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## St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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## SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Catholic Church recognizes seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; a listing of these gifts is found in Isaiah 11:2-3. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ, but they are also found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God within us—as, for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. We first receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism; these gifts are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is one of the reasons why the Catholic Church teaches that confirmation is properly viewed as the completion of baptism.

As the current Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1831) notes, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit "complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would.

- Wisdom - is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

- Understanding - is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

- Counsel - is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practised by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

- Fortitude - is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called courage, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

- Knowledge - often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live accordingly.

- Piety - is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honour our parents and do what they wish. Fear of the Lord - this gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

ThoughtCo. "The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit." Learn Religions. <https://www.learnreligions.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit-542143> (accessed May 7, 2021).

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: £1012.75 (**Standing Orders:** £805, **Offertory Collection:** 207.75), **Clergy Training Fund: £115.50. Counting:** This Sunday - Team E, Next Sunday - Team A. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.
- **Holy Mass, Baptisms, Funerals, & Weddings:** Our church is open for Holy Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals. Attendance for these is limited as: Baptism – 15 people, Wedding – 15 people, and Funerals – 30 people. We are operating a booking system for weekend Masses; you will be able to make a booking online or by telephone. *All Masses will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.*
- **ASCENSION - Holy Day of Obligation:** This coming Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Please make every effort to attend Mass in church or to join us through the live-streaming facility. There will be two Masses on that day, at 10am and at 7pm. Please follow the guidelines for booking a seat if you intend to come to attend Mass in church on Thursday.
- **Holy Rosary during May:** The Pontifical Council for New Evangelisation has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 pandemic during the month of May. Each day will focus upon one of the international Marian shrines. The list of shrines is available from our website. As a parish, during the month dedicated to Our Lady, let us join with the universal church in praying the rosary. We will pray the rosary in church before every Mass during the month of May.
- **Sacraments for Catechumens:** Our candidates, Chelsea Ngwashi, Jessica Moore and Megan Adams, will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) at 11am Mass.
- **First Holy Communion:**  
**Year 3 Children:** We are very disappointed that we have been unable to meet as a group with the children and parents to help prepare them for the Blessed Sacrament. It is really important that we prepare the children well and therefore, after discussion with Father Jobin, we have agreed for the children to receive their First Holy Communion in **October** this year (**2021**). This will give us time to work with the children and prepare them fully. It also allows time for parents to meet as a group to support this preparation. Currently we are looking at the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. This, of course, is all subject to change in the current circumstances. Full details will be circulated much later. *We pray for our dear children. May God bless them and keep them safe.*
- Outstanding Year 4 First Holy Communion:** Please note that the new date is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.
- **Confirmation:** This year the children of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. Please keep the children, and those preparing them for the Sacrament, in your prayers.
- **Church Cemetery/Memorial Headstones:** Please contact Fr. Jobin before arranging to add or remove headstones. On some occasions, stonemasons have carried out work in the cemetery without discussing this with Fr. Jobin. This can cause confusion and lead to distress for other families if not monitored closely.
- **Food Bank:** Thanks again for your generous support of our food bank. At the moment, we are short of tinned meat and fish, long life fruit juice, tea, coffee, and soap. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the lobby at Church. We are continuing to support 3 families at the moment, but if you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Peter Corrigan, one of our parishioners, who died on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Newlyn Nursing Home, Bilston. May he rest in peace.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Margaret Abbot who died on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Margaret was a former teacher at St. Mary's the mount School. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Dennis Healey who died on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Dennis is a former parishioner, also well-known for being Father Christmas at our Christmas Bazaar for many years. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Sr. Barbara Creenan, RSM, who died recently. Sr. Barbara was one of the wardens at Maryvale Court some years ago, before the Daughters of Divine Love took over. Her funeral took place in Clacton on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. May she rest in peace.

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK		
9	Holy house of Loreto (Italia)	For all seniors
10	Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)	For all people with disabilities
11	Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
12	Our Lady of Africa (Algeria)	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
13	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal)	For all prisoners
14	Our Lady of Health (India)	For all scientists and medical research institutions
15	Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)	For all migrants
16	St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)	For all victims of violence and human trafficking

### Prayer for Vocations

*Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary.....*

### The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*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. Amen.*

### Prayer at the Time of Distress

*Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Sunday and Weekday Masses

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Doris Gerrett – RIP, DA</b>	<b>I &amp; K Gerrett</b>
	6:30pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Pauline Dawson – RIP</b>	<b>M Francis Ann Maybury</b>
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	<b>Carol Barrett - H</b>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>11:00am</b> 7:00pm	<b>St. Mary's</b> St. Patrick's	<b>Thanksgiving - B</b> Holy Mass	<b>Chipo Vambe</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Peter Corrigan - RIP</b>	<b>M Powell</b>
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Margaret Abbot - RIP</b>	<b>Stella Duffy</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> St Pancras Martyr</b>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Peter Corrigan – RIP</b>	<b>J &amp; M Doyle</b>
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Adoration for Vocations</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord</b>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Elizabeth &amp; Kerry Siddons – RIP</b>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias Apostle</b>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Confession &amp; Holy Rosary</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Alf Kirby - DA, RIP</b> <b>Thanksgiving - B</b>	<b>M Kirby Chipo Vambe</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Confession</b>	
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
	6:30pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communication Day</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Philip McKen – RIP, DA, TH</b>	<b>Derrick Tranter</b>
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being  
H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church,  
MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale, BP=Baptism

**Let us pray for those who are sick:**

John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Mrs. Bernadette Duggan, Lorraine Darby, Mavourneen Smith,  
Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Matthew McGill,  
Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Josie Kelleher,  
Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.