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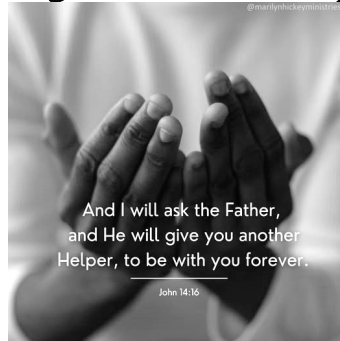
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Rogation Sunday



WORSHIP FOR THIS WEEK

9 th May	EASTER VI –	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	St J's
10 th May	Rogation Sunday	10.30am <i>6.30pm Christian Aid Service (refreshments from 5.30pm)</i>	Short Sunday Mass () & AGM	St. D's St James' Dursley
11 th May	Easter Feria		No Public Office or Mass	
12 th May	Saints Achilles and Nereus	9.15am 9.30am	Lauds [Morning Prayer] Mass ()	St D's St D's
13 th May	Our Lady of Fatima	9.15am 9.30am	Lauds [Morning Prayer] Mass ()	St D's St D's
13 th May	ASCENSION OF	5.00pm	Mass	St J's
14 th May	THE LORD	10.00am Noon 7.00pm	Mass with school () Mass Mass	St J's St D's St D's
15 th May	Late Easter Feria	5.30pm 5.50-6.50pm 7.00pm	Vespers [Evening Prayer] Rosary and Holy Hour & Confessions Mass	St J
16 th May	BVM Queen of the Apostles	Noon 3.00-4.00pm	Modern Mass in Latin () Confessions	St D's St D's
16 th May	EASTER VII	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	St J's
17 th May		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	St D's

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY **That everyone might have food** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SECOND COLLECTIN NEXT WEEK FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

MASS PROPERS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

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.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8 &14-17 Acts tells of St Philip the Deacon and the Apostles giving the Holy Spirit to those who believed his preaching.

Resp. Psalm. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

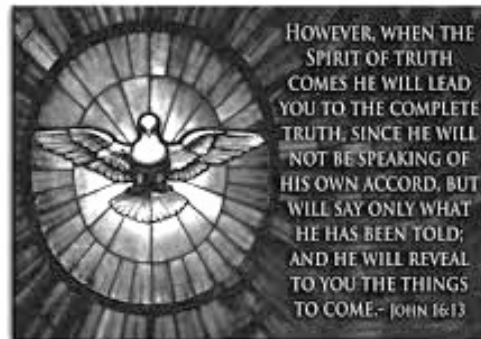
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18 St Peter continues to offer good advice to the Baptised.

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, says the Lord, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – John 14:15-21 From the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper, the Saviour connects obedience to His commandment of love with the promised gift of the Helper, the Holy Spirit.

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!



FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **SUNDAY 10TH MAY – DURSLEY AGM IN THE HALL AFTER A SHORTER SUNDAY MASS**
To receive last year's audited accounts and to consider the activities and spiritual life of Dursley Parish
- **Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day,**
Masses @ 5.00pm Wednesday 13th May in St Joseph's, Thursday 14th @ 10.00am in St Joseph's, @ Noon in St Dominic's, @ 7.00pm in St Dominic's
- Weekend 13th/14th June First Holy Communion Sunday in both parishes
- Thursday 18th June 11.00am in Clifton Cathedral Year 6 leavers' mass with the Bishop including children from St. Joseph's, Nympsfield.
- **SUNDAY 21ST JUNE – BOTH OF OUR NORMAL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE TWO COMMUNITIES WILL MEET TOGETHER AT 11.00AM IN ST DOMINIC'S FOR PONTIFICAL MASS WITH BISHOP BOSCO MCDONALD. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE TO THE "CAFÉ DOMINIC PLUS" AFTERWARDS**
- Saturday 11th July Food Event in aid of Gloucestershire Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers, the chairman's charity of Revd. David Vonberg, Churches Together
- **SATURDAY 11TH JULY AT NYMPSFIELD CONVENT CHAPEL, REVD. MOTHER MARIA MMSP GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FIRST PROFESSION, NOON MASS WITH THE BISHOP.** Both parishes will have a second collection at Sunday Mass for the work of the MMSP.
- Wednesday 15th July – Deacon Domenico Bucci's 20th Anniversary of Diaconal Ordination, 7.00pm Mass

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9TH MAY TO 16TH MAY

Shared moments to come together – Across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

1. Sunday 10th May at St James the Great Anglican church. Refreshments available from 5.30pm. There will be video showing Christian Aid at work. Gather at 6.30pm for a reflective service of Evensong to give thanks and pray for Christian Aid.
2. Look out for envelopes and other ways to give.



