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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)**

**15 May 2022**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Fr Michael O'Connor, Betty Greaves, Ecaterina, Sheila Armstrong, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

**Thank you** to our catechists who prepared our children for their First Holy Communion last Sunday and to all who contributed to our celebration. It was wonderful to see a full church again! Now that **the children** are communicants they are encouraged to deepen their understanding and participation at Mass with their families and the whole community; they **are most welcome to think about serving at the Altar, reading at Mass, singing in the choir or help with the offertory procession** (when that resumes).

### **Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour**

Our annual novena continues this **Tuesday, 17 May, at 7.00pm**. In light of the Synodal process this week's theme will consider *The Church as Institution*. Also:

Tuesday, 24 May, *The Church as Mystical Communion*

Tuesday, 31 May, *The Church as Sacrament*

Tuesday, 7 June, *The Church as Herald*

Tuesday, 14 June, *The Church as Servant*

Tuesday, 21 June, *The Church as Community of Disciples*

### **A wee celebration and some thanks!**

The last two years have seen us miss out on a number of things – most notably being able to come together for celebrations other than public acts of worship (think of the restrictions surrounding Simon's diaconate ordination for example). Thankfully, things have changed for the better in this regard and the forthcoming Confirmation Mass with our chief shepherd, Bishop Heskett, on Saturday, 11 June, offers us a suitable occasion to celebrate. **After the Mass of Confirmation there will be drinks and nibbles offered in the school hall** (or playground if the weather is good!). This will give us an opportunity to make a presentation to Marie following her recent retirement from the parish office and to offer our thanks to all those who have helped over the past two difficult years to help keep things running and open – especially our church cleaners and stewards. The presence of the *Confirmandi* and their guests helps give meaning to the occasion as they represent our future. However, understandably, for some this presence may be brief as, they may well have smaller, family affairs planned. All welcome!

**Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**, Saturday 23 July, £18 adults, £12 students/children with the Procession along the Holy Mile, and Mass of Sunday. Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30am. Contact Joseph Durham, 07939 152558 [joseph.durham52@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.durham52@gmail.com), or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247 [francesca@fmflynn.plus.com](mailto:francesca@fmflynn.plus.com)

## **Returning to Mass at Pentecost**

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

‘A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that **the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.**’

*The full statement can be found on the parish or the Bishops’ Conference website.*

**World Youth Day 2023** will take place next year in Lisbon, 31 July to 7 August. Our diocese has reserved a number of places and encourages any persons who will be between 15 – 30 years of age next year to express their interest by contacting Sue McDonald, Director of Youth Ministry at [smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com)

**Synthesis Report of the Diocesan Phase:** A synthesis of the listening and discernment that has taken place in the diocese for the past six months has been submitted to the national Bishops’ Conference. You can also read about this on the Synod pages of the diocesan website at [hallam-diocese.com/synod/](http://hallam-diocese.com/synod/) Our baptismal calling challenges us as individuals and also as a collective institution. Hopefully, we will find both encouragement and food for thought as we discover new steps and vistas on our journey in Christian faith.

**Padley Chapel** is open once again every Sunday until the end of September from 2 to 4pm. Visitors are welcome just to sightsee or to pray.

*Mass Intentions*

<b>Sunday 15 May</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People <b>10.00am</b> John & Norah Connelly
<b>Monday 16 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Leanne Wainwright
<b>Tuesday 17 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Joan Gerstel <b>7.00pm</b> Week 4 of our Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	November Memorial List
<b>Thursday 19 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Michael McManus
<b>Friday 20 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Fr James Shryane
<b>Saturday 21 May</b> <i>Eastertide weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>5.00pm</b> John Flaherty
<b>Sunday 22 May</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Katie Coates <b>10.00am</b> For the People

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

The people of Ukraine

**This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

For peace

**Please pray for June McCourt RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Last week's collection was £631.29** (£366.00 in offertory envelopes, £265.29 in loose). Thank you.

A further £13.35 for **Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine** was donated (a total of £1445.23 so far). Thank you for your generosity.

Last weekend's retiring collection for the Priests' Training Fund next weekend raised £193.07. Many thanks.