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

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Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference

Friday 6th May 2022

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Offertory Collections: May 8: £259.19, May 15: £189.39, May 15: £192.14 Second Collections: Priests Training Fund: 146.20; Ukraine: 106.80. **Counting:** This Sunday - Team C, next Sunday Team D.
- **Thanksgiving Mass for St. Justin Maria Russolillo:** Following the recent canonisation, we will be having a Thanksgiving Mass for the newly proclaimed saint at 7pm on Friday 17th June, here at St. Mary's the Mount. The Mass will be presided over by Archbishop Bernard Longley and there will be refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Everyone is invited. There will be a sheet at the back of the church for you to sign if you are planning to attend.
- **First Holy Communion 2022:** Children who have been preparing for this sacrament over the past few months will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th June at 11am Mass and at 1.30pm Mass. Please keep those children in your prayers.
- **Returning to Mass at Pentecost:** The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales is asking all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person as the pressing challenges of the pandemic have significantly lessened. Therefore, the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.
- **Memorial Mass for Canon Peter Taylor:** We will be a memorial Mass for late Canon Taylor on Saturday 18th June at 11.30am, followed by blessing of the memorial stone and the grave. This will be followed by a buffet lunch in the parish hall. Everyone is invited. There will be a sheet at the back of the church for you to sign if you are planning to attend.
- **Multicultural Mass:** This year our Multi-cultural Mass won't be on the day of Pentecost but will be on a different Sunday later in July. Details to follow next week.
- **Trip to Holywell:** A trip is being organised by St. Patrick's church Walsall to the Shrine at Holywell, and also to Llandudno, on Sunday 24th July. Departure will be after 10am Mass at St. Patrick's Church (11:15am) and we will return at 6:30pm. The cost of the trip will be £15. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Roberto by email: stpatrickwalsall@rcaob.org.uk
- **Marriage Banns:** We are happy to announce the marriage between Rebecca NAFUNA & Paul KABOGO on Thursday 2nd June at 11.00 am in our church. If anyone is aware of any reason why these couples should not marry, please contact Fr. Jobin.
- **Joseph Leckie Lecture:** The delayed Joseph Leckie Lecture, organised by 'Churches Together in Walsall' will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th June in Central Hall Methodist Church, Ablewell Street. The speaker will be Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and the topic will be '*From Choir boy to Cardinal - From Walsall to the Vatican*'. Please keep this date in your diary.
- **Food Bank:** At the moment, we are running short of tinned soup, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, cereal and tea. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the church porch. We are now supporting 6 families, so your donations are more valuable than ever. If you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations.
- **Overseas Charities Coffee Morning:** The Overseas Charities warmly welcome you to a coffee morning after 9am Mass this Sunday, 29th May. There will be light refreshments and a book sale. All proceeds will go to support vital food distribution, education, and medical care in Fiji, Kerala, and Ethiopia.
- **RIP:** Let us pray for the soul of Barbara Boyle who died on 8th May. Please remember her family in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Let us pray for the soul of Josie Kelleher who died on 13th May. The Requiem Mass for Josie will be on Friday 24th June at 10.00am and she will be received into the church at 4pm on Thursday 23rd June. Please keep Josie's family in your prayers.
- **Jumble Sale:** St. Thomas's Church will be holding a *Jumble Sale* in their parish hall on Saturday 18th June at 11am. Please come along to purchase some bargains and to support St. Thomas's Church. (WS3 1SP)
- **School News:** We have had tremendously busy week in school, with the emphasis on *tremendous*. Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, and, in the afternoon, we had our May Procession. This was a particularly special celebration, as parents were invited to join us for the first time after what feels like a lifetime due to Covid restrictions. Y6 Mass on Wednesday also saw parents attend. Hopefully we are regaining a sense of the new normal!

It was also a great pleasure to welcome Deputy Lieutenant to HRH the Queen, Mr Simon Topman to St. Mary’s for our Jubilee celebrations on Thursday. The children did us proud, with a fantastic assembly full of prayers, readings, singing and signing. It was a great day with the circus entertainer in school and a wonderful buffet put on by our kitchen staff. Amidst all this excitement classes still soldiered on with their work.

I’m pleased to say that we break up for half-term and the staff can enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you to all!

- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass). We will continue to follow social distancing and other safety measures.

We highly recommend that everyone continues to wear face coverings inside church.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for June: Families
We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

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, Saint Justin Maria Russolillo 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.



Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.”

(St. Justin Maria Russolillo)

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2022</u>	
5 th June	Solemnity of Pentecost
12 th June	First Holy Communion, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
17 th June	Thanksgiving Mass for the new Saint Justin Russolillo
18 th June	Memorial Mass for Canon Peter Taylor
19 th June	Corpus Christi Sunday

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Sunday and Weekday Masses

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 28th	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
	6.30pm	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6.30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 29th Seventh Sunday of Easter	9:00am	St. Mary's	Josie Kelleher - RIP	Francis & Kelleher Families
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass		
Monday 30th	9:15am	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	P. Donnellan
	10:00am	St. Mary's	John Margaret & Morrice Donnellan - RIP	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Alf Kirby - RIP, DA Margaret Abbot - RIP, DA	M Kirby Chris Abbot
Tuesday 31st The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	J Gribble
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Lucy Painter - H	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 1st June St. Justin Martyr	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Chipo
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Healing	
Thursday 2nd Ss. Marcellinus & Peter Martyrs	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	J. Gribble
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Carlos Catano Rios - RIP	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Friday 3rd Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions Martyrs First Friday	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Chipo
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:15pm	St. Mary's	Confession & Holy Rosary	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Healing	
Saturday 4th	10:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	Anne F Kazmie
	10:30am	St. Mary's	Adoration & Confession	
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Stanley John Davis - RIP Success in Exams	
	6.30pm	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6.30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 5th Solemnity of Pentecost	9:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	

Let us pray for those who are sick

Margaret Kenealey, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Bernadette Duggan, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.