

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 12th May 2024

Readings: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Psalm 102; 1 John 4:11-16; St John 17:11-19

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

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| Saturday 11 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter Baptism Preparation Parish Social Evening | 10:00 am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's 05:00 pm St John Fisher 7:30 pm Our Lady's Hall | Christine and Michael Connolly (40 th Wedding) Mary Ellen and Irene King (Joint Anniversary) Baptism Preparations Parish Social Evening |
| First Holy Communion -Non-Catholic School Children - 12th May 7th Sunday | 9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's | Mollie Martin Kathleen Coad (Birth Day) +Jane Augustin Ndaula |
| Tuesday 14 th May - Funeral Service | 2:00 pm Waseley Hills Crem | +Francis (Joey) Corcoran |
| Thursday 16th Reception into church | 4:00 pm Our Lady's | + Sophie Masterton |
| Friday 17 th May St James School Y1 & Y5 Funeral Requiem Mass Memorial Service | 9:15 am Our Lady's 12:00 pm Our Lady's 3:00 pm Our Lady's | For the intentions of Francie McCrory + Sophie Masterton +Andrew James Regan |
| Saturday 18 th May Solemnity of Pentecost | 4:00 pm Our Lady's | Linda Bennett Intentions |
| Sunday 19 th May – School Thanksgiving Mass Solemnity of Pentecost Baptism | 9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm Our Lady's | For the intentions of Betty McKeveitt +Thomas Coyle (Anniversary) Grace Nicole Jiggins-Selby |

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 12 Peggy Coshan, 13 Tom Houghton, Frank Cottam, Louisa Fitzgerald, Brenda Brown, John Molloy, 14 Anne Brierty, Harry & Gertrude Wright, Margaret Mullins, William Moore, Thomas Peduzzi, Thomas Quinlan, Vera Howarth, William Shaughnessey, Henry McGill, Thomas Harrison , 15 Eva Dunn, Jim Walters, Joan Sutherland, Mary Sheerin, 16 Kathleen Cullen, Mary Banting, Robert Gemmell, Tom Molloy, Margaret Wilcox, 17 Bridie Brazil, Arthur Coyle, Veronica Kennedy, Antony Devaney, 18 Ivy Hipkins, Sr Mary Assumpta, Paul McCann, Catherine Woodhead, Kevin Wallace.

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, Mary Markley. Pat Curly. Linda Bennett, Jo MacAleenan and Margaret Smythe. Ben Jackson, Jackie Whitehead.

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| Gift Aid £145.90 | <u>Total £442.35</u> | Gift Aid £313.50 | <u>Total: £488.74</u> |
| Loose Money £296.45 Contactless £0.00 | | Loose Money: £165.24 | |
| ACN: £75.46 | | ACN:215.19 | |
| Second Collection this week is for Catholic Communications | | Second Collection this week is for Catholic Communications | |

Collections: With the ongoing problems that we have had with our card machine over the past 6 weeks we have lost £500 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 **Mrs Sophie Ann Masterson** who will be **received into Our Lady's Church on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 4:00pm** and followed by **Funeral Service on Friday 17th May 2024 at 12:00 pm**. Pray 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. Please pray for Maureen Dolan who died recently. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

This weekend we welcome the children from St. John Fisher School and from non-Catholic schools who will be making their First Holy Communion. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the staff, catechists, parents, grandparents and extended family members who have supported the children in their preparation for their First Communion. We also thank the children for the spiritual and prayerful way they have prepared for and celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession and ask for God's continued blessing on them.

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.

The month of May - dedicated to Our Lady: Please continue to pray the Holy Rosary to Mama Mary as we celebrate this month dedicated to her, praying for peace. We pray that through her intercession, she will help to bring about peace in the world. Our Lady wants us to pray the Rosary – therefore let's pray together as a Parish family for peace during this month of May. The Rosary is prayed every weekend before Mass. It means coming to Mass a little earlier, taking the Rosary beads in our hands and praying earnestly together for peace. Let's begin next Sunday and then let's continue praying the Rosary at home and in our schools. Our Blessed Lady, Queen of Peace, help us to pray for peace in our world.

SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items. OUR NEXT FOOD PARCEL IS ON **THURSDAY 23rd May** Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 23rd May** 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.

"AN **INVITATION** to a buffet and prayer time to be held at St. Chad's Church, New Road, Rubery on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and pray to the Holy Spirit to help us to build a New Kingdom of God in this area. The "Rafters" cafe are providing the buffet. Booking is essential so that the cafe knows how many they need to cater for. Bookings to Ann Smith by May 5th. please. Tel. no's 0121 445 1374 & 07946366326 or email: Nooey98@gmail.com"

Petitions/Prayers for Lourdes - If you wish to send a prayer to Lourdes this year please put it in the box in Our Lady's Chapel. There is a box in both Church's. The boxes will be emptied on Sunday 26th May, ready to be taken.

ALPHA introductory session on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7:00pm. Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall on Leach Green Lane, B45 9BQ.

Novena for PENTECOST – Pray for REVIVAL in our PARISHES – 11th May to 19th May.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Set us alight with the fire of your love.

Cast out all apathy and fear,

And help us become true heralds,

Of your forgiveness and peace.

Help us to cherish,

All those whom the Father has created,

Never looking down on anyone,

But offering ourselves as a helping hand to those who need us.

Inspire us to be the ambassadors of Christ,

That we may speak for him in all the places where we live and move.

Give us the sense of awe in all that we do and say for him, that we may look for his way, look for his truth.

Please pour out your Spirit on your people,

And grant us a new vision of your glory.

A new experience of your Power.

A new faithfulness to your word.

And a new consecration to your service that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

O Holy Spirit, Devine Spirit of Light and love, I consecrate to You my understanding, my heart and my will, my whole being for time and for eternity.

May my understanding be always submissive to Your heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which You are the infallible Guide.

May my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and my neighbour, may my will be every conformed to the divine Will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and You, Holy Spirit, be honour and glory forever. Amen.

Thank you everyone for all your support and help. God bless you. Have a lovely weekend.