parish hall.

Baptism Preparation Session: There will be a Baptism Preparation Session in the Parish Hall this Sunday 17th May (2:15pm – 4:00pm). Catholic parents seeking baptism for their children (up to six years of age) are invited to attend. Application forms will be available during the session, as well as reserving dates. These sessions will take place approximately every couple of months.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently.

Hugh Brogan: Funeral Mass this Wednesday 20th May at 12:00 noon.

Deacon Colm: As Deacon Colm celebrates his final weekend as a deacon of our parish we thank him for his many years of service and the huge contribution he has made to the life of our parish. We wish him and Liz well as he embarks on a new chapter at English Martyrs, Tuffley.

Easter Garden: As we celebrate Easter and journey through the Easter Season do spend some time at our Easter Garden (by the statue of Our Lady). There is a collection plate there for the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle (S.P.A.) which is part of Missio, and it supports priestly and religious formation in the missionary Church. Many of our Scripture readings during Eastertide are from the Acts of the Apostles and they remind us of the first preaching of the Gospel. It is good to pray for and support the next generation of Christian Priests and Religious, whether in our own country or elsewhere in the world.

Father Gary: is celebrating his silver jubilee on 14th July 2026. There will be a celebratory Mass with Bishop Bosco in our church at 7.00pm followed by a parish celebration in the form of a pig roast at Saint Peter's Primary School afterwards. Please add your name to the list at the back of church for catering purposes. Anyone wishing to give a donation towards the costs please put it in an envelope marked 'Father Gary's Jubilee Celebration' and pass it to the parish office.

Relics of Saint Gerard Majella will be visiting our parish on Tuesday 2nd June, as part of a tour of England and Wales marking the 300th anniversary of his birth. The relics will be present in our church from 6:00pm for private prayer (there will also be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 6:45pm). There will be a Mass at 7:00pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relics. Saint Gerard is a great patron of mothers, couples looking to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession.

Red Box Missio Mass this Tuesday 19th May at 7:00pm at Our Lady's, Churchdown. All Red Box holders, Missio & Mill Hill supporters and the wider Catholic community are invited to this Mass which will be followed by light refreshments and a presentation. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Red Box.

Miraculous Medal: Saint Alphege's Parish, Bath, are celebrating the investiture of the miraculous medal next Saturday 23rd May at 3.00pm. The Rosary, a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with afternoon tea following in the hall. Saint Alphege's warmly invites you to join them on this beautiful occasion.

May Procession next Sunday 24th May at 3:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud (Beeches Green, GL5 4AA). The afternoon will include crowning of a statue of Our Lady and the rosary, followed by light refreshments.

Canon David Ryan is celebrating his golden jubilee of ordination on Saturday 18th July at 11:00am with Mass at Saint Gregory the Great, Cheltenham. If you wish to be part of this celebration, please email Mandy Baker (mandybaker@live.co.uk) by 18th May.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Betty Meadows, Andrea Brushneen, Christy & Sue Hartnett, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Sandra Flanagan, Michael Casey, Sean Tyreman, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson, Armani Parker, Sam Kirby, Julie Brooks, Poonam Britto, David McClurg, Sr Veronica Robson, Josie Hedderman, Bruce Ellis, Julio Antonelli, Julie Robertson. 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. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.