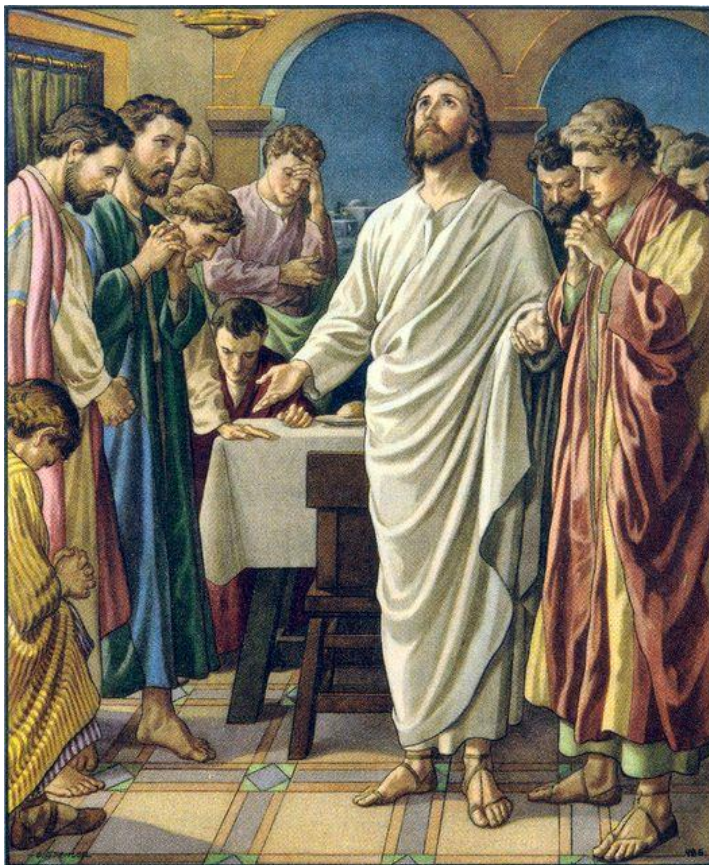


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7th Sunday of Easter (C)

29 May 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Susan Taylor, 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, 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.*

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena continues this **Tuesday, 24 May, at 7.00pm**. In light of the Synodal process this week's theme, will consider *The Church as Sacrament* and the homily will be given by Deacon Henry Woodhouse.

Also: 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!

Dates for your diary...

The feast of **Trinity Sunday** is celebrated on the weekend of 11 & 12 June. The vigil Mass on the Saturday will be celebrated by the bishop as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation and there are refreshments and a presentation in the school afterwards.

The **Feast of Corpus Christi** is celebrated on the weekend of 18 & 19 June. The practice of holding a Corpus Christi Procession in the city centre will resume again this year, starting at 3.00pm from St Marie's Cathedral on the Sunday afternoon.

The **Feast of St Peter & St Paul**, a *Holyday of Obligation*, is celebrated with a vigil Mass at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 28 June, and a 10.00am Mass on the feast day, 29 June.

Bits ‘n Pieces

The wearing of **face coverings**, hitherto strongly encouraged, is now to be regarded as **optional**. Please continue to be aware of others around you and respectful of their personal space. For the time being, the doors of the church will remain open. From next weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, we shall continue heading towards ‘normality’ by returning to **offering the sign of peace**. However, this can be by a simple nod or wave and no one is under any obligation to shake hands. Likewise, the **holy water stoops will** once again **be available** for your use for when you enter and leave the church. **The collection** at the Offertory **will** also **resume** at Pentecost.

New Altar Servers: There will be a short meeting (half-an-hour) at the church for those interested in becoming an altar server on **Saturday, 18 June, at 9.30am**. If you cannot attend the meeting but still wish to serve then please speak with Fr M. Candidates for altar serving should have celebrated their First Holy Communion.

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.*

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 29 May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Intentions of Beck
Monday 30 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am For a family intention 7.00pm Week 6 of our Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Wednesday 1 June <i>St Justin</i>	November Memorial List
Thursday 2 June <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	10. 00am Leanne Wainwright
Friday 3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Comp.</i>	10. 00am H M Queen Elizabeth II
Saturday 4 June <i>Our Lady of Doncaster</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Brian Mellors
Sunday 5 June <i>Pentecost</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Andrew Creswick

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 Sheila Habershon & Angela Wilcox *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Last week's collection was £556.05 (£369.50 in offertory envelopes, £186.55 in loose). Thank you.

A further £28.70 for **Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine** was donated (giving an overall total of £1524.43). Thank you for your generosity.