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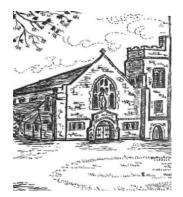
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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In the Gospel, Jesus acknowledges that His followers are not of the world, even as He is not of it. However, He does not ask for them to be taken out of the world but to be protected from evil. This is a powerful reminder for us. While we are part of this world, we are also called to live by the values of God's kingdom—values that often contrast with worldly attitudes.

Jesus sends us into the world just as the Father sent Him. This mission is not easy. It involves proclaiming the truth and living out our faith in a way that might not always be popular or accepted. But it is what we are called to do.

The 7th Sunday of Easter Year B serves as a powerful reminder of Jesus' ongoing presence and our active role as His followers. Through His prayer, Jesus highlights the importance of unity and protection from evil. As we live in the world, we are not of the world. We are called to be distinct yet engaged, promoting the values of the Kingdom of God.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today is World Communications Day, and today, we remind ourselves of the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Today we have a *Second Collection* to help with this engagement with the media in this country. All donations will be gratefully received.

CONFIRMATION:

Please keep in your prayers our young people of the Parish who will be Confirmed next Saturday 18th May.

MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). So, during this month of May, the Church encourages Catholics to take out their rosary beads and pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother for the different needs we have- for ourselves, our families, our community and for those in any kind of help. With this in mind, we will pray a decade of the Rosary before each Sunday Mass throughout May.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (27)

In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we are reflecting on the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and its summons to proclaim "the joy of the Gospel". That joy is meant for everyone, since the risen Lord wishes to call all men and women to share in the fullness of life. In fidelity to the mission we received in baptism, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet, not excluding anyone, because Christ was born, died, and rose again for all. The Scriptures reveal that when God calls individuals to discipleship, he also sends them forth as witnesses of his redeeming love. The Church herself is "catholic", universal, for she has been entrusted with the mission of making disciples of all nations, while also fostering unity that respects and reconciles the rich variety of histories and cultures. May we who have experienced the beauty and joy of the Gospel become ever more conscious that its message is good news for all, and strive to show the face of a Church that is welcoming and embraces all.

<u>PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:</u> Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: We have beautiful gifts and cards on display: pop into the Repository and have a look! But if you don't see what you want you can browse through our catalogue, and we can order it for you!

RECENTLY BAPTISED: We welcome Imelda Summerfield & Lukasz Szutarski who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

<u>CHURCH CLEANING:</u> Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers.

Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.

DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

THY KINGDOM COME - PENTECOST PRAYER NOVENA 2024: There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sun 12th May to 10pm on Sat 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411 or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

REVIVE. DISCOVER. EMPOWER. Retreat for Young Adults, $22^{nd} - 23^{rd}$ June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to revive, discover and empower you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events

<u>WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS:</u> 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH</u> at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	11 th May	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula
Vigil Mass			Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter	12 th May	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Pat O'Shea RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
Monday St Erconwald	13 th May	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Matthias	14 th May	9.15am	Popsy Bastiana D'Souza Getonga RIP
Wednesday	15 th May	7.15pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	16 th May	9.15am	Ray Grant RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 th May	9.15am	Paolo Susta, Gina Susta, Giovanni Premi & Angela Dui RIP
		7.00pm	Philomena Lyons RIP
Saturday	18 th May	9.15am	Michael & Florence Olaniyan Int
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		3pm	Confirmation Mass
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
Vigil Mass		6.30pm	The Foley Family RIP
Sunday Pentecost	19 th May	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

<u>Hospital:</u> If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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