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**7th Sunday of Easter (YEAR A)
24th May 2020**

My Dear Friends

Let us continue to learn about Mary the Mother of the Church:

OUR HOPE "Our Lady, a full participant in the work of our salvation, follows in the footsteps of her son: the poverty of Bethlehem, the everyday work of a hidden life in Nazareth, the manifestation of his divinity in Cana of Galilee, the tortures of his passion, the divine sacrifice on the cross, the eternal blessedness of paradise". All of this affects us directly, because this supernatural itinerary is the way we are to follow. Mary shows us that we can walk this path with confidence. She has preceded us on the way of imitating Christ; her glorification is the firm hope of our own salva-tion. For these reasons we call her our hope, cause of our joy".

MARY'S PRAYER "Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to make us contemplatives, to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now: Our Mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of our Father God. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the cares of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace."

EVER VIRGIN "The purity, humility, & generosity of Mary are in sharp contrast to our wretchedness & selfishness. To the extent that we realize this, we should feel moved to imitate her. We too are creatures of God, and if we strive to imitate her fidelity, God will surely do great things in us. Our small worth is no obstacle, because God chooses what is of little value so that the power of his love may be more manifest."

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES "If we take our Lady's hand, she will make us realize more fully that all men are our brothers -- because we are all sons of that God whose daughter, spouse, and mother she is. Our neighbours' problems must be our problems. Christian fraternity should be something very deep in the soul, so that we are indifferent to no one. Mary, who brought up Jesus and accompanied him through his life and is now beside him in heaven, will help us recognize Jesus as he crosses our path and makes himself present to us in the needs of others."

HELP OF CHRISTIANS "Yes, we are still pilgrims, but our Mother has gone on ahead, where she points to the reward for our efforts. She tells us that we can make it. If we are faithful, we will reach home. Not only is

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the Blessed Virgin our model, but she is also the Help of Christians. As we besiege her with our petitions, 'Show that you are our Mother' she cannot help but watch over her children with motherly care."

OUR MOTHER "Find out for yourself by personal experience the meaning of Mary's maternal love. It is not enough just to know that she is our Mother, and to think and talk about her as such. She is *your* Mother and you are her child. She loves you as if you were her only child in this world. Treat her accordingly. Tell her about every-thing that happens to you; honour her and love her. No one will do it for you or as well as you." The rhythm of our steps. 'Serve the Lord with joy' -- there is no other way to serve him." (*Catholic News Agency*)



Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

MAY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
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)	
MONDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	John O'Grady (RIP)	St Bede the Venerable PD
TUESDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Barbara Powell	St Philip Neri P
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
WEDNESDAY 27TH	9.30 AM		St Augustine of Canterbury
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 28TH	9.30 AM		
	1.30 PM	Funeral Service of Patricia Sipple (RIP)	OXFORD CREMATORIUM
	6.30 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM app	
FRIDAY 29TH	9.30 AM	Margaret Emily Martindale (RIP)	Solemnity of Dedication
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 30TH	10.00 AM		Easter feria
	10.20 —11.00 AM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00 PM	Rosary Group - ZOOM app	
SUNDAY 31ST	9.30 AM	For the protection of Pupils on their return to School	Solemnity of Pentecost
	11.00 AM	People of God	



Today's Liturgy of the Word: Today is the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost. We are gathered here to do what Christ asked his apostles to do, namely, to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We can be certain that Mary is with us, as she was with the apostles in the upper room.

We need the grace, power, and love of the Spirit of Jesus.

First Reading (Acts 1:12-14). This tells how, after the ascension, the apostles gathered in the upper room, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading (1 Peter 4:13-16). Peter encourages those who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

Gospel (John 17: 1-11). This is still part of the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is really a prayer to the Father. Jesus prays not just for himself, but also for the apostles.



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.

TRAIIDCRAFT: 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: 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.

Reflections for couples - Filled with hope - Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When you were married, you were filled with both excitement and trepidation for your future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with you since you became "Little Church" on your wedding day.

The Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven)

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.)

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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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