“THY KINGDOM COME” 14TH MAY TO 24TH MAY

This is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

St George’s Anglican church, Upper Cam and St Cyr’s Stinchcombe will be taking part in this prayer initiative. **St George’s is hosting 12 hours of prayer on Monday 18th May 8.00am to 8.00pm. Drop in at any time. They hope to set up at Prayer Tree outside the church to encourage passers-by to pause and pray alongside a Prayer Station inside the church. In addition, St George’s and St Cyr’s Anglican church, Stinchcombe hope to ‘Prayer Walk’ the streets of the two Anglican parishes.**

200 CLUB DRAW FOR APRIL

- First Prize 121 Maire Murphy
- Second Prize 176 John O’Donnell
- Third Prize 3 Sean Macdonald

REGINA COELI [THIS IS SUNG THROUGHOUT EASTERTIDE AT THE END OF SUNDAY MASS]

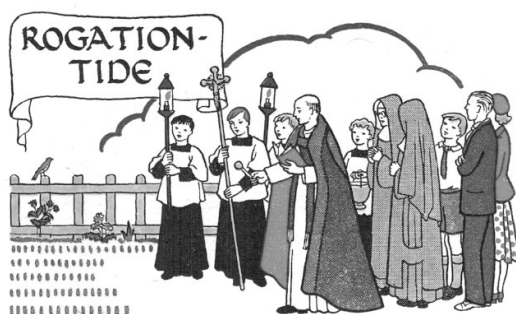
All: Joy to thee, O queen of heaven, Alleluia
He, Whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia
As He promised hath aris’n, Alleluia
Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

All: For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

Priest: Let us pray

O God, Who by the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, have brought joy to the whole world. Grant that through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, we may be brought to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**



SUNDAY HOMILY Christ’s resurrection appearances are at an end, and He tells us that He is returning to the Father to be alongside the throne of heaven, interceding on our behalf. He also promises another Helper, the Holy Spirit to stand alongside us, a Paraclete or Advocate. He is our Saviour, Redeemer, Shepherd and Guide, but He is all these things for us in heaven. To accompany us on life’s journey, He promises us someone else to be at our side to support

us. In particular, the Holy Spirit will assist us to be faithful followers of Christ, keeping His commandment of love. The Spirit will show us the love of the Father and will manifest to us the Risen Saviour [getting us ready for Trinity Sunday!].

The pleading of the Saviour on our behalf and the promise of the Spirit, Who will teach us how to pray properly are what makes this Sunday Rogation Sunday. Rogare is the Latin verb to ask or pray.

1. If we keep Christ's commandments, we will live in accord with His will and want what He wants, living in His kingdom and by its values.
2. Because our lives are in harmony with His will and His kingdom, we will ask for what He wants.
3. We will be humble and not try to dictate, telling what to do and how to do it and when to do it.
4. Intercessory prayer is laying out our needs before God, rather than making demands. He already knows our needs and wants, so we can be humble and simply spread out our prayers before Him to grant as He wishes.



5. Rogation Processions singing the Litany of the Saints take worship out of church into farms and factories, market gardens, shops. According to St. John's Gospel the last resurrection appearance is not in or around Jerusalem but on the shore of Lake Galilee the place of work of the original fishermen apostles. The sprinkling with holy water not only prays for God's blessing, but also reminds us of the Sea of Galilee.
6. Rogation Sunday falls in late Spring, when agriculture and horticulture are in full swing. The theology of Christ's pleading for us in heaven/The Session at the Right Hand thus links to the Church calendar to the seasons of nature.
7. These days, it is not only nature and farming, that we pray for, but industry and tourism.
8. We continue to beseech the Prince of Peace for peace and harmony and reconciliation in our world. We assure Him of our obedience to His commandment of love and of our willingness to work with Him in building up of His kingdom's values. However urgent the need, we do not demand. We never let pride get in the way and think we can order God to obey us!!! We are humble and penitent, and purple is the colour of the Rogation Procession. We are not without joy. In some places, they join the blessing of fields and factories to the May procession in honour of Our Lady. Fun is not usually a sin.

