

OUR LADY'S AND ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCHES – Newsletter

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY– 26th May 2024 THE FIRST WORLD DAY OF CHILDREN

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40, Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; St Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Saturday 25 th May - Baptism Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	11:00 am Our Lady's 4:00 pm Our Lady's	Aaliyah May (Maria) Blagrove - Clarke Joe O'Connor Intentions
Sunday 26 th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The First World Day of Children Baptism	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm Our Lady's	For the intentions of Pat Curley +Steve Sloane, May Procession St James School Georgia Eden Saoirse Love
Monday 27th May Hong Kong Group Mass	1:30 pm Our Lady's	Hong Kong Group Mass with Fr Bruno
Wed 29 th May – Alpha Session 2	7:00 pm Our Lady's Hall	ALPHA Session 2
Fri 31 st May – Funeral Service	2:00 pm Redditch Crem	+ Francis Joseph McKeever
Saturday 1 st June- Baptism Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI Baptism Preparation	11:00 am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's 5:30 pm Our Lady's	Ruairi Outram For the intentions of Tencie Mahler Baptism Preparation
Sunday 2 nd June. Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's	Judith 80 th B'day & Chris Grimes 7 th Anniversary

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 27 Kathleen Hayes, Paddy Caulfield, 28 Maeve Jones, Doug Timmins, Hugh O'Donnell, 29 Joseph Harvey, Margaret Linthwaite, 30 George Dunn, Michael Byrne, Madge Coleman, Lee Pearson, 31 Joseph Simpkin, Thomas Harrison **June 1** Bridget McGrath, Katie Galligan, BridgetHarbridge, 2 Ellen O'Donovan, Philip Carn, Incoronato DelVecchio

Please Pray for those who are Sick: Margaret Owen, Carol Spooner, Dave McGrath, Mary Smallwood, Margaret Cooper, Trisha Forest, Fr Tony Rohan, Ann Docherty, Nancy Witcomb, Maz Boyce, Lily McKenna, Mary and Victor, Margaret Izon, Carl Brookes, Sheila Cox, Peter Flanagan, Pat Farrell, Jan & Mark Hurley, Peter Rafferty, Jackie Hurley, Helen Ingram, Mary Molloy, Andrea Byrne, Linda Simms, Rita Fitzpatrick, Christina Cooper, Fr Gerry Lennon, Ann Glenn, Pat Curly. Linda Bennett, Jo MacAleenan and Margaret Smythe, Ben Jackson, Jackie Whitehead.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS)	St John Fisher (SJF)
Gift Aid £129.00	Gift Aid £212.10
Loose Money £406.87 Contactless £0.00	Loose Money £262.31
Total £535.87	Total: £474.41
Christian Aid £178.74 Sophie Funeral £663.13 Second collection this week Church Maintenance	Christian Aid: £171.52 Second Collection this week is for Church Maintenance

Collections: With the ongoing problems that we have had with our card machine over the past 8 weeks we have lost £600 income. Please could all card machine users consider taking out a monthly standing order, thus ensuring our income is protected. Joe has the forms for you to complete; they are simple and easy to follow.

Deaths: Please pray for Mary Markley who died recently. Please pray too for **Mr Francis Joseph McKeever (Known as Mac)** whose Funeral Service will be on **Friday 31st May 2024 at 2:00 pm in Redditch Crematorium** and for **Elizabeth Mary Bagguley** whose Funeral Service takes place on **Friday 14th June at 11:00 am in Our Lady's Church – Rednal** and followed by Burial at Stapleford Cemetery. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

All the Families, Staff and Students from **St James' Primary School** will be joining the Parish Family to lead us with May Rosary Procession after Mass at Our Lady's Church – Rednal on Sunday 26th May 2024. All are welcome to join with us for this Annual Event and to pray for everyone. We shall begin the Procession from the Church and walk towards the Prayer Garden in St James' School Grounds while reciting the Holy Rosary.

ALPHA Second session on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7:00pm. Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall on Leach Green Lane, B45 9BQ.

Baptism Dates: The next meeting is on Saturday 01st June 2024 at Our Lady's Church on Leach Green Lane, B45 9BQ at 5:30 pm and Saturday 20th July 2024 at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath.

First Holy Communions: On Saturday 8th June 2024- St James' and St Columba's School (at St John Fisher Church).

Our Lady's Parish Hall: New bookings email: olhallbooking@gmail.com or Phone: 0121 453 3452

Dates for your diary: Quiz Night Saturday 15th June 7:00pm-10:00pm. If there is enough demand, we could look at a monthly Quiz night.

Family BBQ Saturday 13th July 12pm-3:00pm at Our Lady's Parish.

SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items. OUR NEXT FOOD PARCEL IS ON **THURSDAY 4th June**. Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 4th June** between 10:15am and 11:15am. Please donate any new/used carrier bags for the food parcels. (One of our Parishioners is happy to take broken 'bags for life' back to supermarkets to exchange for new ones!) It is by working together that we can make a difference. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197.

Have you heard about a weekend for all the family? **Celebrate Joy** is to be held on the weekend of 21/22 September. It is a national event being held at St Thomas Aquinas School. Its focus is on family with specific activities for children and young people. The weekend will include worship, prayer and reflection, children and youth groups, Mass each day, and various talks to support us with our faith journey. For further details and to book go to: - www.celebratetrust.org/joy As there will be many volunteers to facilitate this event, we have been asked to support the accommodation needed for the weekend. Have you a spare room to offer a bed to someone? If you could or would like some more details, please contact Angela Vince on 07958 726783.

Caritas Social Action Network have a new campaign: [*Do Justice: A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal*](#). For those interested, there are some resources which have been created to facilitate the Do Justice campaign at the local level, particularly in Catholic parishes and schools across England and Wales. Parish communities to are invited to 'see' the needs of their local area and consider how the Gospel might call us to respond. The website is regularly updated with resources on other topical issues that can be viewed on <https://dojustice.co.uk/resources/downloads/>. If anyone is interested in setting up a Do Justice group in the parish or would like to find out more about the campaign in general, please contact Bernadette Durcan, Research and Programmes Officer at Caritas Social Action Network (Mobile: 07785 950585)

World Children's Day is a day to celebrate the power of children to change the world.

The first World Children's Day will be held on 25-26 May 2024, and will involve the participation of Pope Francis and children from all over the world at an event in Rome.

First World Children's Day: celebration of faith, 'hearing from world's future.

"An event like this offers children the possibility to become protagonists through moments of prayer, friendship, and formation."



Global Africa Day 2024 ... Celebrating Unity, Diversity, and Progress.

Africa Day, also known as Africa Liberation Day, is celebrated annually on May 25th. This significant day commemorates the establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, which later became the African Union (AU). On this day, people from all over the world come together to honour the rich culture, history, and achievements of the diverse nations that make up the African continent.

Global Africa Day, celebrated on May 25th, is a vibrant and joyous occasion that highlights the unity, diversity, and progress of Africa. This day serves as a reminder of the collective strength and resilience of the African people, while also recognizing the challenges they have overcome and the milestones they have achieved. Africa is a continent known for its cultural diversity, with over 54 countries and numerous ethnic groups and languages. Global Africa Day celebrates this diversity, showcasing the unique traditions, music, dance, art, and cuisine that make each nation distinct. It is a time to appreciate and learn from the rich tapestry of African cultures.

The celebration of Global Africa Day goes beyond the borders of the African continent. It is a global movement that brings together people from various backgrounds to honour Africa's contributions to the world. Events and activities are organized in different countries, ranging from cultural performances and exhibitions to academic discussions and community gatherings. One of the key themes of Global Africa Day is unity. It emphasizes the importance of standing together as one African continent, recognizing the shared history, challenges, and aspirations of African nations. It is a time to reflect on the progress made in fostering pan-African cooperation, peace, and sustainable development.

Global Africa Day also serves as a platform to address the pressing issues facing the continent. It provides an opportunity for discussions on topics such as economic development, social justice, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and the preservation of cultural heritage. Through these conversations, individuals and organizations work towards finding innovative solutions and promoting positive change. In recent years, Global Africa Day has witnessed increased participation from the African diaspora, highlighting the connections and contributions of Africans living outside the continent. This engagement strengthens the bonds between Africans at home and abroad, fostering collaborations and creating a global network of individuals dedicated to Africa's progress.

The celebration of Global Africa Day is not limited to a single day. It is a month-long celebration that encompasses a range of activities and events. Throughout May, various cultural festivals, music concerts, art exhibitions, and educational programs take place, providing opportunities for people to engage, learn, and appreciate the richness of African heritage. Global Africa Day serves as a reminder that Africa is a continent on the rise. It acknowledges the remarkable progress made in various fields, including technology, entrepreneurship, innovation, education, and healthcare. It celebrates the achievements of African leaders, artists, scientists, and activists who have made significant contributions to their respective fields and have become role models for future generations.

As Global Africa Day approaches, individuals and communities can join in the celebrations by attending events, organizing local initiatives, or simply taking the time to learn more about Africa's history, culture, and achievements. It is a day to celebrate unity, diversity, and progress, and to honour the vibrant spirit of the African continent. In conclusion, Global Africa Day is a momentous occasion that celebrates the unity, diversity, and progress of the African continent. It is a time to reflect on the shared history, appreciate the richness of African cultures, and work towards a brighter future. On May 25th, let us come together to honour Africa's contributions to the world and to celebrate the strength and resilience of the African people.

