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**Newsletter for the week commencing 16th – 23rd May 2021**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17; 20-26**

**Psalm 102 Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St John 4: 11-16**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 17: 11-19**

**Communion antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

We are now in the third stage of our journey to find a statue of Our Lady for our parish church.   After prayerfully looking at many options we have narrowed down the choice to three.

I am grateful to the following parishioners who have helped us to get to this stage.  Laura Vitoria, David Green, Ann Marie Allen, James and Lorraine Sharpe and Linda Smith

I would like everyone to feel involved in this process.  Please either indicate which of the three statues you think would be best for our church. If you want to you can give a brief description of why you like it, or you can simply rank the three in order of preference if that is simpler.

The statue will cost around £2000 - £2500 and we have already received donations of £500 towards the cost.  To give you an idea of what costs are involved for a commissioned work of art we would need something between £5000-£6000 so at £2000 an off the shelf piece seems reasonable.

Best wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Marjorie Dumbleton RIP**

**Those ill or infirm:** David Green, Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Eleanore Lynes, Jane Goodman, Sophie Larson. Adrian Wyles, Doris Woodman, Henry Dowding, Percival Goulding, Anne Wardlaw, Teresa Hall, Harold Farris, John Nesbit and Graham Cunliffe.

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| **This week’s services (16th – 22nd May 2021), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 15th May** 10 am Mass6 pm Vigil Mass | Feria*Wellbeing of Paul Moran* | **Thursday 20th May**10 am Mass | St Bernardine of Sienna, priest*Well-being of Anna Moran* |
| **Sunday 16th May**10 am Mass12 Midday Sung Traditional Latin Mass  | **Seventh Sunday of Easter** *People of the parish***World Communications Day** | **Friday 21st May**10 am Requiem Mass | St Christopher of Magallanes, priest*Marjorie Dumbleton RIP* |
| **Monday 17th May**10 am Mass | Feria *Marjorie Dumbleton**RIP (Mothers Prayers*) | **Saturday 22nd May**10 am Mass6 pm Vigil Mass | St Rita of Cascia*People of the parish* |
| T**uesday 18th May**10 am Mass | St John I, Pope & Martyr *Betty and Jo Robertson Wellbeing* | **Sunday 23rd May**10 am Mass12 midday Sung Traditional Latin Mass  | **PENTECOST SUNDAY***Rosemary Hale RIP* |
| **Wednesday 19th May**10 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | St Dunstan, Bishop |  |  |
| **Flowers: For 13th (Ascension)/16th May – Francien** |

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Dumbleton who died recently and for the comfort of her family.**

**Requiem Mass for the late Marjorie Dumbleton RIP**

This service is now scheduled for Friday May 21st at 10:00 at Saint Andrew's.

Following the relaxation of the restrictions of attendance at "life-events" to the COVID safe capacity of the venue, I would be grateful of an indication from anyone, who would like to attend. The priority for seating in the church area will obviously be for the family, but we may have space in the parish Centre. **An early reply will greatly assist our planning**. Many thanks, Jolyon

**Early booking will ease any stress on the day and stop the necessity of turning people away.**

**The collection for World Communications Day will be held this weekend.**

**Next weekend there will be a collection for CaTEW (Catholic Trust for England and Wales).**

**A Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols (Catholic Bishops Conference for England and Wales).**

The novena of prayer before Pentecost, ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, has become part of the rhythm of life in the Christian churches. So, I encourage you to take it up.

Every opportunity to pray, in a structured way and in a way that brings us together in prayer, is immensely valuable.

And that is true of ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. We pray in anticipation – asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now, that’s so central to our faith. It’s the Holy Spirit that gives life to the Church that gave that first impetus to the gathering of the disciples and Mary to go out and to begin the proclamation of the Gospel – the Good News that only Jesus Christ brings into this world.

And so, we pray for a strengthening in that spirit in our effort to announce the Gospel in word and in deed. It’s really important that we use this period, this novena of prayer before Pentecost, to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us. It’s a time in which we receive. You know, we cannot ever earn our salvation, we have to receive it, and we receive best with open hands and an open heart.

The Holy Spirit is God’s power, sustaining the created world in being. It’s the Holy Spirit that transformed what we call the ‘chaos’ into the ‘cosmos’ – the ordered world.

What better time than now for us to be thinking about how we cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit in protecting, enhancing our natural environment – the world – because it is our human environment.

In caring for the world, we care for each other. In caring for each other, we care for the Creator and show Him our respect, our deference, our service.

So, may ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ be a prayer from our hearts that the Holy Spirit transforms us into servants of the word and servants of the created world made through the word Himself.

 **Have a look at the materials available – Jolyon**

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