

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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, 24 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION. Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here is on Youtube. Go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)	10.00 am Carlo Crespi
Monday, 25 th May <i>Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest</i>		Conway Family (Intentions)
Tuesday, 26 th May <i>Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		John Cherry
Thursday, 28 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Desmond Rixon RIP
Friday, 29 th May <i>The Solemnity of Dedication</i>		Peter Kennedy (Intentions)
Saturday, 30 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday, 31 st May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>		10.00 am Joan Kelly RIP (Birthday)

Today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, comes during the Novena – nine days of prayer – for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is also World Communications Sunday and we are asked to pray for those who work in the media. Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost and Eastertide ends in the evening.

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.

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 this week. The virtual pilgrimage will start with Mass today, Sunday, 24th May, at 3.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard and live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'. The full programme is on 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) and look for the indication for "Sunday Mass". It will tell you how to see the Mass.

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."

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.

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.

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](#).

Friends of the Holy Land. The Archbishop writes: “Coronavirus is changing the lives of all of us but for so many Christians, especially in the West Bank but also Gaza, Israel and Jordan, it is devastating. So many are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which disappeared overnight in early March. For many they have no government support nor even a health service which can handle this crisis. So, the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) launched an appeal in March for those impacted in Bethlehem and widened it on 3 April as a Pentecost Challenge to cover the whole of the region. They secured match funding for the first £100,000 and, with a few days to go to Pentecost, are close to reaching the target but are seeking help to get over the line. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge will direct you to the FHL website where more information is available. You may also wish to view the news story on our diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>. Thank you for your support as FHL strive to maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land and please keep the FHL staff and volunteers plus those in the Holy Land in your prayers.”

What you are missing! Corpus Christi (Sunday, 14th June). After the 12.30 Mass at the University Chaplaincy on Corpus Christi we usually have a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the Chaplaincy to St. Joseph’s where we celebrate Benediction. Afterwards there is a picnic in the garden.



This year, of course, we can’t do that, at least, not physically. But we can take part spiritually. In the days before Corpus Christi we usually have the 40 Hours’ Devotion – prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. That means that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for a total of 40 hours over the three-day period and I ask for people to volunteer to watch and pray for an hour. This year, I shall expose the Blessed Sacrament at times during the three days and stream it live. I invite you to take a break from studies and spend a while with the Lord, thanking Him for the gift of Holy Communion. Details of times, etc., will come later.

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 is on this week via Zoom, on 29/30/31st May. Don’t miss the chance of beautiful times of prayer and Mass planned with Sion Community and some very exciting speakers and musicians. Register at <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 horse, a dog and a cat all died and went to God for judgement. “Right,” said God to the horse. “What beliefs governed the way you behaved on earth?” “I believe that I was put on earth to serve man in whatever way I could,” the horse replied. “That is very good,” said God. “You may come and stand behind my throne.” Next He said to the dog, “And what were your beliefs?” “I believe,” answered the dog, “That I was put there to be man’s best friend, to be his companion and to protect him from danger.” “Excellent,” said God. “You may lie on the floor at my feet.” Finally, He said to the cat, “And what about you? What do you believe?” “I believe,” said the cat, “that you are sitting in my seat!”

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