


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter Yr. C



5th May 2019

Mass Book: 265 Psalter Week 3

Readings:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
Apocalypse 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Summer Hanging Baskets

Dear Father Paul,
I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets

Names



Mass Times

Saturday	4 th May	12:15 pm	Wedding: Gosby-O’Kane
Saturday	4 th May	6:00 pm	Mass Betty Sherwood-Smith
Sunday	5 th May	8:30 am	Mass People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass Fr Chris Handforth
Monday	6 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday	7 th May	9.00am Yr. 5 Class Mass at Sacred Heart School	
Wednesday	8 th May	9.30am Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word	
Thursday	9 th May	NO MASS	
Friday	10 th May	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family
Saturday	11 th May	6:00 pm	Mass Sharon Hayward
Sunday	12 th May	8:30 am	Mass People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass Patrick Lagan

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 37.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 266.56 **Contactless £40.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 94.00 (NGA) £ 15.00 Loose £ 129.65

Standing Orders for April: £3,293.00 Many thanks

Contactless Payments: You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*
You can also register your Credit/Debit card for Gift Aid purposes.

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D’Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Elizabeth Sheppard, Juan Koo Balingit, Peggy Lindsay

May they rest in peace

First Holy Communion - Presentation of Prayer – Sunday 5 May at 10.30am

Today at the 10.30am Mass we have our final celebration & presentation of the prayers needed to prepare oneself to receive First Holy Communion. The First Communion Masses will be celebrated on **19 and 26 of May at 12 Noon**. Please do keep the Children and their families in your prayers at this time.

Wedding: Congratulations to **Lisa Gosby and Kevin O’Kane** who were married on Saturday, 4th May. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Baptism: We welcome *Sullivan William Montgomery* into the family of the Church today.

Confirmation Preparation

For those young Adults who are **not** attending Sacred Heart School there will be Confirmation Preparation Sessions on **Saturday 18 & 25 May and 15 & 8 June**. These will last from 4.30 - 5.45pm. However, our initial session on **18 May will begin at 3.55pm**. Please keep all in your prayers all our young adults who will be confirmed on Saturday 22 June.

Churches together in Henley.

The next Ecumenical meeting of the Churches together in Henley, takes place on Thursday 9 May at 7:45pm at the Friends Meeting House on Northfield End. This is the ecumenical forum and AGM.

All are welcome to attend this event.

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at £64 each. If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets, see overleaf.

Volunteer Vacancies at Reading Centre:

Catholic Marriage Care provides marriage and relationship counselling and marriage preparation in the local area. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- trained relationship counsellors - supervision and expenses provided
- evening receptionist for counselling sessions (Monday evenings in Woodley)
- people to serve refreshments at our marriage preparation days (occasional Saturdays in Twyford and Maidenhead)

For further information please contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or 07939495774

The Holy Spirit.

Today we reflect upon the importance of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Day the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles and they set out to preach the word of God. The Holy Spirit, resides within the Church and within each of us. By our Baptism and our Confirmation, we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his gifts. We are temples of the Holy Spirit. It is incredible to think that the presence of God resides in you and in those around you. Such thoughts should change the way we value ourselves and the respect which have for others.

Each week we proclaim the words of the Creed: '*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.*' We proclaim the Holy Spirit to be the third person of the Trinity and the 'Lord', a term we use of Jesus as well. The Holy Spirit is given to us as our life. Our spiritual life has its beginning and end in the life of the Holy Spirit. All of our prayer has its source in the presence of the Holy Spirit. St Paul said, 'No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.' (1 Cor 12:3.) The Holy Spirit enlivens us all. This is beautifully described in the 12th Century hymn which is printed below:

*Love of the Father, Love of God the Son
From whom all came, in whom all was begun;
Who forms heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creations whole desire and breath of life:
You the all-holy, you supreme in might,
You give peace, your presence makes all right;
You with your favour all things enfold,-
With all kindness free from harm will hold.
Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
There is no truth save only in your trust
The mind from early dreams recall,
and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all
Eternal Glory, you we all adore,
Who are and who shall be worshipped evermore,
Us whom you made, comfort with your might,
And lead us home to enjoy your heavenly light.*

This makes a wonderful mediation and a basis for our prayer to the Holy Spirit over the coming weeks:

Fr Paul.