

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 020521

Fifth Sunday of Easter B

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Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading; A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Response: Psalm 21: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John 3: 18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15: 1-8.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Parishes Mass times and Intentions LS = Live Stream

Saturday 1st at SH 5pm People of the Parishes LS

Sunday 2nd at SH 9.30am Yvonne Motayne RIP LS

Sunday 2nd at EM 11am C and V Deery Wedding Anniversary LS

Monday and Tuesday 3rd, 4th Mass SH , LS at 10am

Wednesday 5th SH at 7pm Public Mass LS

Thursday 6th EM 11 am Intentions of EM School Public Mass with one class from School.

Friday 7th at 10 am SH LS Private Intention

Saturday 8th at SH 5pm Holy Souls LS

Sunday 9th at SH 9.30am In honour of Our Lady LS

Sunday 9th at EM 11 am Patricia McKee RIP LS

FR GRAHAM; Fr Graham will be isolating for about two weekend from May 2. Don't worry it is not Covid related but a safety precaution. He is having some planned medical treatment early in May and has to ensure he does not pick up any viruses. Abnormal service will resume after this. Canon Gerry will be looking after the technology in his absence.

RIP ;Recently Deceased : Patricia McKee parishioner since the 60's at EM. Funeral Mass Friday 21st May at 12 noon . Burial at Watts Lane. May she rest in peace.

THURSDAY MASS AT EM. We are pleased EM School, one class at a time, will be joining us again for our Thursday Mass at 11 am. All welcome.

UPDATE ;We are making arrangements for the children from EM School who have not been able to make their First Holy Communion yet which as due last year to celebrate FHC on Saturday 12th and 19th June. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturdays 10th and 17th July. This year's cohort of children will make FHC in the autumn term.

We have not been able to arrange classes and celebrations of the children from SH whose preparation was interrupted last year . We will do this when it is practicable and the current restrictions on gathering are fully relaxed. .

PUBLIC MASS: It is good to see a gradual return to Mass and to see new old faces appearing each week and indeed old new faces. All are welcome. It is good to see you again. Please return when you feel comfortable. Thank goodness the Covid situation in the UK has been improving rapidly, but please remember it is still very important to maintain the precautions – sanitise your hands and keep a 2m distance from one another and observe the spaces in seating. Thanks again to those who have been stewarding and sanitising at our gatherings and helping to keep us safe.

ROSARY IN MAY ; Pope Francis has asked us to pray the Rosary during this month, the month dedicated to our Lady, with the intention of the relief of the Pandemic. We remember that there are many countries who are still in the middle of a grave crisis and in need our support and prayers.

If you are unable to pray the whole Rosary please consider praying a daily Decade of the Rosary for this intention.

PRAYERS

We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, and deliver us from all dangers. O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Amen.

