



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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## PARISH NEWS

**24th May 2020**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

Dear Friends

Although this Sunday is rather blandly known as the 7th Sunday of Easter, the historical event we recall this weekend was actually a watershed in the story of the early Church and in the life of the Apostles. It was an 'in-between' time. By which I mean that Jesus had ascended back into Heaven. He had asked Peter, James, John and the other Apostles to continue his ministry of healing and mercy. But they felt surrounded by threats and danger and it was for them a time of fear and uncertainty. To carry out Jesus' request they needed to feel the power of his presence, even though they could no longer physically see him. They felt that presence at Pentecost (which we will celebrate next Sunday) when the Holy Spirit came upon them.

I am sure you can see the parallel to our own situation at the moment. We are experiencing an 'in-between' time – lockdown restrictions have been eased a bit but we still do not know how things will work out definitely for the future. But we can take comfort in the fact that the Apostles have been there before us. Praying to the Saints is really like asking help from trusted, old friends. So as we continue to keep our Parish Community together through caring for each other by prayer, thought and action, let us also ask the Apostles to support us and strengthen us at this time.

God bless you all.  
Fr David

**Do you know anyone who needs support; physically, emotionally or spiritually? Please contact Fr David on 01376 326779 or Sue at [susiehowell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:susiehowell@tiscali.co.uk).**

**SICK PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for all our parishioners in this uncertain time. We remember especially: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Cecilia Omoyinbo, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary McGrath, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Sandra Gilbert, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Josie Pullum, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Brenda Sewell and Maria Wray.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alan Ellis, Dympna Patten, Cyril Swift, Barbara Rees-Gant, David Kershaw, Zara Gill, Christine Cornelius, Patrick O'Donnell, Kevin Rathe, Basil John Butler, Ernest Smooth, Henry Nutton and Fr John Timmins. May they all rest in peace.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY: 31st May - 10.30am Mass for Confirmandi.** With a special message from Bishop Alan at the start of Mass, and music recorded by soloists and groups of young people from across the Diocese, as well as Intercessions read by young people, this Mass is especially for those who would have been Confirmed today. The candidates for our parish will be confirmed, by Bishop Alan, in November (hopefully!). The Mass next week will be available on YouTube and Instagram - BrentwoodCYS, and more details of the Mass are at: <https://bcys.net/events/pentecost/>.

**NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK:** This is a grassroots body, with Catholic roots, working with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its aims and values. It is based in England and Wales. The network offers opportunities for action, friendship, solidarity and mutual support. More details available from <https://www.justice-and-peace-org-uk/>.

**OFFERINGS:** If anyone would like to donate to the parish, then please contact Sue on 01376 342017, to obtain the bank details. Thank you.



## **MARRIAGE MATTERS - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

**Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matt 28:16-20**

*'Filled with hope'*



Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

# READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

## **First Reading**

*Acts 1:12-14*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

## **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 4:13-16*

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

## **Gospel**

*John 17:1-11*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
‘Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this: to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you before ever the world was.  
I have made your name known  
to the men you took from the world to give me.  
They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those you have given me,  
because they belong to you:  
all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,  
and in them I am glorified.  
I am not in the world any longer,  
but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.'

**LOVE**

**HOPE**

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the 'Our Father', be our prayer as we entrust ourselves, and all those affected, to your infinite power and love.

Amen

## ***LAUGH OUT LOUD....***

A priest visits an elderly woman from his congregation.

As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the priest stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he had emptied most of the bowl.

"I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought!

"What if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them.

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU'VE GOT TO BE DEAD."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible.

He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out.

He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.

"Mummy, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered,

"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

# EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THEIR CAPITALS

## Answers

1. UNITED KINGDOM G
2. FRANCE B
3. SPAIN O
4. AUSTRIA J
5. ITALY S
6. SWITZERLAND E
7. NORWAY I
8. BELGIUM F
9. BULGARIA A
10. CROATIA M
11. CZECH REPUBLIC Q
12. DENMARK Z
13. GERMANY C
14. POLAND W
15. SWEDEN H
16. VATICAN CITY N
17. MONTENEGRO X
18. PORTUGAL V
19. UKRAINE U
20. SLOVAKIA L
21. ROMANIA D
22. HUNGARY T
23. FINLAND Y
24. BELARUS P
25. GREECE K
26. IRELAND R

- A. SOFIA
- B. PARIS
- C. BERLIN
- D. BUCHAREST
- E. BERN
- F. BRUSSELS
- G. LONDON
- H. STOCKHOLM
- I. OSLO
- J. VIENNA
- K. ATHENS
- L. BRATISLAVA
- M. ZAGREB
- N. VATICAN CITY
- O. MADRID
- P. MINSK
- Q. PRAGUE
- R. DUBLIN
- S. ROME
- T. BUDAPEST
- U. KIEV
- V. LISBON
- W. WARSAW
- X. PODGORICA
- Y. HELSINKI
- Z. COPENHAGEN



Can you find the words from The Lord's Prayer, within the grid?  
You need to find all the words which are in red.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.  
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,  
FOR EVER AND EVER.

AMEN

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Whilst the church is closed until further notice, Fr David will be saying Mass privately, every day, and will pray for you and your families and ask for God's protection for us all at this difficult time.

**This week, Fr David will be saying the following Private Masses:**

Saturday 23rd May	Dympna Patten RIP (A) (Higgins)
Sunday 24th May <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 25th May <b>St Bede the Venerable</b>	Ints Franciscan Sisters
Tuesday 26th May <b>St Philip Neri</b>	Annie Wigfall RIP (Digby)
Wednesday 27th May <b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</b>	Catherine Murphy RIP (A) (Shelock)
Thursday 28th May	Christopher Burgess RIP (Mark)
Friday 29th May	Ints Marie-Claire Lobo (Henriques)
Saturday 30th May	Ints Michael Lobo (Henriques)
Sunday 31st May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)</b>	Mary and Vincent Monaghan RIP (Digby)

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