

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

16th May 2021

The readings for this final Sunday of Eastertide remind us again of all the graces we have received through Jesus's death and resurrection, and the joy which comes from knowing just how much we are loved by God.

In the **First Reading** (Acts 1: 15–17.20–26), we hear of the election of Matthias, who takes the place of Judas, 'the one who chose to be lost'. He joins the Apostles as one who gives witness to the wonder of the Lord's Resurrection.

The short **Psalm 103** extract reflects the enormity of God's love, and the boundless depths of his forgiveness – a theme expanded further in the **Second Reading** (1 John 4: 11–16). Here, John's letter reminds us that it is because God loved us first with such infinite love, that we must love one another. Through Jesus's sacrifice, we are saved and can live as one with God, with Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

In the **Gospel** (John 17: 11–19), we hear Jesus himself as he intercedes for the disciples and for us – asking his Father for everything he knows we need as he sends us out into the world.

During the coming week, let's pray for the grace to recognise the gifts we have been given, and for a greater awareness of how we can use them in showing our love for others.

Year of St. Joseph

Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

Mass bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you.

Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.

Confirmation: A small group of young people are going to be confirmed at 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 22nd May.

Gift Aid boxes: Please email the parish office with your name and gift aid box number if your box is not at the back of the church or talk to Father Martin as you leave church.

Thursday: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm.

Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: From Thursday 20th May at 7.30pm the Rosary will be said in the Church and not streamed. All are welcome to come and join us.

Church Cleaning: will take place on Saturday 22nd May from 9.30am. Volunteers are needed to come along and help clean the Church please.

Repository / Piety Shop:

Due to current restrictions we are still unable to open the shop, but we can offer a “phone & collect” service. We have a wide range of goods, including:

- Mass cards
- Sympathy cards
- Commemorative items (Confirmation, First Holy Communion, etc.)
- Celebration cards (Birthday, Wedding, New Baby, Get Well, etc.)
- Rosaries, Crucifixes and statues
- A small selection of children’s books.

The shop is managed by Pat Edwards, so If you need a particular item just ring Pat – if it’s not in stock she will endeavour to get it for you.

Pat Edwards – 07743180877

Food Bank Collection: The SVP basket will be in the porch for your donations.

The SVP would like to thank the parishioners at St Marys for their recent generous donations to the foodbank. Your continued support over the past 8 years is very much appreciated and most especially during this challenging Covid crisis.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number:51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Pope Francis call for prayer in this month of May:

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

He urges us to pray the rosary daily in May. To read more go to:

www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html

Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 15 th May | 6.30pm | All Parish Priests / Helen Ging RIP |
| Sunday | 16 th May | 8.00am | Jim Shanahan RIP / Clive McDonagh RIP |
| Seventh Sunday of Easter | | 9.30am | Helen Ging RIP / Mel Brennan RIP |
| | | 11.30am | Neil MacFarlane RIP / Mary Barrell RIP |
| Monday | 17 th May | 9.15am | Norah Lenehan RIP / With thanks to Derham House Int |
| Tuesday | 18 th May | 9.15am | Mr & Mrs O'Neill RIP / Kathy O'Dea Int |
| Wednesday | 19 th May | 7.30pm | The Daly Family Int / Michael Dear RIP / Mr & Mrs Carty RIP |
| Thursday | 20 th May | 11am-1pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Friday | 21 st May | 9.15am | The Siani Family RIP / Eileen Crojan RIP |
| Saturday | 22 nd May | 6.30pm | All Parishioners |
| Sunday | 23 rd May | 8.00am | The Candan Family RIP / |
| Pentecost Sunday | | | Paddy Shanahan RIP / Nelson DeSouza RIP |
| | | 9.30am | Sue Nuemesister RIP / The Walsh Family Int |
| | | 11.30am | John & Brigid Coady Int / Ann O'Sullivan RIP |

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