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**5th Sunday of Easter (YEAR A)
10th May 2020**

I hope and pray that you all are well and safe. Let us continue to learn about Mary our mother during this month of May—our Lady's month.

May 7 - OUR MODEL IN ORDINARY LIFE "We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things -- what some people wrongly regard as un-important and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God."

May 8 - MOTHER OF CHRIST "*Jesus Christus, Deus homo*: Jesus Christ, God man. This is one of the 'mighty works of God,' which we should reflect upon and thank him for. He has come to bring 'peace on earth to men of good will,' to all who want to unite their wills to the holy will of God -- not just the rich, not just the poor, but everyone: all the brethren. We are all brothers in Jesus, children of God, brothers of Christ. His mother is our mother."

May 9 WELCOMING THE SHEPHERDS "You must look at the Child in the manger. He is our Love. Look at him, realizing that the whole thing is a mystery. We need to accept this mystery on faith and use our faith to explore it very deeply. To do this, we must have the humble attitude of a Christian soul."

May 10 PRESENTING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE "She teaches us to have charity. Remember the scene of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. An old man, Simeon, said to Mary, 'Behold: This child is destined to bring about the fall of many and the rise of many in Israel and to be a sign, which people will refuse to acknowledge, so that the thoughts of many hearts shall be made manifest. As for your own soul, it shall have a sword pierce it.' So great is Mary's love for all mankind that she, too, fulfilled Christ's words: 'Greater love has no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.'

MAY 11 : WELCOMING THE MAGI "Going into the house, they saw

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the child with Mary, his mother. Our Lady is always near her Son. The Magi are not received by a king on a high throne, but by a child in the arms of his mother. Let us ask the Mother of God, who is our mother, to prepare for us the way that leads to the fullness of love Her sweet heart knows the surest path for finding Christ."

May 12 MARY: HER FLIGHT TO EGYPT WITH JOSEPH AND THE CHILD JESUS "The mystery of Mary helps us to see that in order to approach God, we must become little. Christ said to his disciples: 'Believe me, unless you become like little children again, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.' "To become children, we must renounce our pride and self-sufficiency, recognizing that we can do nothing by ourselves. We must realize that we need grace and the help of God our Father to find our way and keep to it." (*Catholic News Agency*)

It is not possible to come to Mass, but you can take part through our Webcam.

Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean



MAY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 10TH	9.30 am	Jo Corrigan (RIP) (16th anni)	5th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish & Key workers families	
MONDAY 11TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Crook & Calnan families	
TUESDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Eugene & Annie Holly (RIP)	Easter feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
WEDNESDAY 13TH	9.30 AM	Michael Holly (RIP)	Our Lady of Fatima
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 14TH	9.30 AM	Richard & Agnes Mellett (rIP)	Feast of St Matthias A
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
FRIDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	Pat Trafford (RIP)	Easter feria
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 16TH	10.00 AM 10.20 - 11 am	Eileen Burton (RIP) Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	Easter feria
SUNDAY 17TH	9.30 AM		6th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish	



Today's Liturgy of the Word: Few of us know what it's like to be homeless. Without a home where we belong and are loved, life loses most, if not all, of its meaning. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the Father's house. He even says that he has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us in that house. What a tremendous reason for hope.

First Reading (Acts 6: 1-7). We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful manner the problems that inevitably arose.

Second Reading (1Peter 2:4-9). The Christian community is compared to a building, the foundation stone of which is Christ.

Gospel (John 14:1-12). This contains part of Jesus' discourse at the last supper. He consoles his friends who are saddened at the thought of his going. He tells them that he is going to prepare a place for them.



Saint Corona, Pray for us! It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona! There's a lot online if you look her up. It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 16 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd). Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14th May.



Parish Helpers: Ring this number **07387 281 861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.

Winners 100 club drawn on Sun 26th April 2020, witnessed at a distance by Mrs M. Mellett. **£100 Mark Brown 60; £50 Mike Jobling 31; £25 Paul Crisp 100;** The remaining numbers are: 30, 39, 94, 96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to pay during the lock-down.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: I would like to let the parents know that First Holy Communions will be taking place when our Churches are opened for the public and when Mass can be celebrated with your participation, until then, please pray for each other and hope that day will be very soon.

TRAIDCRAFT: Although the Traidcraft stall is currently closed it is still possible to order directly and have Fairtrade items delivered to you. Traidcraft can supply foodstuffs including pasta, rice, cereals etc as well as cleaning and household products. You can order from the website <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk>, or contact me to place an order: annjpoole@yahoo.co.uk. By ordering from Traidcraft you will be supporting some of the world's most vulnerable people.

SCRIPTURE AND ROSARY GROUPS: Every Thursday evening at 6.30 pm our Parish Scripture group meets via Zoom. And every Saturday evening at 6.00pm our Parish Rosary group prays via Zoom/WhatsApp. Both groups are being guided by Deacon Nick. Please try to participate.

MASS INTENTIONS Mass intentions that have already been requested are being offered as arranged. Any further mass intentions can be posted through the front door of the presbytery.

Reflections for couples - *I am in you and you are in me* Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.

The Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) in English

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

VERY SOON OUR PARISH EMAILS WILL BE CHANGING (Office, Gift Aid, Safeguarding Rep., Health & Safety, Priests of the Parish.)



Online Webcam

Go the website and follow link

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
Mary Ashley, John Dunn.



PARISH OFFERINGS

With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.