



Parish Newsletter

Weekend 9th – 10th May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 10 th May 2020			
Sunday 10 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish Adrian Dixon – RIP
Monday 11 th May	Online	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Wynne-Farrell Family (BW-F)
Tuesday 12 th May	Online	10.00am	Ellen and Joe Meilak and Gladys and Bill Yaxley – Anniversary (E&BY)
Wednesday 13 th May Our Lady of Fátima	Online	10.00am	Honora and John O’Keefe – RIP (Family)
Thursday 14 th May St. Matthias, Apostle – Feast	Online	10.00am	For the wellbeing of a family member (Paolo)
Friday 15 th May	Online	10.00am	Brother Raphael Aspinwell OSB – Recently Deceased (WJI)
Saturday 16 th May	Online	10.00am	Fr. Cesare Morelli – RIP Colin Crothers – RIP (AW)
Sunday 17 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish

Quote of the Week



“For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.”
Responsorial Psalm for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel of St. John makes clear to us who Jesus is. The Lord says: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. These words are so central to our faith, they remind us why time and again we come to Holy Mass. The reason that we come, face to face when we can, and online at present, is because Jesus is the only Way to know and love God our Father, that Jesus is the only Truth that can bring us to salvation and that Life united to Jesus is a life that lasts for ever. It is eternal life itself.

The joy of Easter, which stretches for the fifty days of this Holy Season, is centred on us being able to meet Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life. Whenever we turn to Him in prayer we are walking in His way. Whenever we are before Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, in person or online, He is there as our Way, Truth and Life. Whenever we gather to celebrate His great offering of Himself in the Mass, we represent the truth He revealed to us, that we are most human, most alive, when we are united with Him in His great sacrificial offering of Himself to the Father.

Let us stop today, or during the week ahead, to remember and give thanks, that Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life. That in all circumstances and whatever difficulties or challenges we face, including this pandemic, He is truly here with us, wherever we are. Thanks be to Jesus, Alleluia.

Rosary before Mass

As is our tradition in the parish during the month of May, the Rosary will be said each weekday before Mass. This year will be slightly different from usual as Canon will lead the whole prayer, but all are welcome to join him at 9:40am to pray the Rosary before Mass.

Mass Times

As has now become familiar, Mass will be broadcast from St. Teilo's live at 10am each day including Sunday.

You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass, but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

At Communion time each day, I will lead us in praying St. Alphonse Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
AMEN.

Canon Isaac

Polish Masses

Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski will say Mass in the Polish language at 10.30am each day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each day, following the Masses, Canon or Fr. Michał will expose the Blessed Sacrament for silent adoration until around 5:30pm. You are welcome to go online to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON FRIDAY THIS WEEK (May 15th) DUE TO THE ANNUAL TESTING AND SERVICING OF THE CHURCH ALARM AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING.

Live Streaming

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church at any time.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of David Patrick Brierley, Allan McLeod and Mary Teresa Campbell who have all died recently. Mr McLeod was not a Catholic but we pray for him as we did for his wife who was buried by Canon on April 3rd of April. Mr. Brierley's funeral will take place on Wednesday, May 13th and Mrs. Campbell's funeral will take place on Wednesday, May 20th. All funerals will take place privately, in line with the Welsh Government's current regulations.

Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jane Mead, Catherine J. Davies, George Holland, Honora Parker, Louis Page, May Whiting, Irene Ropke, David Goddard, Ellie Leigh, John Mears, Eugene Aherne, Anne Driscoll, John Gardiazabal, Brian Donovan, Agnes Lush, Hannah Gosnall, James McLean, Helen Sutherland, Frederick Botwood, Alice Harrison, Josephine Bohlin, Andrea Franchi, Bernard Edwards, Catherine Hudson, Winifred O'Grady, Mary Cooper, Edward Morteo, Monica Ceaton, Cecil McDonald, Peter Driscoll, Constantine Pedrazini, Glenys Popple, Doris Sexton, Joseph Peters, William Cross, Eileen Roberts, Eileen Forde and Albert Partridge.

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of Gornald and Janet Parsons. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Apostles' Creed

It is our practice in the parish to renew our commitment to the faith during the Easter Season by saying the Apostles' Creed at weekday Mass. This ancient Creed is a reminder of the Easter Faith of the Church, which we continue to celebrate.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

Regina caeli

During the Masses of Eastertime, we also pray the great Easter anthem to Our Lady. This anthem has been celebrated in the liturgy since the 12th century. It is called, in Latin, Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven). It is shared here, in the original and translation, for you to pray along:

Regína caeli, lætare, allelúia,
quia quem meruísti portáre,
allelúia,
resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia;
ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
for he whom you were worthy to bear,
alleluia!
has risen as he said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Congratulations

The Parish would like to congratulate Bethan and Alex on the birth of their new son Evan during the week. We are glad to note that both Bethan and Evan are in good health.

