

CONTINUED.....The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

G7 and COP26 This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.

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](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us) Join an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#) Or [book your place today](#).

COMPLETE THE SURVEY: How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.**



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.



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23rd May 2021
Pentecost & 8th Week
of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Sat. 6.00pm: Marie Mannion RIP (Phil & Chris)

9.00am: Mass: Desmond Kyne RIP (Sisters)

11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Mary, Mother of the Church

Private Mass: Liam Eglington RIP (Phil & Chris)

Tuesday: St Bede the Venerable

10.00am Mass: Bill Brown RIP (Julie) Anniv

Wednesday: St Philip Neri

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

10.00am: Teresa Judge RIP (Joan Lowe)

Friday: FERIA

11.30am: Funeral Mass of Theresa James

Saturday: FERIA

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 30th May - Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Crawford)

Sunday: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Lizzie Hamer Birthday



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

FR CHRIS WRITES: A Happy feast day to all as we celebrate Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church as the Holy Spirit pours forth the life of the risen Lord. This is perhaps the 2nd greatest Feast day after Easter when we celebrate the fruit of Christ Passion Death, Resurrection and Ascension Being Poured out among us. Very simply we must pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that he may bear fruit in us as St Paul says in our second reading: *What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your Love!

As you know the Covid rules changed on Monday and we may now gather indoors in groups of 6. We have received new guidelines from the Bishops of England and Wales which have been drawn up with the Government. We will review them considering our local conditions. However, one immediate change is that the Church may now be open for private prayer during the day. However, you are asked to sign in if you have visited the Church or use the NHS App which is displayed. Come and Visit our Lord!! In regards of Mass we continue as before until we have done a review. It should be noted there has been a spike of cases in the town among young people at a school. This is beginning to fall again. We will proceed cautiously.

The funeral for **Theresa James** has now been arranged for Friday 28th May 11.30am. There should be room for Parishioners. We pray for Stan and the family.

THE MONTH OF MAY Please continue with your Rosaries, in this "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 takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).*

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/>.

Prayer intentions for the Particular days this week: 22 May Our Lady Queen of Monserrat (Spain) For all volunteers; 23 May - Our Lady of Cap (Canada) For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters; 24 May - To be confirmed—For all those who provide essential services; 25 May Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu (Malta) For all teachers, students and educators; 26 May Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico) - For all workers and entrepreneurs; 27 May Mother of God (Ukraine) - For all the unemployed; 28 May Black Madonna of Altötting - For the Holy Father, Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons; 29 May Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon) - For all consecrated men and women; 30 May Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italy) - For the Church; 31 May Vatican Gardens—For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life.

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

MORE NEWS FROM LACY: CELEBRATING 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. **Youth is a flame! Youth is a fire! Bring with you a balloon, pen and candle!** Be inspired by The Holy Spirit. See our poster! We're looking forward to hearing from you! Link in details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84125113074?pwd=VWhYV0RBNmVKMTA2Yy9iK0RkcndQZz09> Contact claudi-acoxxon@googlemail.com or paulinepayne@hotmail.com for further information. **All young people under the age of 18 present on Zoom should be accompanied by an adult.**

CELEBRATING FAIRTRADE SATURDAY - 29th May 2021: Visit the Fairtrade stall at the Eco Village, St Mary's Road 9am to 4pm Profits from this sale go to assist producers in the pandemic and climate crisis. www.fairtrademarketharborough.org.uk



CARITAS DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM - ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP: At today's Masses, we hear a Pastoral letter about the urgent need for us all to protect and care for God's gift of Creation, (printed in the Newsletter instead) Our new diocesan Caritas network, also launched this weekend, is hosting a workshop '**Renewing the face of the Earth**'. It is online and will help us explore the many ways in which we can respond, as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese: **Tuesday 8 June, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.** Please Register at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/environment.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES:

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of "God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

God's revelation of himself in Creation 'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children.' In this liberty, as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

Interconnected and interdependent As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us.

Unsustainable consumption For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

Restoring our common home But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future.

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