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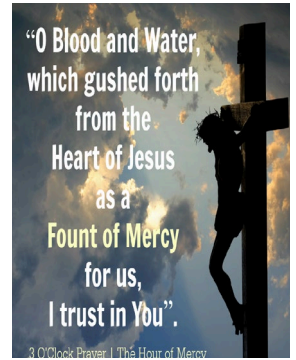
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5th Sunday of Easter– Year A. 7th May 2023

Holy Mass & Services

Mon – Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon – Sat 9am – 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am – 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

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Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
- Responsorial Psalm: **May your love be upon us , O Lord, as we place all our hope in you**
- Second Reading: 1Peter 2:4-9
- Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

500 Club Winners

- 1st Prize – No.9 A. McKenzie
- 2nd Prize – No.51 J.McKeegans
- 3rd Prize- No.133 A. Kane

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection

First Collection: £779.19

This Sunday, special collection for our Building Fund
Thank you for your generosity.

Wishing You
A HAPPY SUNDAY

Please keep in your prayers

sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Theresa Docherty, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Jenny Divine, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow.

RIP: James McLaughlin, Fr George Donaldson (Reception in St Augustine's Thursday 11th May, 6pm, mass on Friday 12 May, at 12 noon), Thomas Clelland, Henry Burns

Month's Mind: Betty O'Hagan, Sarah McShane, Agnes Wilson, John, Catherine, Jim, Michael & Teresa McAlinden, John, Catherine, John, Pat & Josephine Rennie, Jim McKenna, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Beth & Matthew Miller, Caroline, James, Elizabeth, Mary, James Jnr, Robert & William McKinley, Betty Allison

Anniversary: Rose Anne Kelly, Margaret Rafferty, Faithe Rafferty, Frank Wilson, Jim Innes, Michael Molloy, Kay McKenna

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

PVG Update.

Parishioners who work with children and vulnerable adult are required by law to have an updated PVG. Please, speak to the parish safeguarding coordinator, Sharon Fisher, tel. 07740106306, to find out if you need a new PVG.

The “Lady Month: ”Why May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as “Mary’s Month,” a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Why is that? How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother?** There are many different factors that contributed to this association. First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome **the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime.** Many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. In the early Church there is **evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year,** but it wasn’t until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary.

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May. It is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, encouraged all the faithful of the Catholic world, to either in public or in private honour the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices. In 1945, Pope Pius XII **solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st.** After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honour our heavenly mother. **Each Monday at 7pm, on, 8th,15th, 22nd, 29th May. Families and children are particularly encouraged to join us in this special moment of prayer.**

Eucharistic Ministers

Could all Eucharistic Ministers please check/amend/add to the details recorded against your name in the register held in the sacristy. Thank you.



Reflection on 5th Sunday of Easter: Faith in time of crisis. There come times in the lives of all believers when things get very dark, and we have to believe what we cannot prove, and to accept even though we

cannot understand or make sense of what’s happening. It is at such times that we really need strong faith; but it is precisely at such times that our faith fails us. It is easy to convince ourselves that we have a strong faith when things are going well. When a crisis arises, we discover what kind of faith we have, or if we have any faith at all. By faith I mean trust in God. Of course, there are people who think that if God was with them, and if he really loved them, then no storm would hit them. When they experience deep crises of faith, they start thinking that God has abandoned them. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, and believe also in Jesus. You must go on believing in God and in Jesus, the faithful friend who never disappoints anyone who trusts in him. No matter what happened, no matter how difficult things might get, you must go on believing, trusting in the Father. Life is unbearable, unintelligible without God. A person with faith in God never loses hope. Because they believe that only God has the last say. God made us for himself, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in him.”(St Augustine). “Like a flock of homesick cranes flying night and day back to their mountain nests, our life takes its voyage to its eternal home.” (Tagore)

Saints of the week.

Wednesday 10th May St John Avila studied law at the University of Salamanca and then became a hermit. He went to Alcala where he was ordained. John drew crowds with his fiery denunciations of evil and many sermons. A brief imprisonment by the Inquisition in Seville made him even more popular. His missionary efforts were centred of Andalusia and many of his letter and writings survive today.

Friday 12th May St Nereus & St Achilleus were Roman soldiers who, on being converted to Christianity during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Diocletian, refused further military service and were martyred as a result.

St Pancras was aged 14 when the Roman authorities ordered him to offer incense to the Roman gods. He refused and was beheaded.

Saturday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima the apparitions of the three children of Fatima took place in the Summer of 1917, beginning on the 13th May when the ‘Lady’ asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October the ‘Lady’ identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.