

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

17<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, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Sixth 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 Frank Meadowcroft RIP
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Optional Memorial of St. John I, Pope, Martyr</i>		Ron Brecknell
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Optional Memorial of St. Dunstan, Bishop</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i>		Mary Harrington (Birthday)
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		10.00 am Bishop Leo McCartie
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>		Fabio Randolfi (Birthday)
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Fr. Timothy Burke
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		10.00 am Carlo Crespi



**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 TODAY, SO IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!**

**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 this afternoon, 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.*

**Ascension Thursday.** Next Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. It is a Holyday of Obligation when we should do our best to take part in the Mass. All being well, I shall stream the Mass live that day as on a Sunday. If you cannot access Mass on the computer, please try to follow the prayers and readings of the Mass if you can.

**Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Although we cannot physically go on the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, it will still be possible to take part in a virtual pilgrimage there, from 24-29 May. An essential part of this will be a virtual Marian procession for the evenings and **you are asked to form part of it.** To do this, video recordings are required. Send in three separate recordings of yourself praying the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Our Father, and with the wonders of technology they will be used to bring everyone together into one 'procession'. The virtual pilgrimage will start with Mass on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 3.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley from St Chad's Cathedral. You can find out more about the pilgrimage and how to submit your video here: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage)

**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 see the Mass.

**Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.** While 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, it is not possible to offer Confession at this time. Nor can the Sacrament be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. For now, if you need to go to Confession you should make a Perfect Act of Contrition and go to Confession as soon as it becomes possible.

**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. They have asked that we should make a Perfect Act of Contrition.

**A Youth Alpha Course, supported by the mission team at Alton Castle.** We all have questions about life and faith, perhaps now more than ever. The Kenelm Youth Trust (the Diocesan office for young people, based at Alton Castle) are offering several ways to get involved with a youth Alpha online. If you want to get involved as an individual or as a group email [here](mailto:here).

**Online Concert.** Something to cheer you up if you are feeling bored, sad or just want something to do! Lucia Silvestro and Stan Newman (who sang and played at the Dedication of the church and sometimes at the 5.00 Sunday Mass) have recorded a short concert of their own compositions. Congratulations to them, and thanks for making it available for us. To see it, go to: <https://youtu.be/0d2JJ3IVJc8>

**Come All Who Thirst Online Retreat.** This was due to take place at St Osburg's during the weekend of Pentecost. It 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 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

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

**Tailpiece:** A woman went to Confession. "Bless me, Father, for I have committed the sin of vanity. Twice a day I gaze at myself in the mirror and tell myself that I am the most beautiful woman who ever walked the face of the earth." The priest turned, took a good look at the woman and said, "My daughter, I have good news for you. That isn't a sin – it is merely an error."



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