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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Response to the Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O Lord; let all the peoples praise you.

**Second reading:** Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

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**Dear Parishioners**

The Church, through its teaching authority which comes from Christ, continues to proclaim the message of the Father to the world. When Jesus gave the keys of heaven to St. Peter, He entrusted to His Church that teaching authority. As the voice of the Holy Spirit on earth the Church has the profound task of making Christ present in the world.

Jesus promised that although he was leaving, it would only be for a short time and then He would return. Some of His apostles misunderstood Him and believed that the Second Coming was to take place immediately. What they came to understand was that Jesus has returned to us in His Church, the Body of Christ.

What is our role in this Divine plan? We need to be aware of the role of the Church and its teaching authority in the world. We must accept this and see in it the work of the Holy Spirit, acting through the Church. Most importantly, we must be aware of our call to be the voice, the hands, the eyes and ears of Christ in the world today. Who is to make Christ present if not you and me? This is not a job that we can pass on to someone else. It's our job, your and mine. When we receive the Holy Eucharist today, we become one with Christ in a very special way. He calls us to take Him out of our church and into the world, into the lives of all those we meet. Pope John Paul II said that our faith does not come alive until we share it with another. **So let us make our faith alive today!**

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year(C)  
Week commencing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

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### Masses

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	5.00pm	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Pauline Burton RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Margaret Kickham & Family
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May			
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> May			People of Ukraine
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May			
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	<b>Ascension</b>	Private Intention
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May			
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	People of the Parish
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Pauline Burton RIP

**Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag.* Thank you.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Wyn Varley.

**Those who have recently died: ,**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O’Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O’Brien, Pauline Burton.

### Information

### Returning to Mass

*From the Bishops of England and Wales*

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. Virtual viewing of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

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