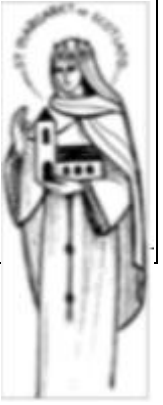


ST MARGARET'S PAGE

7th Sunday of Easter
24th May 2020



In Peter writes:

Since 2016 Churches throughout the world have been participating in a ten-day event called, 'Thy Kingdom Come' when all Christians are asked to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and this year the prayer mini-marathon is being promoted by the Catholic Church in this country. More details of are available later in the newsletter, with links to some prayers to say each day of the ten days. Two proposals struck me as I read the document, firstly that we are to pray for five people who might once have gone to Church and now no longer do so, or some who have never encountered Jesus Christ, and secondly to walk around one's own Parish praying that the Holy Spirit descends here in our streets

Prayer is a touchy subject within English consciousness. Many years ago, a reporter asked Tony Blair whether he prayed before making major decisions, only to slapped down by his spin-doctor with the words that 'we do not do God'. I suppose the implication was that God would replace human choice. That of course is not the Christian understanding of prayer. Laying out a major decision of life in front of God is to ask for inspiration, to awaken conscience in order to make the right and sometimes courageous choice. It always remains our personal choice even when God was its first cause.

This Sunday's Gospel is the first extract from the Priestly Prayer of Jesus, (found in c17 St John's Gospel). Jesus is dialoguing with the Father in the presence of the apostles. They are still in the Upper Room, the place of the Last Supper and the Washing of Feet. The prayer is a monologue from Jesus who recognises that the hour has come, the contradictory glorification of the Cross, and that the work had been sent to achieve was now complete. This is a unique prayer said in unique circumstances and offers a glimpse, in limited human language, of the eternal relationship between the Father and Son within God.

Jesus did not need to seek clarity of thought or purity of intention. We do, and that is one function of prayer, of not

simply talking to yourself in tones of self-pity, but of laying bare in front of God our thoughts and intentions. Clarity of thought and purity of intention can emerge much in the same way that clear water emerges once the disturbed sediment has been either washed away or settled.

This prayer of Jesus should give every Christian confidence because Jesus is praying for us too. During Jesus' public life He made Himself known to the Apostles, then sitting around the table. We who sit around other tables, in continuity with that first table, are the contemporary recipients of Jesus' prayer, and therefore of the spiritual gravitational force of the Father drawing us to Him. We are therefore never alone.

No-one quite knows for certain what the long-term psychological impact of the lockdown will have on the population and most will regain their equilibrium after lockdown has become just a memory. Three months of isolation has placed a question mark on all those theories of the 'selfish gene', the cult of the individual, and identity politics, because none of us was made to live in a solitary bubble of self-assertion, two metres in diameter. Instead we were made to live in relationship of some form or another.

The Church offers a very positive message that we are never alone, and though we can often at low moments think just that way, the fact that Jesus is praying for us to remain faithful to His mission is great reassurance. It is the first and most important building block for creating the coherent life and so one may say that the continuous life of the Church, prayed for by Jesus, is the essential prerequisite for our physical health, our mental health as well as our spiritual wellbeing.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will descend on our Parish and our local community as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

MASS INTENTIONS

May - Monday 25th - Sunday 31st

Mon 25 th	10.00am Mass	Tony Lehain (RIP) (Walker)
Tue 26 th	10.00 am Mass	Margot McLoughlin (RIP Annv) (Olga McLoughlin)
Wed 27 th	10.00 am Mass	Anita Pacitto (RIP Anniv) (Margo Watkins)
Thurs 28 th	10.00 am Mass	All young people
Fri 29 th	10.00 am Mass	All those who are struggling to cope with the current situation
Sat 30 th	10.00am Mass	Jeanne Morrissey Erhardt (RIP) (Erhardt-Lewis Family)
Sun 31 st	10.30am Mass	For you the people

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton, Karina Kinnear

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Fr Peter offers up the Sunday Mass for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

MASSES FOR FRONTLINE CARERS AND THE SICK

Every Thursday evening, at 7pm, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families.

Live-streaming information as follows:

28 May: Bishop Terence Drainey, [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. [Read More..](#)

Join the **global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost** for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

May 21st - May 31st 2020

Please find resources as below.

[Website Introduction](#)

[Prayer Intentions](#)

[Catholic Novena](#)



PENTECOST CARDS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDE HOUSE



Diocese of Westminster

For all those who have kindly offered to do the Pentecost Cards, when you finish, please drop them through the letterbox at the Church Office on or before Wednesday, 27th May.

