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Sixth Week of Eastertide

Year B, Psalter Week V
(5th to 11th May 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 5th **VI SUNDAY OF EASTER**

18.15 *In reparation for abuse by clergy*

9.00 *The work of safeguarding*

11.30 *The work of safeguarding*

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Mon the 6th **S. Dominic Savio**

Tue the 7th **Easter Feria**

Wed the 8th **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Peace in the Holy Land*

S. Mary's

Thu the 9th **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

10.00 *Tony Hitchen (+)*

18.15 *Private Intention (SY, OSBURN)*

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Fri the 10th **Ss. John of Avila**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

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Sat the 11th **Ss. John Houghton, Robert Lawrence and Companions: martyrs of Nottinghamshire**

10.00 *The Bishop (ints.)*

10.45 *The Holy Rosary*

18.15 *Those suffering in Sudan*

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Sun the 12th **VII SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00 *The People*

11.30 *The People*

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SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 5th May: CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Next Sunday, 12th May: Catholic Communications

NOTICES

- This Sunday, 5th May, is our diocesan **Safeguarding Sunday**.
- PLEASE NOTE:** This **Thursday** is the **Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord** and is a **holy day of obligation**. There will be a 10.00 Mass at S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe and a 18.15 Mass at S. Mary's, Louth.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Patricia Kerr, Peter Endean, Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary Norburn, Judith Brook, Sally Shillington, Catherine Keeley, Pam Stephens, Diane Benton, Patricia & Spencer Harvey.
S. Joseph's: Larry Walsh, Joseph Wilson, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson, Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently (++)

S. Mary's: Kerry Ashby, Jim Ellison, Thomas Gallagher, Rev Dom Adrian Convery OSB, Stephen Curley, Richard Crean, Roger Norburn, Ann Selby, Anthony Stanford Taylor, Fredrick Weir, Michael Leary, Roger Dygas. **S. Joseph's:** John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Owens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Barbara Knott-Robertson, Alfred Henry Ryley, Maria Smelt, Winifred Fleming, Elsie May Ling, Patrick John Scott, Ann Mary Scott, Patrick Donnelly, James Rooney, Mary Kenny, Martin Walsh, Thomas Lyons, Anne Rogerson, Arthur Mooney, David Cassidy, Margaret Gibbons. John James Rooney, William Scott, Daniel Hagan.

- PLEASE NOTE:** Tuesday evening **Scripture Study** is cancelled until further notice due to Fr. Kevin's ill health.
- Bishop Patrick invites you to a **free online webinar**, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00 pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker **Sherry Weddell** who will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. Register at: <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw>.
- A **choral concert** of music in honour of **Our Lady, Queen of the May**, is being given by the combined forces of Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Choir, and Nottingham Cathedral Choir Alumni, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday 11th May at 7.45pm. All are very welcome to attend.
- Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day**, Saturday 11th May at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), 10.00 to 16.30, £25.
- The **Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal** aims to legalise abortion up to birth. Please read more about it and write to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal.
- Fr. Kevin will soon begin a **series of discussions on the Catholic Faith** for those interested in learning more about the Catechism and the magisterium of the Church. Expected start date: a Monday in July.
- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
 - Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sat, 15th June

S. Mary's, Louth

- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on Wednesday, 3rd July after the 10.00 Mass.
- SAVE THE DATE!** Join us **NEXT SUNDAY, 12th May** in the parish hall after Sunday Mass, for a **cream tea and coffee morning** with yummy scones and cakes. All proceeds go towards the costs of an upcoming 5-day priest retreat in October 2024 hosted by the Diocese of Nottingham and the Unbound deliverance ministry. There will be a collection after Mass on the day for the same. See Ellie for more details.
- We are looking for one more **Ecumenical Representative** to work with other churches and ecclesial communities in Louth and the surrounding districts. See Fr. K for more information.
- Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- Father Kevin would like to **thank everybody** who helped arrange for our parish Mass and for the great feast in the parish hall on the feast day of **S. Joseph the Worker**. It was an excellent event and an absolute delight.
- S. Joseph's repository:** Please visit us after the Sunday Mass and browse our collection of greeting cards and holy items.
- Teas and coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Unifying love ties Jew and Gentile | Love is prepared to die for the Beloved | The Holy One Himself is Love

