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Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

Amen

Gospel (John 14: 23 – 29)

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Reflection

Jesus’ theme in this reading is that the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about Jesus' absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Guidance for Worship

You are strongly recommended to continue to wear a mask and to behave in a way that is respectful of the needs of others. It is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit.

If you display any positive symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship at church

Communion will continue to be received in one kind only

An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

The Eucharist 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. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as an “Obligation”

The Covid pandemic changed our ways of participating in Mass so that this “Obligation” was fulfilled in other ways. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened considerably. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays no longer apply.

We understand that there will still be some members of our congregation who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that such people are excused from this request

During these difficult times many people have benefitted from the live streaming of services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil this request. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence

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

Celebration of Mass			
Friday 20 May	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 21 May	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 22 May	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 25 May	1.15pm	Requiem Mass for Richard Tully	Dursley
Thursday 26 May Solemnity of the Ascension	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfield
	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Friday 27 May	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for May: For faith-filled young people

For all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service

Platinum Jubilee

Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea

Where: St Dominic's Church Hall or on the lawn (weather permitting)

When: Friday 3rd June 2022 at 2.30pm

Price: £6.00 for adults, £3.00 for children

All proceeds going to Church funds

Food must be preordered and paid for in advance please

Please email Laura at

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to pre-order or complete the form at the back of the church.

Please pay in advance by cheque or cash payable to St Dominic's

Laura Gardiner



Churches Together Vigil for Ukraine

Every Thursday, 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the Market building in Dursley

Migration issues in the UK

A Statement by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

1. Our appeal for refugees to be welcomed and respected is based on the fundamental principle of the dignity of each person
2. We appreciate the complexity and magnitude of the challenges being faced in the ongoing migration crisis
3. The value we attach to each person demands that we welcome asylum seekers, treating them justly
4. The Nationality and Borders Act fails to do this. There is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right
5. We fully support the prosecution of people smugglers and modern-day human traffickers. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing the victims
6. Many British people have given witness to justice through hospitality, providing a welcome and campaigning on behalf of refugees. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently:

Richard Tully

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St Gerard Majella, Knowle Christ the King, Knowle West

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

The Quarry Chapel

Parish Prayer Rota:

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