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## St. Mary's the Mount Parish Family wishes You All a Warm Welcome

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### Our Lady of Fatima – Feast Day 13<sup>th</sup> May

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917, three children were watching their sheep in a valley called the Cova da Iria, near the town of Fatima, in Portugal. They were ten-year-old Lucia dos Santos, and her cousins, nine-year-old Francisco and seven-year-old Jacinta Marto.

A flash of lightning suddenly startled them. The children thought a storm was coming, so they quickly began herding their sheep toward home. A second flash made them look around. They saw a beautiful young woman standing above a small oak tree. "Don't be afraid," she called reassuringly. "Come closer. The woman wore a robe and mantle of white, with gold trim. Her hands, joined in prayer, were holding a rosary. She shone with a light that was brighter than the sun.

Lucia asked the woman, "Who are you? What do you want?" She answered, "I am from heaven. Come here on the thirteenth of each month for five months. On 13<sup>th</sup> October, I will give a sign that will make everyone believe." The Blessed Mother kept her promise. The children saw her once more on 13<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July. The mayor of the nearby town of Ourem didn't like this story of a heavenly lady appearing to children, and a priest of the diocese questioned Lucia about the visions.

The Blessed Virgin again visited the children at the Cova on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917, 70,000 people came to the Cova to witness the miracle that Mary had promised. It was a rainy day, but Lucia asked the people to close their umbrellas. The rain stopped. Mary appeared to the children. Suddenly, the clouds left the sky, and the sun came out. The crowds saw it spinning and shooting out flames like a fireworks display. One by one the sun took on all the colours of the rainbow. This happened three times and the scene lasted for ten minutes. Then the sun seemed to fall from the sky toward the earth. The people fell to their knees (...)

While the sun had been spinning and changing colours, only Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta had seen Mary appear as Our Lady of the Rosary, with St. Joseph beside her, holding the Child Jesus. Then Jesus, alone, appeared and blessed the crowd. Mary also appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows and then dressed as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mary told the children what she wanted: she asked that people pray the rosary and change their lives. They should ask forgiveness for sins.

In December 1918, both Francisco and Jacinta became very sick with the flu. In those days, they didn't have the medicines we have today, and Francisco's illness turned into pneumonia. He died on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1919, and Jacinta died on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1920. Lucia entered the convent in 1928, becoming a sister of St. Dorothy.

*Our Lady came to Fatima as a loving mother She wants us to be truly happy and reminds us that this can only happen when we live as Jesus taught. Let's pray the rosary often, thinking about the lives of Jesus and Mary.*



- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: £1179.82 (Standing Orders: £821 Offertory Collection: £358.82). Overseas Charities: £28. **Counting:** This Sunday: Team D, Next Sunday: Team E. This Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.
- **196<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church & Vocationist Day of Spirituality:** Our church was opened on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1827, so we will be celebrating the 196<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our church on 10<sup>th</sup> May this year. During the afternoon, there is an opportunity to know more about St. Justin Maria Russolillo and the Vocationist Spirituality. We invite Co-operators, parishioners, friends, and all those interested in knowing more about the Vocationist spirituality, to join us at 2pm on Wednesday, at St. Mary's the Mount. There will be some talks and the official presentation of the animation film on the life of St. Justin. The day will end with the celebration of the first Solemn Mass of Fr. Fabien, at 6 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please come along and join us. Please write your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church, if you wish to attend Mass that evening, so that we are aware of numbers for catering purposes.
- **Supporting the Diocesan Vision and the work of the Office for Mission:** CURSILLO is a Catholic movement with Papal approval, dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping Catholics to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. The 3-day Weekend provides adult faith formation within the experience of a loving Christian community together with the celebration of the Sacraments. Cost: £240. (Financial support available. No-one should be excluded because of the cost.) Cursillo Weekend: 5pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May to 6pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. (Shallowford House, Shallowford, Nr. Stone, ST15 0NZ) Contact Canon Michael Leadbeater: [canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk) or Paul Northam (Office for Mission): [paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk) Website: [cursillouk.org](http://cursillouk.org)
- **Parish General Meeting:** There will be a Parish General Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. Representatives of the various parish activity groups are invited to present a report on their activities at this meeting.
- **Multi-cultural Mass:** We shall celebrate our multi-cultural Mass at 11am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, the Solemnity of Pentecost. If you would like to contribute one of the hymns or musical items, readings, bidding prayers or anything else related to the liturgy, in another language or in your native language, please speak to one of the priests as soon as possible. If you would like to make a donation towards food for the celebration, please write your pledges on the sheet at the back of church. Please wear your unique, traditional attire on this day.
- **Mary's Meals:** If you have not yet returned your donation to church, please do so as soon as possible so that we can pass on our contributions to the charity. If you would still like to make a donation, there are collection boxes at the back of church to enable you to do so.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Following Mental Health Awareness week (15-21 May), Life Charity will be hosting an open day reflecting on '*Talking Mental Health and the work of Life Charity*'. (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 11am -1pm, Life Help Station, 23 Glebe Street, WS1 3NX) Light refreshments available. Limited space, so booking is essential; call Liz Lloyd 07786390861. (Please note there is a flight of stairs to enter the venue).
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Rocco Leo who died on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. His funeral service will take place in our church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am, followed by a committal at Streetly Cemetery.
- **Job Vacancy – Lay Chaplain:** St. Paul's School for Girls, Edgbaston, wishes to appoint a Lay Chaplain or Chaplain Assistant for September 2023, to inspire and support the spiritual and prayer life of a school where Christ is at the centre. The successful candidate will be passionate in communicating and sharing their love of the Lord, working in conjunction with our Chaplain, RE Department and Chaplaincy Champions. St Paul's most recent Section 48 and OFSTED is outstanding. Please visit our website for further details and an application pack: [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk) Please return your completed application form, and one side of A4 stating your suitability for the post, by the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> May at noon. Interviews - 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass).
- **Food Bank:** This week we are in need of rice, sugar, cereal, tea, coffee, long-life juice, long-life milk, and tinned fruit. We are now supporting 6 families with your donations. 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.

- **School News:** Next week is Y6's time to shine. Years of hard work and intensive Y6 work will be put to the test in their SAT's next week. Please keep them in your prayers, that God will bless them and help them to achieve their best. The following week it's Y2's turn to shine. They will be doing their 'special work' that week. Thank you to all St. Mary's staff, who nurture and encourage our children to do their best.

C A Amos - Headteacher

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for May 2023: For Church Movements and Groups**

*We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.*



**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. Fr. Justin)*

**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. Hail Mary....*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2023**

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parish General Meeting – 6:30pm in the Parish Centre</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation – 6:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday: Multi-cultural Mass - 11am</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Corpus Christi: First Holy Communion - 11am &amp; 2:30pm</b>

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**Sunday and Weekday Masses**

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
	6.30pm	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<i>Private Intention – G</i>	
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	<b>11:00am</b> 7:00pm	<b>St. Mary's</b> St. Patrick's	<i>Private Intention – G &amp; WB</i> Holy Mass	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	<b>Francis/Kelleher</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>David &amp; Sacha Kelleher – WA, TH</b>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass/Adoration & Confession	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<i>Private Intention – H</i>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. John of Avila</b> <i>Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	<b>NO SCHOOL MASS</b>	
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Mass by Fr. Fabien</b>	
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	<b>Martin &amp; Ivon Smith</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<i>Private Intention – H &amp; HS</i>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	<b>Michael Smith – RIP, DA</b> Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	<b>H Fernandes</b>
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	No Mass	
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<i>Private Intention – TH</i> <i>Special Intention</i>	
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Josie Kelleher – DA, RIP</b> <i>Special Intention</i>	<b>Francis/Kelleher</b> <b>H Fernandes</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b>	
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
	6.30pm	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>M Kirby/Family</b> <b>A &amp; C Maybury</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>A Kirby – DA</b> <b>Mary &amp; Ray Horton - DA</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, HE=Health, RC=Recovery, SI=Special Intention, M=Marriage, BP=Baptism, G=Guidance, SE= Success in Exams, WA=Wedding Anniversary, HS=Holy Strength, Ch=Church, SCH=School, BD= Beechdale, PC=Parish Centre*

**Let us Pray for those who are Sick**

Bernard Gough, Mary Powell, Martha Ekezie, Moira Law, Madeleine Holland, Anne F Kazmie, Patrick Kelly, Anne Dixon, Cliff Maybury, Anne Kinsey, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei