

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 21 May 2017: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Carmel Lynch
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Maria Leonor Masqrinas int.
5.30pm	Confirmation Candidates

Monday 22 May *Bl. John Forest, Martyr*

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 23 May

7.30am	St Anthony's Guild
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Wednesday 24 May *Dedication of Basilica of St Francis*

7.30am	Sisters of Providence - deceased
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Thursday 25 May *St Bede the Venerable*

7.30am	Pereira family intention
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Friday 26 May *St Philip Neri*

7.30am	Kevin & Margaret's intentions
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Saturday 27 May *St Augustine of Canterbury*

8.00am	Eileen Smith
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

**Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.**

**Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:**

Brendon Barrett, Mikolay Bereznyj, George Gardiner, Thomas Hartnett, Patrick Moyles, Mary Budgen, William Grant, Enid Mahoney & Frederick Aldridge.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### COLLECTIONS:

*No Second Collection today*

**Last week's collection:**

Offertory	£394.67	+ Gift-aided	£120.45
Diocesan Schools Fund	£126.47	+ Gift-aided	£15.00

**Second collection next week: Catholic Communications**

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### Suffering and Faith

Suffering is easier to accept if it serves some purpose. Some suffering seems totally senseless—but if suffering can bring about some perceivable good, it is easier to endure.

Perhaps this is what gave Jesus strength to endure the suffering at the end of his life. To unbelievers his death must have seemed to be a complete waste, but in the eyes of God it was a perfect sacrifice offering redemption to the world.

Through the sufferings of Christ we come closer to God. Through faith in God we can more easily accept our suffering for the sake of others, especially if it leads them also to Christ.

Sometimes, paradoxically, it is our faith that brings us sufferings. We hope when the world prefers despair. We act gently when others prefer to fight. We build up others when they prefer to defame. The tension between doing good and doing evil tempts the Christian to sin. But when we are strong in faith, we live peacefully in the Spirit.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**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!

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Sunday 21 May 2017: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**Today, 21 May**, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A).

### **Confirmation Mass**

At this Sunday's 5.30pm Mass we welcome Bishop William Kenney to our parish. He will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to some of our young people. Please pray for them.

### **May: the Month of Mary**

This afternoon at 3pm, the parish community is invited to attend devotions to Our Lady, with Rosary and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

### **This Week:**

#### **Church Cleaning:**

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

### **Monday 22 May: Blessed John Forest, Franciscan martyr**

John Forest joined the Franciscans in 1491. He was a Doctor of Divinity at Oxford, where he taught. He was also Guardian at Greenwich, Minister Provincial, and confessor to Queen Catherine of Aragon. He was arrested because of his preaching against the Act of Supremacy. Eventually he was burnt at the stake in 1538.

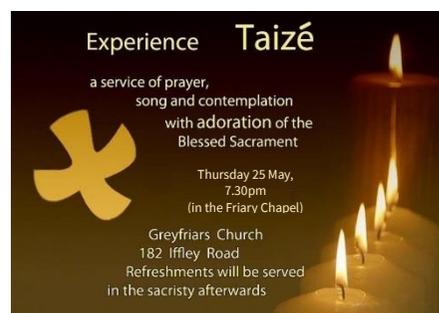
### **Wednesday 24 May: Dedication of the Basilica of St Francis**

Pope Gregory IX laid the cornerstone of the magnificently constructed church in honour of St Francis the day after the saint's canonization in Assisi in 1228. Pope Innocent IV consecrated the church on 25 May 1253. St Francis' body was taken in solemn procession from the chapel of St George to this church. On 25 March 1754 Pope Benedict XIV raised the Basilica to the dignity of a papal chapel.

### **Thursday 25 May: St Bede the Venerable**

St Bede was born in England in 673. From an early age he was raised in the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter & St Paul. He joined the monastery and became known as one of the most learned men of his time. Bede was a great historian, and the most authoritative accounts of England before the eighth century come from his writings. He died at Jarrow in 735.

### **Also on Thursday 25 May: Taizé Prayer**



On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. 'The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him.'

### **Friday 26 May: St Philip Neri, Priest & Religious Founder**

Born in 1525, and perhaps the most joyful of saints, Philip attracted friends and admirers in his own day, including Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier, and even later generations marvelled at his winning personality. He developed a Prayer Room around which he founded the Oratorian Community. He died in Rome in 1595.

### **Also on Friday: Holy Rosary**

On Friday evenings at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. All are invited.

### **Saturday 27 May: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Augustine was a native of Rome, where he served as Prior of the Monastery of St Andrew. Pope St Gregory the Great sent him with 30 companions from Rome to the Anglo-Saxon kingdom in Kent. Eventually, Augustine and his companions succeeded in converting the King, Ethelbert. Pope Gregory appointed Augustine Archbishop of Canterbury. He died about 604 and is considered the apostle to England.

### **Looking further ahead:**

### **Next Sunday, 28 May: The Ascension of the Lord**

Next Sunday, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. The meaning of the celebration is that Jesus has gone to glory with the Father, outside of time and space. He intercedes for us and sends another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who pleads our cause. Meanwhile, we await Jesus' return in glory.

### **Wednesday 31 May: Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 31 May at 7pm in the Friary Chapel. Mass, Rosary and intercessory prayer to Padre Pio. All are welcome to join us.

### **Saturday 3 June: Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore**

The Friends of the College invite you to a Garden Party from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday 3 June. All proceeds will go towards maintaining Newman's College.

Come with your friends and family to enjoy a lovely afternoon in the beautiful College garden with tea and homemade cakes and ice cream, various stalls, games and live music, and a guided tour at 4pm.



### **Gift Aid Scheme**

Thank you to all parishioners who have already registered for the Gift Aid scheme, which is a valuable source of extra income to the Parish at no cost to the parishioner.

If you pay tax on income, you can join the Gift Aid scheme **at any time of the year**. To sign up, please contact James Martin at [jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk](mailto:jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk) or collect a form from the back of the church. (If you are currently registered on the scheme and have changed your address, please let James know your new address so that we can continue to claim Gift Aid for the parish on your behalf. Thank you.)