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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR: A

Ninth Week of Ordinary Time: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<b><u>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May:</u></b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<p><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 &amp; 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>
<b>Mass;</b> <i>John Whitby RIP</i>	
<b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:</u></b> <i>Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Pauline Russell RIP (Russell Family)</i>	
<b><u>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:</u></b> <i>Mary the Mother of God (memoria)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Intentions of Marjorie &amp; Bob McGarry (Nuala)</i>	
<b><u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:</u></b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Kath Dahill RIP (Smith)</i>	
<b><u>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:</u></b> <i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs of Uganda (memoria)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Simon Crosse RIP (Naylor)</i>	
<b><u>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June:</u></b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest (Feast)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	
<b><u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June:</u></b> <i>St Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr (memoria)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Francis Charles Boott RIP (100th Birthday) (Bradford)</i>	
<b><u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June:</u></b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions (Dixon)</i>	
<b><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:</u></b> <i>The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b> <i>Deceased Members of the Sadowski Family</i>	
<b>THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!</b>	
<p><b>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).</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p><b>A number of priests are still trying to maintain an ‘on – call’ rota for City and QMC. This is strictly calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life. The hospital will not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the Chaplaincy Team who may or may not be a Catholic minister. Holy Communion is not being taken into hospital by Eucharistic Ministers. Families should not contact a priest directly to visit their loved one in hospital – all requests need to go through the Ward and Chaplaincy Department. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext. 63799 or City 0115 969 1169.</b></p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto: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](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](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](http://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](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](http://www.srscmat.co.uk) and click on Chaplaincy).

**POOR CLARES:** On May 25<sup>th</sup> I visited the Sisters at Bulwell and took with me all the wonderful donations you had managed to give. The sisters were so grateful for your kindness, life has been quite difficult for them during lockdown and they rely on whatever is brought to their door. Despite the church being locked my car was full of donations which people had either left at the presbytery or delivered to my home – thank you all so much – it really was a huge help to the sisters. The Sisters have also kindly had a Mass said for the Intentions of all the Parishioners of the Assumption. I am visiting again on **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020** and if you wish to donate please would you continue to either leave at the back door of the presbytery or bring to my home. Our support is very important to them. Many thanks – *Diane Wilson*.

**PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES:** are now due to be renewed and I know that some of you who have boxes have now set up Standing Orders for your offering during this time. If you would like to revert back to an offering envelope please could you let me know as soon as possible and I will set a box of envelopes aside for you. We will endeavour to deliver the boxes of envelopes (with social distancing) over the next two weeks for those have already been allocated. Thank you all for your continued financial support of our parish especially during this time of such financial uncertainty.

**THE ASSUMPTION AND ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHES:** we have now set up a YouTube<sup>GB</sup> Channel for both Parishes and hopefully there will be a Pentecost Liturgy available from Sunday. To access the channel please visit [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-xc-Pr6P30\\_j7mrtqCbhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-xc-Pr6P30_j7mrtqCbhA). If you would like to

put additional items to this Parish based site please let me know.



**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 & Ukranian 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](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.**

### *Pentecost Sunday*

Imagine if our lives were somehow different. Imagine if we had a new life, if we didn't have to always rely on ourselves. Imagine if we had an alternative power source that we could tap into, a power source that slowly transforms us into the person we truly want to be. In the Readings today, we are reminded that to be a baptised Christian living in friendship with God means that we *do* have this power source. His name is the Holy Spirit and He is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the bond of love between God the Father and God the Son. At the First Pentecost we heard about how the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages about the mighty acts of God. Then the Psalm asked God: "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth." We can add to that, "Send forth your spirit, and renew my life, and the lives of those I love." And then in the Gospel the Risen Christ breaths on the Apostles and gives them the Holy Spirit. This gesture goes back to the very beginning of the book of Genesis, when it says that at the moment of creation the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. In Hebrew, the word for Spirit is *Ruah*, which also means breath. So here John is saying that Jesus, by giving us the Holy Spirit, is recreating us. The Holy Spirit gives us new life. He is present in us as the source of our new life in Christ.

Celtic legend tells of a dream St. Patrick had when he was an old man, after more than twenty years of working to convert the barbarian Irish. He was standing in a field and could see lights burning in the darkness. In front of him was Jesus, silently motioning to follow Him. The Lord led St. Patrick up a high mountain overlooking the valley and there Christ pointed down into the darkness below. "Look," he said. Patrick looked down and saw, amidst the shadow of the night, a great many flames burning, lighting up the countryside, warming Patrick's heart. He knew they symbolised the Christian faith which he had planted, the faith that had grown and now spread all across the island nation. He looked at Jesus and smiled. But Jesus wasn't smiling. He pointed back down the valley and said again, "Look." Patrick looked. To his horror, he watched as one by one, the flames died out. Puff, puff, puff – and they were gone. In the darkness, the old and weary Bishop looked back at Jesus with tears in his eyes.

"Oh tell me," he said, "Lord, tell me, that Ireland will never lose the faith!" And as he broke down and cried, he felt a strong arm lifting him up and a gentle hand pointing his face down again to the valley below. There upon the meadow in the darkness was a single lamp burning, a tiny flame that had been there all along,

though Patrick had not noticed it before. Suddenly, as before, another flame appeared that seemed to draw itself out of the other and another from that one; and another and another, until the lights spread once again all across the countryside and it was more ablaze than ever. Wherever there is a single Christian, there is undying hope, because God Himself, the unconquerable light, is present in every Christian heart – that is what Pentecost is all about.

God has given us the greatest of all Gifts, the Holy Spirit, because He wants to be our constant companion, He wants to guide us through life, every step of the way. And we should want the same thing – we should want to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. But we forget about God’s grace so easily in hustle and bustle of life. What can we do to stay in touch with the Holy Spirit? I wish I could give you a magic formula, like the ones you find in the many self – help books, but I can’t. Our relationship with God is a friendship, not a chemical reaction. And so it takes constant maintenance, like any relationship. It takes being obedient to God’s will, through prayer. But being faithful to those things does not happen without effort. That is why we tend to slacken off. Life is already demanding and so it is hard to stay motivated enough to follow through on our commitment to excellence in holiness. We can only do so by keeping in mind the fundamental truth that underlies everything else: that God is love and that everything He sends us, permits us or asks of us flows from His infinite and eternal love. When that truth is firm and fresh it feeds our prayer and fidelity. How can we keep it firm and fresh? Gratitude – the rarest flower in the garden of virtues. If we take five minutes every day to thank God for all His blessings, past and present, we will come to know His love deeply and truly. Maybe this week, for five minutes a day, write God a thank you note or sit quietly and count your blessings. If we do, the flame of Pentecost that was lit in our hearts at our Baptism will stop flickering and start burning.