

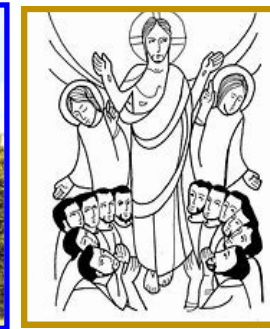
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Pet 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21	
Saturday 16th May 2020 9:15am: Lesley Watkins (Coward)	Sunday 17th May 2020 9:15am: People of the Parish
Mon. 18th May 2020 (Feria) (St. John I, Pope and Martyr) 9:15am: Fr. Gerald Flood RIP (Murrell)	Tuesday 19th May 2020 (Feria) (St. Dunstan, Bishop) 9:15am: Patricia Fernandez and Lawrence Cajetan RIP FM
Weds. 20th May 2020 (Feria) (St. Bernadine of Siena: gave us I. H. S.: Jesus Hominum Salvator = Jesus, Saviour of Mankind) 9:15am: for "The Holy Name of Jesus"	The Ascension of the Lord Thurs. 21st May 2020 9:15am: People of the Parish Holy Spirit Novena begins today!
Friday 22nd May 2020 (Feria) (St. Rita of Cascia, Religious <i>Patron saint of impossible, or lost, causes)</i> 9:15am: for an end to Covid-19	Sat. 23rd May 2020 9:15am: Derrick Butt RIP (Trombetti)
Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) Acts 1: 12-14; Ps 26; 1 Pet 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11	
Saturday 23rd May 2020 No evening Holy Mass	Sunday 24th May 2020 9:15: People of the Parish

Please, if you can, begin on **Ascension Thursday** a "Novena" - **Nine Days of super, intense prayer (and penances)**- to pray for a **new outpouring of the Holy Spirit** upon all Christians, upon the whole of Christ's Church, the Baptised, on **Pentecost Sunday**. **The Rosary** is an excellent prayer for this too, because: **Mary is "the Spouse" of the Holy Spirit** and presides as the "Midwife" at **the Birth of Christ's Church at Pentecost**. May Mary, our Mother, Daughter of the God the Father, Mother of the Son of God, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, teach us how to receive and **to Welcome God the Holy Spirit** into our lives again and again, **for Worship** and **to Witness** to God's love daily!

Anniversaries of Death
William Dann, Eric Morley, Michael O'Sullivan, Sheila Tomkin, James Hughes, Joseph and Catherine Duggan, Catherine Cain, Ben Jones, Kathleen Goodhind, Margaret Foster, James Brennan

The Holy Spirit restores us to life

After His Resurrection Christ promised that He would send **the Holy Spirit on His Church**. It is **the Spirit of Christ** which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. **We are healed by the Spirit** and are **called to take part in the healing mission of the Church**.



'Jesus said: 'If anyone loves Me he will keep My Word (Commandments), and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him.' (John 14:23)
"O God, renew Your wonders in this our day
- as by A NEW PENTECOST!"
COME, O HOLY SPIRIT! COME SOON!

Holy Mass is offered
every day,
without a congregation,
at about **9.15am.**

Confessions may be heard
by appointment, on request.
Please 'phone or Email
to arrange a reasonable time.

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PLEASE PRAY the ROSARY every day, with Mary, our Mother for everyone's **Conversion to God** and **Peace in the World**, and for freedom from the Covid-19 / Wuhan Virus, and for **support of the N. H. S.** If you are already offering a **daily Rosary**, please increase to **two**, or **three**, or even **four** ... at the beginning of the day, at midday and in the evening. Each Rosary will take 20 minutes. "Pray, pray, pray very much ..."
Please join THE ROSARY MISSION: MARY'S MONTH OF MAY 2020 .
 Please see: rosaryshrine.co.uk
The Pope's Intention for the Month of May is:
"May Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word (of God) and the Poor, be an invigorating symbol for the whole Church."

Re-Opening Catholic Churches, dependent upon the 'R' rate', **could be in July.** We will need to show that we can comply with cleaning, safeguarding and social distancing regulations. **Opening would be for personal and private prayers.** *Fr David.*

ZOOM comes to St Mary of the Crays
The Children's Liturgy of the Word: a Zoom Gathering, we hope, will be offered very soon ... You will need to Download **the Zoom App** on your e-Device: Computer / Tablet / Smart 'phone / &c. ... the same for:
Holy Mass from St Mary's: Zoom Gatherings will be, hopefully, arranged very soon in preparation for **Ascension Thursday.** *Fr David.*

Parish Giving:
 A very big: **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,** to all Parishioners who have been making your usual and regular donations to St Mary's Church. **Thank you for all your continued generosity and financial support.**
 If you wish to contribute to the Parish, please see the Notice of **Parish Giving** in the **Newsletter: 25th / 26th April 2020** on the **Parish website.**

Gift Aid
 If you are a Tax Payer, you need only fill in a Gift Aid Declaration Form. If you would like to contribute to the Parish, please send an email to the parish office email address requesting a Gift Aid Declaration Form. Once you have completed the form, please deliver it to the letterbox of the Presbytery or Parish Office. Please note every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you. **Richard Gillespie** (Gift Aid Co-ordinator).

The 100 Club:
 is still running, however, no draws are being made at present. All the Monthly Draws will be made once it is safe for us to return to Church and Sunday Mass ... we hope and pray: sooner rather than later. Thank you.

The Ascension of the Lord

Being seated at the right hand of the Father signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's Kingdom, the fulfilment of the vision of the Prophet Daniel concerning the Son of Man: **"To Him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."**



He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father

Following this event the Apostles became **witnesses of the Kingdom** that will have no end.

The return of Jesus, in all His glory, to God the Father gives us a glimpse of the great future to which we have been called. **Provided we remain faithful to His teaching,** our final home will also be with God the Father in heaven.

Like the Apostles, Christ commands us to be His witnesses in preaching the Good News to the ends of the earth. It is a daunting task but it is made tolerable by the assurance that He has not left us orphans but, through the power of the Holy Spirit, He is with us in all our endeavours.

"As we await the Blessed Hope and the Coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ," and, "the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting", of your charity,
 please pray for the Souls of:
Roy Watkins, Father of Angela, who is the wife of Graham Saunders,
John Griffith, the brother of Liz Doherty;
 and **Alan Wall**, the husband of **Catriona**, a Parishioner of St Mary's who died some years ago...
Michael Deen, Michael Claridge, and also for **Fr. Gerry Flood**, formerly of St Theresa's, Biggin Hill,
V/: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
R/: and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the members of our Parish family who are sick:
 Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Darryl D'Cruz, David Hull, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Sheldon, Pat Price, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis