

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

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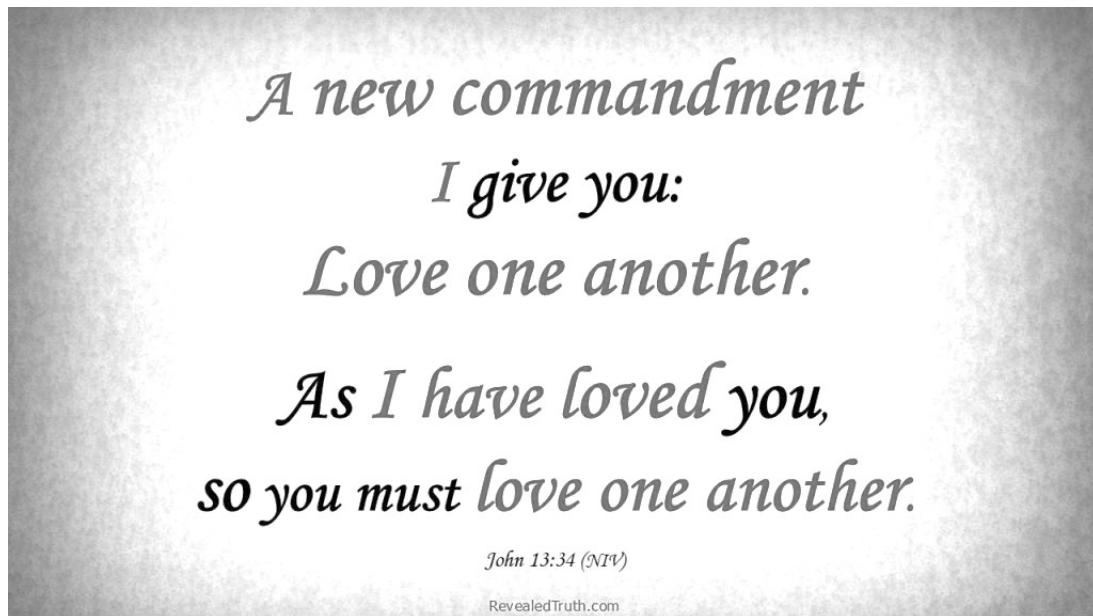
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17 th May	EASTER V	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro	Nympsfeld
18 th May		10.30am	Populo)	
			Sunday Mass ()	Dursley
19 th May	St Dunstan – Diocesan Memorial	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
		Noon	Funeral of Margaret Cullimore	Westerleigh Crem
20 th May	St Bernadine of Siena	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
21 st May	Easter Feria	No Public Mass		
22 nd May	St Rita of Cascia	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfeld
23 rd May	Easter Feria	6.00pm	Holy Hour, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
24 th May	St Aldhelm – Diocesan Memorial	Noon	Mass	Dursley
24 th May	EASTER VI –	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro	Nympsfeld
25 th May	Rogation Sunday	10.30am	Populo)	
			Sunday Mass	Dursley
			(Salvatore Bucci RIP)	

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY For working conditions Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

A new commandment I give to you, that
you love one another. Just as I have
loved you, you also love one another.
John 13:34

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MASS PROPERs FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon O Sing a new song to the Lord for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance. Alleluia!

1st NT Reading Acts 14:21b-27 *They declared to the Church all that God had done for them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.*

Resp. Psalm I will bless your name for ever, My God and King.

2nd NT Reading Revelation 21:1-5a *I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem.*

Gospel Acclamation A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel – John 13:31-33a, 34-35 *The Glorified Son of Man commands us to love.*

Communion Antiphon I am the True Vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

GREETING TO OUR LADY, BEFORE THE LAST HYMN AT SUNDAY MASS

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!

Rejoice and be glad, o virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!



Let us pray.

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has brought joy to the whole world, grant that through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Monday 19th May at noon in Westerleigh Crematorium – Funeral of Margaret Mary Christina Cullimore

• **Saturday 21st June – 5.30pm First Holy Communions at Sunday Mass in Nympsfield**

- Saturday 28th June at noon in Clifton Cathedral – Thanksgiving for the priestly ordinations of Bishops Crispin Hollis [Diamond] and Declan Lang [Golden].
- Saturday 5th July from noon at St Dominic's BBQ
- Sunday 7th September [Sunday closest to Our Lady's Birthday] Annual Clifton Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury

Good works and social events do not just happen. They do not organise themselves and they don't work without someone lending a hand and turning up. There simply isn't a "SOMEBODY ELSE" to do these things. Parishioners sometimes comment that, "Something should be done" and "Our parish needs a social life". Both of these things are true, but there is no magical or invisible parish apart from us!

1. We are particularly keen to hear from volunteers who would consider hosting a coffee morning. In Nympsfield, it would be in aid of church funds and in Dursley it would be in aid of the hall refurbishment and new roof.
2. Could you organise or take part in a sponsored walk or cycle ride in June, July or August?

