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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER &

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER: 24th – 30th May 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

Saturday 23rd May: <u>Easter Feria</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Intentions of Izzy & Joe Hopkins (5th Wedding Anniversary)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family and Evelyn Venning.</p>
Sunday 24th May: <u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Phyllis Bennett RIP</i>	
Monday 25th May: <u>St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Mary Walsh RIP (Curtis)</i>	
Tuesday 26th May: <u>St Philip Neri, Priest (memoria)</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 27th May: <u>St Augustine of Canterbury Bishop, Apostle of England (Feast)</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Intentions of Dennis & Hilda Mooney (Calladine)</i>	
Thursday 28th May: <u>Easter Feria</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>	
Friday 29th May: <u>St Paul VI, Pope (memoria)</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	
Saturday 30th May: <u>Easter Feria</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>John Whitby RIP</i>	
Sunday 31st May: <u>Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)</u>	<i>Mass;</i>	<i>Pauline Russell RIP (Russell Family)</i>	
THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!			
<p>The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Parish Hall and the Church of St Francis of Assisi and the Parish Hall are closed to members of the public, until further notice. If you urgently wish to contact Fr Christopher please telephone 0115 922 8145 (at any reasonable time).</p> <p>For enquiries or to book a Mass, please also do this via the telephone. Stipends can be posted or given at a later date, but for the foreseeable future if you book, or have already booked a Mass Intention, then this Mass will be Celebrated in private.</p>			

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

LIVE STREAMING AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS WITH LINKS TO ACCESS LITURGIES BEING OFFERED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

THE PRIVATE CHAPEL OF THE BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM, BISHOP'S HOUSE.

(Bishop Patrick McKinney & Father Jonathan Rose.) Bishop Patrick has created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live – streamed from the Chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to the Bishop's Facebook and Twitter accounts. After each liturgy a video is created from the live streaming and this can also be accessed on the Bishop's YouTube account.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ>

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

Monday – Friday Mass at 1:00 pm

Saturday Mass at 10:00 am

PARISH OF ST PAUL'S LENTON AND ST MARY'S HYSON GREEN

Father David Palmer

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN_QQcfHqdzQG3g

Weekend Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Saturday

Ordinate Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Sunday

Listen to Father David Palmer's homilies on podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/fr-davids-homilies/id1481476061>

If you wish to take more opportunities to connect with Our Lord during this time, please use this useful link that lists all Prayer times, Rosary and Mass live links throughout your day in Ireland and the UK:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>



Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Fr Martin Sylvester's YouTube Channel can be accessed at www.revms.uk/youtube

SCHOOL RESOURCES: Resources available from The Nottingham and Derbyshire Catholic Multi – Academy Trusts: Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT (Nottinghamshire) <https://m.youtube.com/user/TheBecketSchool/videos> and St Ralph Sherwin CMAT (Derbyshire) https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA (or

search SRS Chaplaincy) also if you visit our website there are lots of other resources too (www.srscmat.co.uk and click on Chaplaincy).

POOR CLARES: On Holy Saturday I took your donations to the Sisters at Bulwell – observing the current social distancing rules of course. The Sisters had not expected to receive any gifts from us this month with the current restrictions in place and were so grateful. It is important that we continue to support them at this time if we possibly can so I will go to the Convent again on **Monday 25th May 2020** to take Parish gifts. Although it is not possible to leave donations in the Church now they can be left outside the Presbytery back door under the car port or delivered to my home for those of you who know my address. Many thanks to you all – *Diane Wilson*.

MARY'S MEALS: This is usually a time where we at Mary's Meals would be reaching out to ask churches if we can share our story with their parishioners but, due to the coronavirus, we know that will not be possible. Until we can be together again, our founder, Magnus MacFarlane – Barrow, has recorded a special message for Parishes. You can find his message, filmed outside the shed in Argyll where it all began for Mary's Meals, [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be). (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be). You can also view two more of our moving films, **Child 31** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFU8cU-cICs&feature=emb_title) and **Generation Hope**, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=205&v=LMlkrC09NpI&feature=emb_title). A children's activity pack (https://d1345tgcm1bzpm.cloudfront.net/assets/global/The_Shed_That_Fed_school_activity_book.pdf) is also available to download.

THE PENTECOST NOVENA: a Catholic Novena to the Holy Spirit. Sign up to receive by email and to pray daily at home during these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, the Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit. Novena website: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit>

CENTRE FOR APPLIED CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY, BOARS HILL, OXFORD: *“EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT’S BREATH: An Online Pentecost Retreat.” 23rd – 31st May 2020.* After Easter the Lord Jesus said to the disciples: “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” (Luke 24²⁹) How do we wait? Who can help us to prepare to receive this precious gift that empowers us to live each day with peace and joy and freedom that nothing in the world can give us? And when we have received the Father’s gift, how do we allow it to transform us into a gift for others? This nine – day retreat will prepare you for Pentecost and help you understand how to cultivate the gifts of the Spirit in you so that your life will be a living expression of the fruitfulness of the Spirit and in turn the Father’s gift to the world. For more information visit: <https://www.oxcacs.org/product/pentecost-online-retreat/>

MAY; THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY: As we have now entered the month of May, let us call on Our Lady to come to our aid during this crisis. May is traditionally dedicated by the Church to Our Lady. We know that the Mother of God has been given great power and therefore we can feel confident in asking her to come to our aid during this crisis, petitioning for an end to this grave situation, for comfort whilst we are threatened by disease and away from the Sacraments and for the conversion of the world. Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home especially during this month, either as a family or individually. He says *“the key to doing this is always simplicity and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.”* Pope Francis has also published two new Marian Prayers and he asks that you join him in praying these two specific prayers to Mary, that he himself will be praying after the Rosary throughout the month, *“in spiritual union with you.”* In the first prayer he called Mary a sign of *“salvation and hope”* amid suffering and, using her title, *“Health of the Sick,”* he asks that she helps all people to accept God’s will and to do whatever He asks. The second prayer is longer, he asks Mary to be a source of protection *“in the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety.”* The prayers from the Holy Father for the Month of May are

FIRST PRAYER:

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.

