



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Response to the Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

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 14:15-21



Dear Parishioners

In St John's gospel today, Christ acknowledges that 'the World' neither sees nor knows the Spirit; but he promises the Spirit is with us and in us. He is with the Church, and in each one of us individually. In the Spirit's action Christ remains known: we 'see' him in the Spirit's effects in us. That is, we see him 'spiritually'; but nonetheless really.

The presence of the Spirit in us is not for ourselves alone. The first letter of St Peter reminds us that we must always have 'your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have'. The Spirit will give us the words we need; he will act as our advocate in expressing the hope that Christ, put to death in the body, was raised to life in the spirit. We show this truth not only in our words, but in our lives, and our patient bearing of trials.

In short, through us and with us and in us, by our words and actions, the invisible and eternal Spirit makes the invisible known again. May we be faithful in the task given us as Christians, so that when Christ comes again, we may see him and embrace him.

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6th Sunday of Easter Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 14th May 2023

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Masses

Sat 13 th May	5.00pm	6 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Alan McCarry RIP
Sun 14 th May	10.30am	6 th Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 15 th May			
Tues 16 th May	11.00am	Requiem Mass Keith Cotterell	
Wed 17 th May			
Thur 18 th May	9.45am School & Parish Mass	The Ascension	Special Intention
Fri 19 th May			
Sat 20 th May	5.00pm	7 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Special Intention
Sun 21 st May	10.30am	7 th Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish

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, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died:

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, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

Information

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass on the last Sunday of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 28th May. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Church Cleaning

We currently need another two people to volunteer for our church cleaning rota. Cleaning will only take place every other week so you will not be needed any more than once every six weeks or so. Please see either Fr. Benedict or Jane Hall.
Thank you.

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