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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 5th May 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'We are witnesses to the resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. He is the lamb to whom all praise, honour, glory and power must be given for ever and ever. We will suffer opposition and misunderstanding because of our belief, but Christ is always with us once we dare to follow Him.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Arlo Jude O'Sullivan who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday during the 11am Mass. The next Baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 9th May at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

This Sunday afternoon we will be holding a Rosary Rally. All are very welcome to attend. Holy Hour 2pm; Holy Mass at 3pm with a May Procession. We would especially welcome the children to attend for the Procession and to help strew petals in front of Our Lady.

During the coming week Father Paul will be going for some Respite Care. He is quite positive about it and would appreciate your continued prayers.

Last Sunday morning we welcomed at the end of the 11am Mass our Muslim neighbours who came to express their solidarity and sympathy with those killed in the bombings in Sri Lanka. It was a very blessed moment and helped us to strengthen the bonds of unity and love with those of the Muslim Faith. The Diocesan website carries a report of this event.

Please note that on Thursday we have a Requiem Mass for Mr Kevin Crowley. The main celebrant will be Bishop John Crowley, Kevin's brother. There will not be a 12.30pm Mass.

Please remember in your prayers our First Holy Communion children who will be celebrating their First Communion in May. Year 3 from St Augustine's will be celebrating on Saturday 11th May at 3pm; those not attending St Augustine's, on Sunday 19th May during the 11am Mass.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 12th to 18th May. Our Parish representative, Mrs Mary Clarke, would welcome some volunteers to help with the Street Collection during this week. If you are willing to help please would you speak with Mary or with one of the Clergy. A Coffee Morning for Christian Aid will take place on Saturday 11th May at the Methodist Church from 10am until 2pm. All are welcome.

Offertory Collection last week: £1002:84 (Gift Aid £233:50 Loose £769:34)

Collection on Good Friday for Holy Places:£490:68

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN- 24th-26th May 2019 FCJ Community Liverpool. See poster in porch for details.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CATHERDAL HOUSE, St CHAD'S QUEENSWAY, BIRIMINGHAM FULL-TIME (35 hours per week)/PERMANENT. See poster in porch for details. Application form and job description for this role is available from Human Resources at Cathedral House email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org Closing date for receipt of completed applications is noon, Friday 10th May 2019 Interview date – Monday 3rd June 2019

DEMENTIA CAFÉ- Thank you to all those who attended last Friday's meeting. We will meet again at 2.30pm 10th May in the Presbytery to take things further. Henryk

MARYVALE INSTITUTE- Father Francis Maple Pantasaph Friary 10th May; 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets £7 to include refreshments. Telephone 0121 360 8118- or see poster in porch for details.

REAL ALE FESTIVAL 2019- Saturday 4th May 12.00 noon- 10pm; Sunday 5th May 12 noon-8pm. St Thomas More Parish Hall. See poster in porch for details.

The CWL invite you to a CHARITY LUNCH, CAKE SALE and RAFFLE in the Parish Hall on Saturday 18th May from 1:30 pm .Profits will be shared by the fund to rehouse SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES in Catholic parishes 75% and CWL funds 25%. Please come along and support us and pick up a tasty treat for teatime. Donations of cakes and prizes gratefully received.

Administrative Assistant for our Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. See poster in porch for details.

The Augustinian I am now gathering items for the next edition of our parish magazine. Please can you help? Suitable contributions are very welcome and photos especially so. I am aiming to publish the magazine around the Bank Holiday time, so the deadline for contributions is Thursday 16th May. You can contact me by e-mail - gerard.burgess1@gmail.com or you can hand in material at the presbytery.

DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM- Saturday 11th May; leaving Holy Family at 7.15am returning at 9pm. £20 adults £10 school-age children.(including Diocesan levy) To book telephone Fr Philip- 0121 772 0059 Secure locked car park available.

SAVE THE DATE: Sat 11th May! March for Life UK is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Teresa Cund
Gerry Coburn

11.00am Marie Watts
Chris Hodrien

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Mary Deneny & Don Deneny
Mary Deneny & Madeleine Coburn

11.00am Annette Kelly
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Cleaning Rota: for week beginning May 6th for Services May 11th/12th-E

Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan, Rebecca Davies

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning May 6th for Services May 11th/12th-Madeleine Coburn

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish: Keith Frettsome Martin Yates

Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy Margaret Kelly Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora

Keith Frettsome Martin Yates Bruce Pountney

Let the peace of this place surround you as you pray. Let the hurry and worry of life fall away from you. You are God's child he loves you and cares for you. He is here with you now and always. Speak to him thoughtfully and allow him time to speak to you.

Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be today. If I forget thee, do not Thou forget me Amen.

Lord Astley at the battle of Edgehill

Prayers seeking God's forgiveness A Prayer for forgiveness Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast goodness; In your abundant mercy blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my sin. For I acknowledge my rebelliousness, And my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned, And done what is evil in your eyes. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51 The Bible

Lord Jesus, you were called the friend of sinners, be my friend, for I acknowledge that I have sinned. Forgive the wrong that I have done and the right that I have failed to do; my secret and my more open sins; my sins of ignorance and my deliberate sins; sins to please myself and sins to please others; the sins which I remember, and the sins which I have forgotten; forgive all these, for it was for me also that you died. My Lord and Saviour. Amen.

John Wesley

Please pray for: Kevin Crowley (Requiem Thursday 9th May 12.00 noon; Reception Wednesday 8th May 6pm) who died recently. Also Wincenty (Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne, Maria Malik, Gloria Cox, Percy Plant, Kenneth Walter Walton, Daniel Lynch, Frederick Leslie Burt, Mary Walton, Leslie Docker, Jocelyn Clare Hawker, and Sheila Ann Callaghan and all with anniversaries at this time.

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