SECOND PRAYER:

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.”

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts to be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us to realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all – powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 31st MAY 2020 – NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY; from 9.00am to 9.00pm across England, Wales and Scotland. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 10:00 am and I warmly invite you to take part. Proposed timetable for across the Dioceses:

9:00 am	Arundel & Brighton, Northampton and HM Forces
10:00 am	Birmingham, Nottingham & Ukrainian Eparchy
11:00 am	Brentwood & Plymouth
12 Noon	Cardiff, Portsmouth & Dunkeld
1:00 pm	Clifton, Salford & St. Andrews & Edinburgh
2:00 pm	East Anglia, Shrewsbury, Aberdeen
3:00 pm	Hallam, Southwark, Glasgow
4:00 pm	Hexham & Newcastle, Wrexham, Ordinariate OLW
5:00 pm	Lancaster, Westminster, Argyll & the Isles
6:00 pm	Leeds, Polish Mission & Galloway
7:00 pm	Liverpool, Middlesbrough & Motherwell
8:00 pm	Menevia, Paisley & Syro Malabar Eparchy
9:00 pm	Bishop John Keenan, as the May 2020 Rosary Mission Episcopal lead, will lead a final Rosary at 9:00 pm from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley

It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9:00 pm.

Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us

JOB VACANCY – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Director of Communications to work with the Bishop of Nottingham and the Parishes, Chaplaincies and Schools of the Diocese to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship. This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation. **Salary: £45,000 – £50,000** dependent on qualifications and experience. **For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date 22nd June 2020.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

One of the greatest pastimes today is gossip. Somebody talking about somebody else. And everyone wanting to know the latest juicy bit of scandal or rumour. Maybe there was somebody talking about you today; behind your back. And of course you want to know what was said about you. Well that's natural. But people have to talk about us behind our backs. I mean what else would people talk about but other people. And other people are the most interesting subject in the world. Especially your own people, those closest to you, the family, the friends and the neighbours. So we know that people talk about us. But still we feel uneasy when we think about it. And we feel even more uneasy if we hear them at it. We tend to think that we will hear nothing good about ourselves. Doesn't the proverb say, "Listeners seldom hear good of themselves."

But have you heard this Sunday's Gospel? Or have you overheard the Gospel? Did you not realise that it was Our Lord talking about you? Behind your back! And if you remembered it, I bet you liked it. Our Lord was different and that is why John wrote it. So that we would know what Our Lord said about us, behind our backs. And then you would know that He was so different. John, like the other disciples must have been all ears the day He said that prayer for us all. And I mean all of us. The disciples and whoever read it or heard it. Well why wouldn't we be all ears? To hear Jesus talking to His Father about us. And that of course was what He was doing. I said praying for us and that's what His prayer was, just talking to God about us. And that is what prayer always is – just talking to God.

Of course, not all talking behind your back is a prayer. Sadly, no. But getting to know the will of the Father is never easy and can only be achieved if we become people of prayer. Prayer is an admission of dependence on God's friendship and a realisation that we cannot live fully without His help. When we pray we talk to God and we express our deepest desires; our hopes and our worries. God is a person who listens, understands, shows concern and accepts us fully as we are – faults and all. Every time we pray we should be trying to deepen and strengthen our relationship with the God who gives us courage to calmly face the troubles of life. Prayer is the breath of the soul and the life – line of every believer. Time spent in prayer helps us to realise that we are carrying on the work of Our Lord Himself. We can pray anywhere; the place is not important. But what is important is the way we pray. If Christ needed prayer to carry on His mission, how can we continue His work without being people of true prayer? We are called to imitate His life fully. And that includes the way He prayed.

The disciples must have been chuffed by the time He finished. And so should we be. Didn't He say lovely things about us? Didn't you feel important? I mean the way He talked about us. Telling God the Father that He wanted Eternal Life for, "all those you have entrusted to me." "Father," He said, "they have heard about you from me. They know you now. They were always yours, but you gave them in a special way to me. And now they know and believe that you sent me."

That was us He was talking about. US – you and me. Did you believe He was talking about you? Well don't you know and believe that the Father sent Jesus into the world? Don't you know the Father, because Jesus told us about Him? Aren't you one of the people that are special to Jesus? A Christ – person, Christened we say; Christian. Isn't it for you He was asking Eternal Life? Oh yes, there He was talking behind your back. Did you like what you heard? Did you like what you overheard? "I pray for them," He said. "For the ones you gave me," He said. "Because they are your people Father. Indeed, Father, they are yours and they are mine. They are ours," He said. "All I have is yours and all you have is mine," He said.

So there was someone talking about you, behind your back, today and I didn't tell you a lie. It is different when it's Jesus you hear doing the talking. And do you know what – He is still at it; still talking behind your back in heaven. Always talking about you. You are always on His mind. Now do you know why the disciples felt chuffed on that day? You can just see Thomas smiling and maybe Peter letting his shoulders back. Maybe Andrew and James making shapes. I am sure they felt great and so they should and so should we. To have Jesus praying for us always and to be always on God's mind. So let your shoulders back and as the angel said to the disciples after the Ascension, "Get on with the job."