25 More Cards Needed & There Is Still Time!

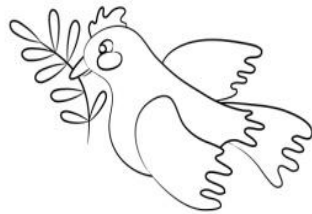
Sign up now - [Signup sheet](#) to pick a residents' name which will be allocated to you. Don't forget to write a message to your recipient, with your first name only, and print the name of the resident on the envelope.

Some examples are below. Feel free to copy and paste it in your document and enlarge to print.

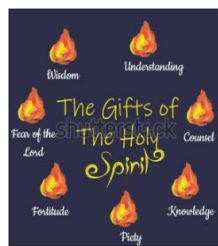


The Holy Spirit Comes

Pentecost



www.ColoringPagesFor.net



The Cardinal has recorded a video of a pastoral message in preparation for Pentecost. In it, he reflects on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, particularly in the context of the circumstances in which we are living at the moment.

The video is available online at <https://vimeo.com/421046273> and on the [diocesan website](#).

When you view the message, you will see that the Cardinal asks that, across the diocese, priests and people participate, from their homes, in a short vigil of prayer next Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. There is no specific time or format for this: what is important is that as many people as possible engage positively with the Cardinal's invitation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.



Please use [link to register](#): After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include '[Sunday Liturgy for Families](#)' and '[Daily Prayers for Home](#)'



Please find the link to [LOOK](#), color in sheets to find what is in the Gospel today.

READINGS & GOSPEL

<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24th May</u>	
Reading 1 Acts 1:12-14	All joined in continuous prayer.
Psalm Ps 26:1, 4, 7-8 r. 13	I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. OR Alleluia!
Reading 2 1 Pet 4:13-16	It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.
Gospel Acclamation John 14:18	I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Gospel John 17:1-11	Father, glorify your Son.

<u>Pentecost Sunday – 31st May</u>	
Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.
Psalm Ps 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34 r. 30	In the one Spirit we were all baptised.
Sequence	Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Lord of light
Gospel Acclamation	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Gospel John 20:19-23	As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

<u>The Most Holy Trinity - Sunday after Pentecost</u>	
Reading 1 Exod 34:4-6, 8-9	Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.
Psalm Dan 3:52-56 r. 52	To you glory and praise for evermore.
Reading 2 2 Cor 13:11-13	The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Gospel Acclamation Apoc 1:8	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Gospel John 3:16-18	God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

***Congratulations to our
100 Club Winners***

April Winners

1st Prize £100/- Lucy Timms

2nd Prize £50/- Sally Gannon

May Winners

1st Prize £100/- Kirsten Roy

2nd Prize £50/- Richard Poxton



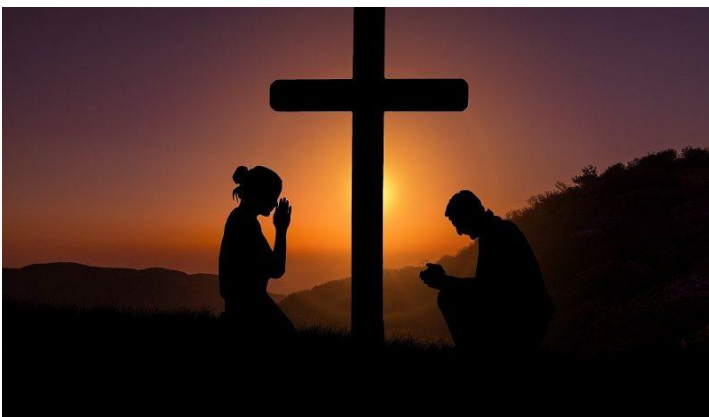


Pause for Faith: Catholic life, conversations and prayer with Fr Stephen Wang

Join [Fr Stephen Wang](#) each day as he live streams on the new YouTube channel '[Pause for Faith](#)' - For some inspiration and spiritual support during the Lockdown

It's an informal conversation about living the Christian faith, with some Catholic history, the lives of the saints, Christian teaching, spiritual traditions, practical tips for everyday life, contemporary issues facing the Church and the world, some Q&A and interviews.

Don't be alone! The whole point of live streaming is that you can join a community of viewers who are watching and praying together.



Message from Vicky Phelan, a parishioner

Indian Stick Insect

We have been giving away little jars of Indian stick insect babies to local families from our doorstep. They have brought quite a welcome distraction & a lot of joy to children during lockdown. We have homed well over a 100 so far. I still have some jars left & am wondering if any of the families would like some for their children.



They are very easy to keep & a home can be made easily out of things at home (big tub with plenty of tiny drilled air holes, a net enclosure from butterfly breeding kit, old tank with fine net curtain under lid etc.) They eat leaves readily available in gardens such as privet hedge & ivy.

If anyone is interested, please email decluttering17@gmail.com.

Please find information on [Indian Stick Insects](#).

THANK YOU !