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**6th Sunday of Easter (YEAR A)
17th 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 13- HER HIDDEN LIFE WITH JESUS "I like to go back in my imagination to the years Jesus spent close to his mother, years which span almost the whole of his life on earth. I like to picture him as a little child, cared for by Mary, who kisses him and plays with him. I like to see him growing up before the loving eyes of his mother and of Joseph, his father on earth. What tenderness and care Mary and the holy Patriarch must have shown toward Jesus, as they looked after him during his childhood, all the while, silently, learning so much from him. Their souls would become more and more like the soul of that Son, who was both man and God. This is why his mother, and after her St. Joseph, understand better than anyone the feelings of the heart of Christ; and the two of them are thus the best way, I would say the only way, to reach the Saviour."

May 14- LOSING AND FINDING THE CHILD JESUS "The Mother of God, who looked for her Son so anxiously when he was lost (through no fault of her own) and experienced such great joy in finding him, will help us retrace our steps and put right whatever may be necessary when, because of our carelessness or our sins, we have been unable to recognize Christ. With her help, we will know the happiness of holding him in our arms once more and telling him we will never lose him again."

May 15 - AT CANA "In the Gospel, St. John has recorded a wonderful phrase of our Lady. At the wedding of Cana she turned to the waiters and said: 'Do whatever he tells you.' That is what it is all about -- getting people to face Jesus and ask him: 'Lord, what do you want me to do?'"

May 16 - AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS "We find her on Calvary, at the foot of the cross, praying. This is nothing new for Mary. She has always acted like this, in fulfilling her duties and looking after her home. As she went about the things of this earth, she kept her attention on God."

May 17 - THE SORROWING MOTHER "Our Lady is there listening to the words of her Son, united to him in his suffering, when he cried out 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' What could she do? She united herself fully with the redemptive love of her Son and offered to the Father her immense sorrow, which pierced her pure heart like a sharp-edged sword."

May 18 - THE CO-REDEMPTRIX "It is with good reason that the popes

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have called Mary co-redemptrix. 'So fully, in union with her suffering and dying Son, did she suffer and nearly die; so fully, for the sake of the salvation of all souls, did she abdicate the rights of a mother over her Son, and im-molate him, insofar as it was in her power, to satisfy the justice of God, that it can rightly be said that she redeemed mankind together with Christ.' This gives us a deeper understanding of that moment in the Passion of our Lord on which we shall never tire of meditating: *Stabat autem iuxta crucem Iesu mater eius*, 'There, standing by the cross of Jesus, was his mother.'

May 19 - HER FAITH "If our faith is weak, we should turn to Mary. St. John tells us that it was because of the miracle that Christ performed, at his mother's request, at the marriage feast at Cana, that 'his disciples learned to believe in him.' Our Mother is always interceding with her Son, so that he may attend to our needs and show himself to us in such a way that we can cry out, 'You are the Son of God!' " (*Catholic News Agency*)

Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

MAY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 17TH	9.30 am	Kathleen O'Grady - Intentions	6th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish	
MONDAY 18TH	9.30 AM	Private Intention	
TUESDAY 19TH	9.30 AM	Sindhu (RIP) Sr. Rose's sister in law	Easter feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
WEDNESDAY 20TH	9.30 AM	Pat Sipple (RIP)	Our Lady of Fatima
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 21ST	9.30 AM	Peter Gajdos (RIP) (40 year old)	ASCENSION
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
	6.30 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM app	
FRIDAY 22ND	9.30 AM		Easter feria
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 23RD	10.00 AM 10.20 - 11 am	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP) Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Easter feria
	6.00 PM	Rosary Group - ZOOM app	
SUNDAY 24TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish (Juliana Edworthy 1st B'day)	7th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	Thomas Ryan Vig (RIP)	



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Today's Liturgy of the Word: Through the voice of the Church Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. We couldn't possibly call ourselves his disciples if we didn't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them

First Reading (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17). This recounts how the Good News was preached to the Samaritans. They received it with such joy and enthusiasm that it was like Pentecost all over again.

Second Reading (I Peter 3: 15-18). Christians should be able to defend their faith. If they suffer for their convictions, let them try to bear these sufferings with the patience of Christ.

Gospel (John 14: 15-21) If we love Christ we will listen to his words and try to put them into practice in our lives.

ASCENSION THURSDAY - Real and Present : On this day we imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, to some faraway place beyond death. But if the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives.

Reflections for couples - *Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner* - Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.



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.

SYMPATHY: Sr. Rose's sister in law (Sindhu) died on 10th May. She has been suffering with cancer and sadly died at the age of 43 years old. We express our condolences & assure the family of our prayers. May the Lord in his mercy grant her eternal rest.

SYMPATHY: Margaret Emily Louise MARTINDALE, formerly of BICESTER and of this Parish then NORTH BADDERSLEY, Southampton, and latterly, Romsey, Hampshire, passed away, aged 97 years, in Southampton General Hospital during the morning of Sunday 3rd May, 2020. Her funeral is taking place on Friday 29th May at 3.15 pm at Romsey Crematorium. If you wish give a donation towards the family chosen charity, please follow the link. <https://margaretmartindale.muchloved.com/> May God grant her the gift of Eternal Life in His Grace.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Patricia Sipple who passed away, aged 87 years. Funeral Service will be taking place on Thursday, 28th May at Oxford Crematorium at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.

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
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Priests of the Parish.)**

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



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