ST WULSTAN'S PASTORAL AREA WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM WORCESTER TO CLIFTON – ARRIVAL AT CLIFTON Pilgrimage Coach - Clifton

Cathedral Wednesday 28th MAY 2025

- GLOUCESTER COACH (53 seats) The coach will pick up at CINDERFORD Dockham Rd at 12:10 Other pick-ups: BRUTON WAY GLOUCESTER AT 12:45; TUFFLEY LANE AT 13:00 Return journey leaves Clifton at 17:45 COST: £8.50 per adult: £3 per child under 16 Payment in CASH will be collected on both coaches. SIGN UP LISTS AT THE BACK.
- STROUD COACH (53 seats) The coach will pick up at STROUD AT 12:30 Other pick-ups: STONEHOUSE 12:45; **DURSLEY 13:10** Return journey leaves Clifton at 17:45 COST: £8.50 per adult: £3 per child under 16 Payment in CASH will be collected on both coaches.

THURSDAY 29TH MAY – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION After many requests and petitions of the faithful, the bishops



of England and Wales asked the Holy See for permission to restore Ascension Day to its original date, the Thursday 40 days after Easter. Having kept in on the following Sunday for a number of years, it may have slipped people's notice that it is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day equal to a Sunday and of sufficient importance in the Christian life to make us come together for Mass. It reminds us all that heaven is the goal and that Christ came to take us there, dealing with our waywardness and sinful deeds. It also shows us that from being in specific places and times, the Ascension is the passage of Christ

from the 'there and then', into the 'always and everywhere'.

Mass in Nympsfield at 10.00am

Mass in Dursley at Noon

Mass in Dursley at 7.30pm

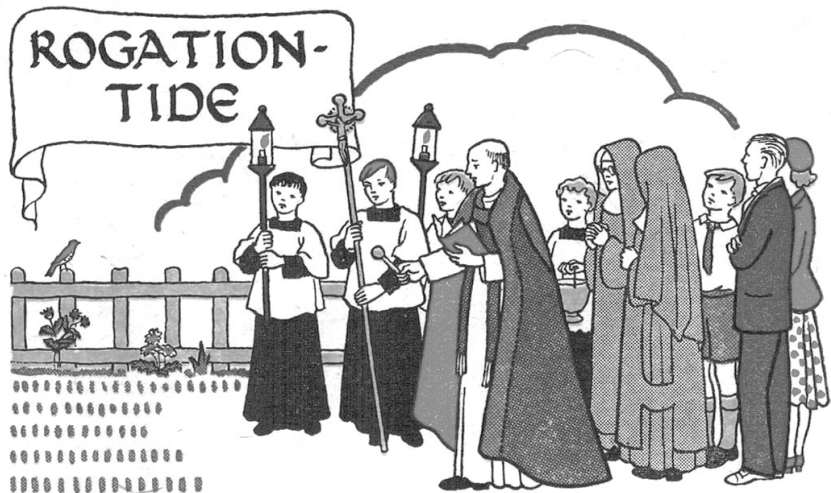


ROGATION SUNDAY AND THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS IN PROCESSION The fifth Sunday after Easter Day, Easter VI, is traditionally known as Rogation Sunday. The title comes from the Latin verb ROGARE to ask for things. Rogationtide occupies the Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Ascension, when the Lord said that in going to the Father, His followers would be able to pray in a new way, "through Jesus Christ Our Lord..."

Rogation also relates to the natural world. Spring is lurching into summer, and the Spring Ploughing and Planting are often seen as the start of the Agricultural Year. The custom was to get out of the church building and visit farms and fields and places of work. The Litany in procession is a thing of fun as well of serious beseeching! A priest friend of Father Philip's refers to it as a cope and wellies job!!

As we become more aware of our responsibilities towards the care of our environment, we do not need neo-pagan invocations of mother earth or the Great Goddess Gaia, a simple return to our own ancient traditions and a little gentle updating is all that is required. The Industrial Revolution reminded us that factories as well as farms are places of work and within the scope of our prayers and God's blessings. Industrial and agrarian chaplaincies are normal parts of Church life. Dursley's transition from wool weaving to industries like Lister's shows how we should transition in church too.

It does us good to get out of our buildings and into the open air. Our singing and processing are acts of witness in an age much in need of our evangelisation. Many do not notice or want to notice that the Church is still here, alive and kicking. Christians are frequently seen as killjoys and party poopers. It is good for our neighbours to see us happy, enjoying ourselves out of doors. As society rediscovers its connections with nature, we never lost ours and are on hand to show them how to honour the Creator, as well as care for creation.



Rogation is just part of the Church's connection to the environment. Plough Sunday in January, Lammas or Loaf Mass in August, Harvest Festival have often been side-lined and poopooed. We thought we were too modern and sophisticated for such things, and yet our world and its environmental disasters are showing us that we were more foolish than wise.

Schools, factories, farms, craft ateliers, shops and boutiques, we will happily bless the lot. When not invited into specific businesses, we can triumphantly march round the streets and parish boundaries praying and singing with the saints.!