

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Just a gentle reminder that the Third World Group is still selling clothes and other items through Ebay to try and maintain donations to our six charities. Please could you possibly make us your first choice Charity Shop at the moment by leaving any unwanted clothing, shoes, books etc in our box in the cloister or arrangements could be made to collect from your home - with strictest safety measures in place. Please contact Chris 01536 711560, or Judith or Margaret at church. Many thanks to everyone for continuing to help all those in our world who are so very needy.

FR CHRIS: THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5)

This verse of scripture has been chosen by the Holy Father to mark his prayer initiative for the month of May in which we seek an end to the pandemic that has troubled the whole world. We are asked to seek the intercession of Mary especially through the prayer of the rosary. This verse refers to the church in Jerusalem praying for Saint Peter when he was arrested and imprisoned by Herod and for the church that was being persecuted .

The prayer of intercession is a powerful one. We unite ourselves to Christ the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men & women, especially sinners. We join in his intercession as part of the Church, the Body of Christ. Of course, this had been part of prayer in the Old testament with figures such as Abrahah and Moses who interceded for the people. By our Baptism we have this special ministry to pray for all good and bad alike. As St Paul teaches: "for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions," for persecutors, for the salvation of those who reject the Gospel. Hence we have the General Intercessions at Mass.

Mary stands out as an intercessor par excellence of the New Testament: in several ways. She saw the needs of the people at the wedding feast of Cana and pointed out to her Son their need. She was also there with her son at the foot of the cross uniting herself totally with her sons offering. And was given to John as a spiritual mother. Thirdly she was there in the church at the beginning gathered with the disciples praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in constant prayer as we are told. So it is not surprising that Christians throughout the ages have sought her maternal intercession for their needs every day especially in times of crisis. And the Rosary has had pride of place both as a prayer of meditation and supplication. People throughout the ages have entrusted to it the most difficult problems. Often when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation.

We may think of the Battle of Lepanto in the 16th Century the Fall of Communism in the last century and the Rosary revolution of the Philippines. The examples are countless. Many individuals can give witness to the power of Mary's intercession in their personal lives. We could not have anyone better since Mary was always at one with her Son even unto the Cross. She knows him better than anyone and Our Lord as a good son always want to honour his Mother in obedience to the Commandment of his Father in heaven. Insistent prayer to the Mother of God is based on confidence that her maternal intercession can obtain all things from the heart of her Son. The supreme poet Dante expresses it marvellously in the lines sung by Saint Bernard: "Lady, thou art so great and so powerful, that whoever desires grace yet does not turn to thee, would have his desire fly without wings".

So let us make fervent prayer to God this May for the whole world through the intercession of Our Lady of Victories

God bless you and your families! Fr. Chris



Our Lady of Victories

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9th May 2021
6th Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 6th of Easter

Sat. 6.00pm: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Phillips)

9.00am: Mass: Sheila Plowright (Shepherd)

11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Easter Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Margaret Cody RIP (Bretherick)

Wednesday: Easter Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Solemnity)

10.00am: Iris Eglington RIP (Phil & Chris)

Friday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

10.00am Mass: Jenny Murray RIP (sisters)

Saturday: Easter Feria

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 16th May - In thanks: St Joseph, St Michael & guardian Angels

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari RIP (family)

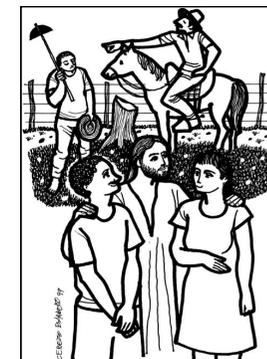
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the Moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

Please pray for young Jim McCann who died this week and also Theresa James & Ann Fagg whose funeral is on 20th May. Our Condolences to all their families



A man can have no greater love than to laydown his life for his friends.

THE MONTH OF MAY: In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities with particular intentions for each day for those affected by the Pandemic. *The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).*

Prayer initiative "The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read a statement released by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. Each day will see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html> broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time(5.00pm UK) from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. Please could we all pray the Rosary each day for this intention. Cf <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/> .

