

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

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### Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</b>  <b>Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here</b>  is on Youtube. Go to our website ( <a href="http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk">www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk</a> )	10.00 am <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		<i>Lyndsay Clarke RIP</i>
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Optional Memorials of Ss. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs, or St. Pancras, Martyr</i>		<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>		<i>Special Intention (Rowlands)</i>
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i>		<i>Val Kirtley RIP</i>
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		<i>James Greene (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		<i>Collette &amp; Bob McNarry RIP</i>
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		10.00 am <i>Frank Meadowcroft RIP</i>



**Online Retreat  
in Daily Life**

**Sunday 17th to  
Friday 22nd May 2020**

- Join with others in prayer online
- Talk to a prayer guide every day for a week
- Find help in your personal prayer
- Try a more structured prayer life

**“An Online Retreat in Daily Life”**  
**THIS IS STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, SO IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART YOU NEED TO SIGN UP SOON!**  
**I highly recommend it.**

It is for anyone who is already Christian and who wants to deepen their prayer life, or someone who is not sure what they believe but is willing to take a risk and seriously explore the reality of God. Either way, it is for any generous soul willing to commit to the elements of the week. **Important: you have to agree to pray each day for a week and be willing to talk (in confidence) about how it went.**

The core elements of the week are prayer for half-an-hour each day, reviewing how that prayer time went, and individual meeting with your prayer guide online each day. We'll also have an opening

meeting, closing meeting, and two prayer workshops also online via zoom.

We ask for a donation of £10 to take part. To sign up, let Kate the Anglican chaplain know you want to take part ([k.pearson@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:k.pearson@warwick.ac.uk)). Kate will use your email to invite you to a zoom meeting on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. **Please download zoom by then. It is important to be at this to meet your guide for the week. If you cannot be at this meeting please email Stephen Hoyland who is running the Retreat - [sthoiland@gmail.com](mailto:sthoiland@gmail.com)**

*Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's** on Youtube each week at 10.00. Go to our website ([www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)) and look for the indication for "Sunday Mass". It will tell you how to livestream the Mass. I must confess, however, that our Broadband signal (if that is the correct expression) is very weak here. Sometimes the picture and sound is OK, but at other times it may be poor or non-existent. I have been in touch with BT but they seem to think there is nothing they can do. If anyone knows differently please let me know.

**Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.** Whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered say the following prayer:

*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."*

**Regina Caeli.** At the end of Mass during the Easter season I shall say the Regina Caeli instead of the Hail, Holy Queen. Please join in if you are watching at home:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

A translation is:

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!  
Has risen as He said, alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Unfortunately, because the church is closed and we are required to practise "social distancing" it is not possible to offer Confession at this time. Nor can the Sacrament be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. However, a recent Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current epidemic, states:

*Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by ... the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones.*

So if you need to go to Confession you should make a Perfect Act of Contrition, and then to go to Confession as soon as it becomes possible. Perfect contrition is true and real sorrow for our sins. We should recognise the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

#### **An Act of Contrition.**

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

**Dispensation from Easter Duties.** Normally we should receive Holy Communion and go to Confession. Since it is not possible at this time, the Bishops have dispensed the Easter Duties for this year. We should make a Perfect Act of Contrition.

**May is the Month of Our Lady.** If you find yourself with more time than usual, why not try to pray the Rosary each day?

**Walk With Me.** I have several copies of the Eastertide *Walk With Me* booklets. They last until the end of this month. If you would like a copy please tell me (with your address if you think I don't already know it) – first come, first served.

**Ascension Thursday.** A bit of advance warning: the celebration of the Ascension is now back where it should be: 40 days after Easter, on the Thursday after the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (i.e. Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May), and it is a Holyday of Obligation. I shall stream the Mass live that day as on a Sunday.

**Come All Who Thirst Online Retreat.** This is now happening via Zoom on 29/30/31st May. Beautiful times of prayer and Mass planned with Sion Community and some very exciting speakers and musicians booked. The link for registration is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

Contact Justine Gaffney on 07551096269 if you have any questions or need help with using Zoom.

**Tailpiece:** A priest was going round from door to door, hoping to spread the Gospel. He knocked on one door and when it opened he said, "Hello sir, I'm a Catholic priest." "Come in and sit down," came the reply. He went in and sat down and was offered a fresh cup of coffee. Then his host asked, "What do you want to talk about?" "Beats me," he said. "Nobody ever let me in before."

**May God bless you and all those whom you love and keep you safe. Fr. Harry.**