We also offer our congratulations to Maureen and Tony Pinnell who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, May 14th. Maureen and Tony are parishioners of Christ the King but regularly attend Saturday morning Mass at St. Teilo's.

Eagle eyed-readers – It is indeed May

Many thanks to the two parishioners who emailed to note that last weekend's newsletter had the correct date but the wrong month (April) in the title. We will try to have the right month this week.

VE Day Fly-Past

I had not arranged the visit of the RAF Typhoon at 10.10am last Friday but a number of parishioners mentioned they could hear the flypast as I was praying the Bidding Prayers for all those who died in World War II. It was a fitting tribute for all those who gave their lives so bravely for the good of us all.

Canon Isaac

Do you know a Catholic who doesn't have access to the Internet?

In response to feedback from a number of their parishioners, the four priests in All Saints Parish, Newport now provide a telephone service which is designed for those who cannot access live streams and other online resources and who do not have smart TVs with access to EWTN or Shalom World etc. They now provide a weekly podcast that is available by telephone. Anyone who dials 01633 982483 can listen to the weekly broadcast via their telephone. The broadcast lasts between 10 and 15 minutes with a period of prayer, the reading of one of the Sunday Readings, a short reflection, the Lord's Prayer and the Act of Spiritual Communion.

If you know of someone who has no other way of accessing the Church at the present time, why not let them know the number and enable them to access this brief opportunity to share in reflection and prayer? The cost of the call will depend on the telephone contract of the individual. Calls to local numbers, including a Newport number when ringing from Cardiff, are often included in all inclusive call deals. Alternatively, most landline companies allow free calls at weekends. There are different arrangements for mobile phones.

School Mass

Each year, in or around Eastertide, we welcome the pupils of Christ the King School to celebrate Mass with us at St. Teilo's. The School has asked if we can continue this arrangement, even though this year it will be a celebration with the school children at a distance. The School has arranged to let parents and pupils know that next Sunday's Mass at St. Teilo's will be celebrated with the intentions and wellbeing of the School and its pupils in mind. The pupils are going to write some Bidding Prayers, which I will read at Mass. Therefore, next Sunday's 10.00am Online Mass will be celebrated with and for the pupils of our local Catholic Primary School.

Canon Isaac

Mass Intentions

Please note that Mass Intentions are now all booked until Friday, June 15th. If you wish to submit an intention for a Mass in the second half of June or later, please do so as soon as possible, to ensure you have your preferred date. Mass intentions should be emailed to whitchurch@rcadc.org clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is offered and your preferred date. The offering for the Mass can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website or given to Canon when things return to normal.

Online Newsletter

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email: whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Queen of the May

Even in our time of lockdown, we have many ways in which we can honour Our Lady, Queen of the May. As well as saying a daily rosary and Litany of Our Lady, we can watch talks on the Litany or visit, virtually, some of Our Lady's Shrines.

The Fathers and Brothers of the [Cardiff Oratory](#) are producing daily videos reflecting on each of the invocation of the [Litany of Our Lady](#) (also known as the Litany of Loreto). I have personally found them very helpful in prayer and I invite anyone who has the time to watch or listen to them, [they can be viewed on Facebook](#), but you don't need to have an account to be able to see them.

Given the wonders of modern technology, we can pray at some of the famous shrines dedicated to Our Lady; such as [Walsingham](#), [Lourdes](#), [Fatima](#) or [Torrecuidad](#). There is even a European site from which you can choose to visit a wide [selection of Shrines](#).

Another wonderful way of marking this month is to visit the Rosary Way at the beautiful [Dominican Rosary Shrine](#) in London. They even have a [Virtual Reality](#) tour of the Church.

Ascension and Pentecost through Art



Fleur Dorrell, the Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager and National Coordinator of the 'God Who Speaks' initiative, has created a reflection of a visual journey from Ascension to Pentecost using four paintings. She explores what Scripture and Tradition tell us about Christ's journey back to God and the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles. The material is available in [PDF](#) or [Powerpoint](#) format.



The Bishops' Conference has also provided a [Pentecost Dove sign](#), which the younger members of the Parish can download and colour-in. You could even cut it out and hang it in your home or in your window next to your NHS rainbow.

A People who Hope in Christ

Last weekend, writing on behalf of all the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, the five Metropolitan Archbishops addressed the COVID-19 pandemic and, specifically, the measures taken and restrictions imposed to combat the spread of coronavirus in a letter to all the Catholic Faithful entitled 'A People who Hope in Christ'.