Pray intentions for the Particular days this week: 8th May: For all communication workers; 9th Holy house of Loreto (Italia) For all seniors; 10 Our Lady of Knock (Ireland) For all people with disabilities; 11 Virgin of the Poor (Belgium); For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed; 12 Our Lady of Africa(Algeria) For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope; 13 Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal) For all prisoners; 14 Our Lady of Health (India) For all scientists and medical research institutions; 15 Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia) For all migrants; 16 St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia) For all victims of violence and human trafficking.

PS: The Holy father has asked us to include a Hail Mary for the people of Myanmar.

LACY AND PENTECOST! Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth extend a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to share a Celebration with them on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May, via Zoom at 7.00 p.m. Fr. Simon Gillespie will lead us in the celebration. Perhaps you are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to join together to share more thoughts about the Holy Spirit giving the disciples the power to proclaim God's wonderful word. An opportunity to hear young people's thoughts, connecting and sharing discipleship through energy and enthusiasm as we recognise that **Youth is a flame! Youth is a fire!** *Interactive discussion, Prayers, Readings, Reflection and Music will take place. For link in details contact claudiacox-on@googlemail.com or paulinepayne@hotmail.com. All young people under the age of 18 present on Zoom should be accompanied by an adult.*

Today – 9th May- is the **Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians**. Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East(FACE) is launching a prayer group to receive a monthly pair prayer intention for eastern Christians. To join visit www.facecharity.org. FACE has also published a short document which informs you about the Eastern Churches in union with Rome you can download it from their website. You may wish to make a donation to support eastern Christian communities. You can donate online or £10 directly by texting day of prayer to 70450.we all know what they have suffered in the Middle East.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW - MAY WINNERS:

1st Prize £70 ticket No 49. LK Edwards
2nd Prize £30 ticket No 15. M Hall
3rd Prize £20 ticket No 122. V Ball



Fr Owen's funeral; Mass in Ireland is available on <http://funeralslive.ie/canon-owen-o-neill> . It has been reedited as the first attempt was patchy

KINDLE THE FIRE: PENTECOST ONLINE PRAYER - Saturday 22 May 2021 at 4.00 p.m. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." (Luke 4: 18) Join online prayer for the eve of Pentecost with Bishop Patrick, parishioners and Caritas volunteers from around the Diocese of Nottingham. We'll be marking the launch of Caritas, the new ministry supporting charitable service in parishes in Nottingham diocese, and justice, peace and care for creation in the wider world. Meet fellow Catholics and find out how Caritas can help you live the Gospel: book your place at dioceseofnottingham.uk/kindlethefire.

BEING A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE – After the great success of Bishop Patrick's Lent Talks on Discipleship, the Formation for Mission Team are offering two talks on Zoom in May on 'being a Missionary Disciple'. The first talk 'The Ascension & the Great Commission' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales) on Thursday 13th May at 7.00pm. This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live Jesus final instructions to us. The second talk 'Pentecost & Mission' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker & Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7.00pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our every day lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

THE WORD AND THE COMMON GOOD: You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel. Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom. Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter' Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission. The sessions begin on Monday 7 June at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks. To find out more: Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us Join an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#) Or [book your place today](#).

THIRD WORLD GROUP REGULAR GIVING (The Green Envelopes) Last year, when the green envelopes were being distributed, a number of people asked us if they could set up a bank transfer, but, at the time, we thought this was not possible because our funds are held in Market Harborough Building Society. However, we have now been told that payments can be made via the same account into which we make our regular donations to the parish, provided the donor puts THIRD WORLD GROUP in the reference box. This is a Standing Order, NOT a Direct Debit, so you would have full control over the amount and payment dates and intervals. As you all probably realise, our income has drastically reduced during the past 15 months, just when our beneficiaries need help the most - they have suffered because of Covid19 too, and are situated in countries where vaccinations are scarce if available at all – so, if you are not a member of this scheme yet, please consider joining. Existing members can also change their payment method if they wish. You can set up a donation online or, if you prefer to take instructions to your bank, we can provide a form for this. We just need some very basic details so, anyone considering taking this step, please contact Margaret Atkins: margaretatkins52@gmail.com or 01858 446369.