Christ mediates the love of God

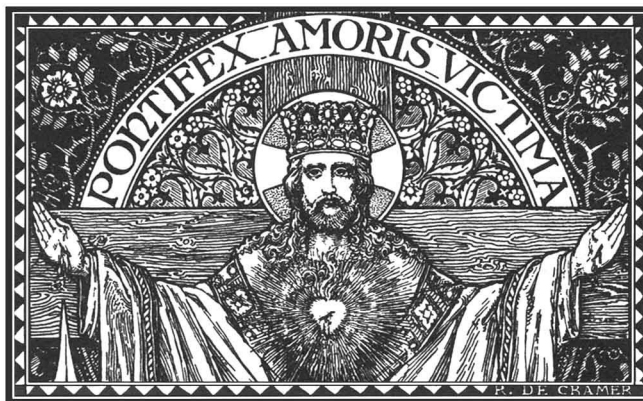
“Christ is Mediator between God and man, not as God, but as man. This then we may say, that since human nature does not pertain to the nature of God, but does by grace pertain to the Person of the Son, grace also pertains to that Person: such grace as has nothing superior, nothing equal to it. For no merits on man's part preceded the assumption of that nature.” - S. Augustine

Love is knowledge of God

“All things which He heard from the Father, which He wished to be made known to His servants: the joys of spiritual love, the pleasures of our heavenly country, which He impresses daily on our minds by the inspiration of His love. For while we love the heavenly things we hear, we know them by loving, because love is itself knowledge.” - Holy Father S. Gregory

Love creates unity

“In His preaching [Christ] clearly taught the sons of God to treat one another as brothers. In His prayers He pleaded that all His disciples might be 'one.' Indeed as the Redeemer of all, He offered Himself for all even to point of death. He commanded His Apostles to preach to all peoples the Gospel's message that the human race was to become the Family of God, in which the fullness of the Law would be love.” Gaudium et spes §32, of the Second Vatican Council



Self-sacrificing friendship

It is love that first undid the antagonism of the Apostolic Church to non-Jews who were coming in increasing numbers to faith in Christ. Cornelius, a leading character in our first reading today, was a Roman, and so a non-Jew, who had nonetheless received the angelic vision that led him to call for the Apostle S. Peter. The prophets had long spoken of non-Jewish believers entering the Assembly of God's people in the days of the Messiah, and Cornelius and his family were the first non-Jews to be formally admitted to Catholic communion. In the Last Supper speech we have for our gospel reading, we find an understanding of what this Catholic communion means. Christ says to His Apostles in this gospel reading that if we love Him and demonstrate our love for him by obeying His commandments and thereby building fraternal charity, then we are His friends. Clearly, our Lord's concept of friendship is very intimate, more akin to the married friendship of husband and wife in its level of intimacy. In our second reading this week, the Apostle S. John sets forth about this friendly love. Make no mistake, this 'love' the Apostles kept talking about in the New Testament is not the vacuous or ambiguous type that is constantly before us in our culture, because that often ends in breakups, separation and divorce, and the corresponding dissolution and fracturing of families. The 'love' the Apostles taught us about is the undying love of the Holy One that is willing (as He says in the gospel reading) to die for the sake of the beloved. This entirely self-giving and marital love, as S. John says, comes from God, and makes the lover profoundly related to the Holy One. Here we are provided with a Christian anthropology: mankind has been built by God to love like this, it's part of what it means to be human and to be made in the 'image' of God. Christ teaches us to do it, and in so far as we open our hearts to Him and become His friends we should not find this type of love a great challenge. In fact, we should find it easy.

“Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling...”