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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 03.05.20

9:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: Albert Clancy RIP

Monday, 04.05.20

9:00 am

Feast of English Martyrs

Mass: Sandra Newman RIP

Tuesday, 05.05.20

9:00 am

Easter Feria

Mass: Parishioners

Wednesday, 06.05.20

9:00 am

Easter Feria

Mass:

Thursday, 07.05.20

9:00 am

Easter Feria

Mass:

Friday, 08.05.20

9:00 am

Easter Feria

Mass:

Saturday, 09.05.20

9:00 am

Mass: Catherine Lennon RIP

Sunday, 10.05.20

9:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass: Thanksgiving Int. from Shainy and Glaxin



ACT OF 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Violet Griffin, Patricia Padley, Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris, Sally McNulty, Jack Byrne, Catherine Finnegan, Doris McShane, Fergus Fallon, Gerry Simpson, Michael Lockett, Obed, Charito, Melchor, Darcy Jamandri, Norma and Marivic Orenca. *Names may be added to this list only with the specific permission of the infirm person for whom prayers are requested.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN MAY

(part 1): SANDRA NEWMAN and KATHLENN BENN who died recently, also Winifred Clarke, Patrick O'Keefe, Carmine Marandola, William Bellamy, Frank Hammonds, Robert Vaughan, Robert Whitehall, Frank Breslin, Annie Lavelle, Susan Stack, William Fletcher, Robert Lees, James Nutting, Patricia Bourne, Martha McCormick, Robert Adamson, Denis Wooldridge, Dennis Morris, Frank Jones, Ernest Wall, Brian Waddell, Robert Condon, John Vickers.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers and all those who have been infected with Covid-19 at this difficult time. Also please continue to keep in your prayers all those working in the NHS and other key areas. Please take good care of yourselves so that you are able to care for others.

MASS INTENTIONS Fr. Dawid will say Masses in the chapel for all the booked Mass intentions. If anyone wishes to book a new intention, please write the purpose of the intention along with your name and contact details and either a cheque made payable to THE PAULINE FATHERS WOLVERHAMPTON or cash, enclosed in a sealed envelope. For safety, please put cash intentions, personally, through the letter box at the Presbytery. Cheques may be safely sent through the post.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Anyone in need of the Sacrament and can get to SS. Mary & John's is asked to call 07857 462527 and make arrangements with Fr Dawid.

MAY – MONTH OF MARY WHY IS ENGLAND CALLED THE 'DOWRY OF MARY'? (PART 2) On the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381, King Richard II (1377- 1399) dedicated England to Our Lady in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey as an act of thanksgiving for his kingdom being saved in the wake of the Peasants' Revolt of that year.



In 1399 Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote to his suffragan bishops: 'The contemplation of the great mystery of the Incarnation has drawn all Christian nations to venerate her from whom came the first beginnings of our redemption. But we English, being the servants of her special inheritance and her own dowry, as we are commonly called, ought to surpass others in the fervour of our praises and devotions.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury's letter is thus a further indication not only that the title of England as the Dowry of Mary was in common usage at the end of the fourteenth century but also suggests an earlier origin.

It was believed that England belonged in a particular way to Our Lady, who was seen as the country's protectress and who, through her power of intercession, acted as the country's defender or guardian. In the reign of Henry V (1386 -1422) the title was applied to England in Latin texts and, according to the monastic chronicler Thomas Elmham, English priests sought the intercession of 'the Virgin, protectress of her dower' on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt (1415).

LIVE STREAMED MASSES For all parishioners able to access the internet and wish to join in a live streamed Mass, many opportunities can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>. If you know parishioners who do not have access to the internet but have Sky television, Masses can be found on EWTN Catholic Channel – Sky channel 588. There are many online resources where you can follow the Holy Mass and the readings for the day if you do not possess a Missal of your own or a copy of My Day by Day, perhaps www.universalis.com is among the best. When it comes to the time of Holy Communion, we should unite ourselves with Our Lord by making an Act of Spiritual Communion.

FINANCIAL/MATERIAL CONCERNS There is considerable concern about parish finances as a result of the lockdown: obviously there are no offertory collections to report, and parishes have little income with which to continue to exist at the present time. Some Parishioners have mentioned the question of Offertory Collections at the present time. There are two ways in which we can try to continue our offertory giving:

1. **Online giving:** Go to the Diocesan Website, <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>, and click on the yellow "donate" button. A window appears, and you enter your details; there is a drop-down menu on the second window for you to indicate the parish which should receive your offering: Wolverhampton Newcross (St Patrick).
2. **Standing Order.** If you have a form, then you can fill in your details, put in an envelope and send to the Presbytery and the Parish can "do the rest." If you do not have a form, please download it from the diocesan website (<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>), print it and fill in the relevant parts and return to the Presbytery. You may wish to contact the presbytery by phone and ask for the account number and sort code and you can then either send the form directly to the bank or using internet banking. Please remember, you do not need to be a tax payer to make your offerings by Standing Order.
3. **Bring your Offertory envelope to the Presbytery** (place them through the letterbox) at your convenience.