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Pentecost Sunday of Easter

19 May 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Linda Wragg, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, 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.*

First Holy Communion

- We congratulate Ann-Treasa who will celebrate his First Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

- As the children become 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 (just one reading if they wish), singing in the choir or helping with the offertory procession or tidying the hymn books after Mass. Please speak with Fr M or Deacon Simon, thank you.

Bishop Heskett will celebrate **the Sacrament of Confirmation**, **next Saturday**, **25 May**, **at 5.00pm**. Please remember the candidates and their families and sponsor in your prayers.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena **continues this Tuesday**, 21 May, **at 7.00pm**. As part of our preparatory prayer for the Jubilee Year in 2025 this year's theme will consider the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!' The Catechism calls it 'truly the summary of the whole gospel' and refers to it as the 'most perfect of prayers.'

Tuesday, 21 May, 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Tuesday, 28 May, 'Thy Will Be Done on Earth, As It Is in Heaven' Tuesday, 4 June, 'Give us this Day Our Daily Bread' Tuesday, 11 June, 'And Forgive Us Our Trespasses, As We Forgive...' Tuesday, 18 June, 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation' Tuesday, 25 June, 'But Deliver Us from Evil' We will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm on the final evening.

On the weekend of 8 & 9 June, there will be the annual diocesan mission appeal. This year we will be visited by the Missionary Society of St. Paul. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Gospel and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP invite us to support their mission.

On **Saturday, 22 June,** Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **ordination to the priesthood** of Christian Nwakamma, for service in the Diocese of Hallam, at 11.00 am in the cathedral. Please remember Christian in your prayers during this time of direct preparation. All welcome.

The annual **diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage** led by Bishop Heskett is on Saturday, **27 July**. Coach: Asda Handsworth bus stop, 7.15 a.m. & Penny Black, Pond Hill Sheffield, 7.30 a.m. Adults £24, Under 18s £12 -Contact J. Durham, 07939 152558 or joseph.durham52@gmail.com

Dates for your diary...

Sunday, 26 May, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.
Sunday, 2 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.
Friday, 7 June, the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Sunday, 30 June, the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul.
Friday, 19 July, 10.00am Mass with St Joseph's School as they come to the end of the academic year.

'Suffer the little children to come unto me...'

In accordance with good Safeguarding practice I kindly remind parents and guardians that children (especially infants) should not go to the toilet or anywhere else during Mass or other services unaccompanied. Likewise, given the presence of older bones and joints, I ask that young children not run around inside the church and that they be attentive to the presence of others, especially at Holy Communion. In addition, it is of course of equal importance that care is taken outside the church particularly with regard to moving vehicles. Many thanks.

A Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

O Lord Jesus, through You I humbly beg the merciful Father to send the holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts. May He send us the gift of Wisdom, which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself: the gift of Understanding, which will enlighten us; the gift of Counsel, which will guide us in the way of righteousness; and the gift of Fortitude, which will give us the strength to vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation. May He impart to us the gift of Knowledge, which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil; the gift of Piety, which will make us enjoy true peace; and the gift of Awe, which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty. To the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit be given all glory and thanksgiving forever. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 19 May	8.45am
Pentecost	Michael McManus
	10.00am
	Intentions of Martha & Ann-Treasa
Monday 20 May	10.00am
Mary Mother of the Church	Kathleen Diver
Tuesday 21 May	10.00am
Ordinary Time feria	Special Intention (Healing)
	7.00pm Week 4
	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Wednesday 22 May	November Memorial List
Ordinary Time feria	
Thursday 23 May	10.00am
Jesus Christ Eternal Priest	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 24 May	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition
Ordinary Time feria	10.00am
	Special Intention (AB)
Saturday 25 May	
St Bede	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions
	5.00pm
	For the People
Sunday 26 May	8.45am
The Most Holy Trinity	Helena Šukevič
	10.00am
	Intentions of Patrick Clarke (101 years)

Last week's collection was \pounds756.51 ($\pounds331.50$ in offertory envelopes, $\pounds425.01$ in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Please pray for Kathleen Diver & Rory Kelly, *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Children Who Suffer Cruelty & Abuse