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Week commencing Sunday, 17th May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 2

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2020.

For Deacons:

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor,
may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
All: And grant us your salvation.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: From the **Acts of the Apostles**:(8:5-8,14-17)
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: (P65:1-7,16,20. R. v.1)

Cry out with joy to God all the earth. R

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Second Reading: From the first letter of St Peter (3:15-18)
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: (*Jn 14:23*)

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)
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (bow)
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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Communion hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

PRAYER DURING MAY BY POPE FRANCIS (will be said after all Masses in May).

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

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.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and

the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially members of our communities whose anniversaries occur around this week: Nan Morris, Michael Adams, Patrick Golden, Mary Berks, Walter Gilligan, Bernard Wilkins, Jack McGlinchey, Rosaline Fishenden, Marian Stevans, Edna Vincent, and Eugeninsz Kuczer.

CONDOLENCES: to Julie and family following the death of Colin Ball who died on Wednesday, 6th May 2020. Due to the present situation, his funeral on Tuesday 26th at Cam Valley Crematorium is for family members only. If you would like to watch it on webcam, please contact Julie.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN TO ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL: Fr Adrian Gates could visit a patient if staff allow him. In case you or your loved ones are hospitalised, please ask the staff to contact him for the sacraments. He can visit a patient if he is called by the hospital.

+ LENTEN ALMS: Due to the pandemic, please hold on to your Lenten alms boxes until we could go back to church.

However, if you would like to make a donation, please count the monies in the box. Then you could make a bank transfer to the either of the parish accounts, Cambourne or Sawston. Please put the reference YOUR SURNAME+LENT so the treasurers would know your donation is for Lenten Alms.

HOLY MASS ON FACEBOOK

Hope you will be able to participate in Mass on either of the following pages:

- Cambourne Catholic Church
- OLOL and SJF Parish

+ SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER:

- Saturday 16th May: 12.15pm, and Vigil Mass 7.15pm (Pro populo)
- Sunday 17th May: 10.15pm and 12.15pm
- Monday 18th May: 12.15pm and 7.15pm
- Tuesday 19th May: 12.15pm, and 7.15pm
- Wednesday 20th May: 12.15pm and 7.15pm (Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord)
- Thursday 21st May (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD): 12.15pm (Joy & Mary's Intentions), and 7.15pm
- Friday 22nd May 12.15pm and 7.15pm
- Saturday 23rd May: 12.15pm (James Thomas+), and 7.15pm (Sunday Vigil)
- SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 24th May: 10.15am and 12.15 pm (WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY)

+ PARISH PRAYERS LIVE STREAM: You are welcome to join James for Morning Prayer at the usual time of 9.15am live every weekday morning from the comfort of your own homes. Go to either of the parish websites <http://cambournerc.com/> or www.ololsawston.org.uk at the designated time (9.15am or 6pm) and click on the audio link on the front page to listen live. The Rosary will be recited after Morning Prayer on Saturday mornings. The Angelus and Evening Prayer will be live at 6pm (Monday to Friday).

+ CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you very much for your generosity

- Cambourne: Standing Order £228, Donations £66 (bank transfer); Mass Stipends £25 (bank transfer).
- Sawston: Standing Order £756; Lenten Alms £ (bank transfer); Mass stipends: £60 (bank tranfer).

+ MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Mass said for deceased people, or for your intentions, please contact Fr John. You can make a donations by cheque or bank transfer with the reference YOUR SURNAME+MASS.

* **DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation by cheque, direct debit, or standing order, please see below:

- **CAMBOURNE:** Cheques payable to **SJF CHURCH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 33031454.

- **SAWSTON:** Cheques payable to **OLOL & SJF PARISH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 03187187. Please note that

although this is named as a parish account it is in fact the Sawston account.

* **LEGACY & WILLS:** If you would like to leave a legacy or include the Parish in your will, please contact Fr. John or a member of the Finance Committees.

NB to all Gift Aiders: It is hoped that you are still able to continue your support to your Parish and the Diocese. However, if your circumstances have changed, please contact your parish priest +/- the Diocese.'

CATECHESIS

+ **Bishop Barron's series on the Sacraments** is available for free, if anyone is interested to watch this wonderful resource they can watch it online. They just need to provide an email address. <https://sacraments.wordonfire.org/episode1access>

DIOCESAN NEWS

+ **The Diocesan Welfare Coordinator** has been appointed and will start on 1st June. **Sarah Truman** has been working in CAB in Bury Saint Edmunds and will begin by working 2 days a week. The role is to support priests approaching and already in retirement. An analysis of all 112 priests associated with the diocese has been completed and this will help to give an overview of all payments allowing equitable and adequate funding of retirement benefits for all priests.

+ **Enhancing weekly giving.** The Diocese will be interviewing some promising candidates for the position of Stewardship and Fundraising Coordinator, who once in post will help all parishes to increase their collections. Focus will be on increasing the numbers of those giving regularly by standing order and also agreeing to Gift Aid.

+ **Diocesan Levy Holiday for Parishes.** In order to help parishes with cash flow at this difficult time, the normal levy payments which are taken from the parish diocesan accounts in June will now be taken in September. The Diocese hopes that this three-month holiday will be of some help.

OTHER NEWS

+ **Ignite Appeal:** Looking for a new challenge in September? The Diocesan Youth Service is seeking applications from 18-35 year olds to join the Ignite Team for 2020-2021. Spend a year sharing the Gospel message with children and young people across East Anglia, developing new skills and growing in your faith. Accommodation, food and other living expenses are provided plus a £200 monthly allowance. Ideal as a 'gap year' (can be extended). For more information visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth or email Ciaran on igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk.

+ **CAFOD** launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works.

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases,

will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. Many thanks.

+ **Cathedral Mass:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID 19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place **every Thursday at 7.00 pm**.

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the relevant Cathedral webpage, or the Bishop's Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

+ **The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** has responded to the government's document released on 11 May, titled 'Our plan to rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy'. Statement:

The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this.

The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship.

In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.