The Full Text of the Archbishops' Message is as follows:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the Risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives and upon our world, the light of the Resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope.

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: *"In the midst of isolation, when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: He is risen and is living by our side."* (27 March 2020)

The impact of COVID-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the Coronavirus and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of COVID-19 and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other Sacraments.

Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the Sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We

thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the Sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and well-being.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the Sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the Risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

Donating to the Parish – Monthly Standing Orders and Virgin Money

The Standing Orders for the month of April amounted to £1,849:50. It is very gratifying to see an increase of £300 per month since last month. Many thanks to those parishioners who donate in this way.

Donations via the [Donation link](#) on the parish website in the last week have amounted to £280. Many thanks to those who donate by this method. If you do use this link, please indicate whether your donation is for the parish, for Mass Stipends, the Memorial Candle or another charitable purpose. Many donors choose to remain anonymous but I would like to thank those who donate anonymously and those who let me know their names. I am very grateful.

Canon Isaac

Praying for the Sick and the Dead

We have a long standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on whitchurch@rcadc.org ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died. *Canon Isaac*

Staying in touch with the Parish

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>). Updates are often made on these sites before they can appear in the next week's newsletter.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The items from this point in the newsletter onwards are for reference. They are only updated when new policy decisions are made but provide a set of responses to the key issues facing Catholics today.

Closure of Churches

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the Prime Minister made an historic announcement that all Places of Worship would be closed in the attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19. Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time. Therefore, unfortunately, St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes will be closed until further notice.

Mass will be streamed online from St. Teilo's each day, but there is no longer the opportunity for private prayer in the Church. Please follow the government advice and stay at home if at all possible.

The Bishops of England and Wales confirm that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed, in line with the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). The pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

First Communion and Confirmation

Now that the Welsh Government has closed the schools in Wales, our First Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes will be suspended. The celebration of these sacraments will be postponed until a time that allows for the programmes to be completed.

Baptisms

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will be deferred until public worship is again permitted. Parents and grandparents are reminded that if a baby or young child who has not yet been baptised is ill or otherwise at risk, then parents or grandparents (with the parents' permission) can baptise the child. Such an emergency baptism is undertaken as follows:

Pouring water on the head of the one to be baptised and pronouncing at the same time the words:

"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Confession

Noting that absence from Mass at this time is not a sin, Confession will be offered on request to those who have dire need. The sacrament will only be celebrated as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (e.g. a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest, such as a grille and cloth, is in place). Please email whitchurch@rcadc.org and Canon will make the arrangements.

Marriages

The celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely.

Funerals

For the foreseeable future, funerals will take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery and crematorium authorities. Canon will be able to offer private Masses for any deceased person on request, but no Masses with attendees.

Requiem Masses '*In Memoria*' will be able to be celebrated in the future when congregations are again allowed to gather.

Supporting the Vulnerable in the Community

As well as our concern about the sacramental life of the parish, we also need to remember our Christian duty to consider others, especially those more vulnerable than us. I believe it is best for those Catholics who can do so, to contribute to the support being arranged across the community. You are encouraged to register interest in the Together for Cardiff volunteering scheme at <https://www.volunteercardiff.co.uk/> The local councillors are also co-ordinating groups of volunteers in each area of the parish to support the vulnerable and isolated by speaking on the phone, picking up items from the shops, dog walking and other forms of assistance. If you are willing to assist, or in need of assistance, then please contact the relevant people in your part of the parish.

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Canon Isaac

Donating to the Parish

Clearly the Church continues to have expenses, which will continue during the period when there are no public acts of worship and no regular collection. Any parishioner who is able, and does not already donate in this way, is encouraged to set-up a standing order. You can do this through your own bank by phone, mobile or Internet banking. The details you need are in the form below. One-off payments can also be made direct to the Parish Account using the sort code and account number below. If you do not have electronic banking, you can print the form and forward it to your own bank.

I realise that these are uncertain times and that some of you may not be in a position to give as generously as you normally do. Please make the necessary arrangements to change your existing standing orders if the expense becomes too much for you.

Canon Isaac

Standing Order Mandate

To Bank / Building Society *
Address
.....
..... Post Code.....

Please set up a new standing order to:

Barclays Bank PLC,
City of Cardiff Branch,
Cardiff
CF1 1SG

Sort Code: 20-18-23

Account Name: PARISH OF ST TEILO'S WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Account No.: 93870367

Please debit my/our bank account as follows:

Account Name:

Account No.:

Sort Code:

the sum of £..... (amount in words).....

starting on the..... day of (month)(year)

and on the same day every month until further notice.

Signature(s)

.....

Address

.....

..... Post Code

Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of the same beneficiary. This standing order supersedes all former arrangements.

Please send this form to your bank.