

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5th May 2024.

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48-; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; St John 15:9-17

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Saturday 4 th May	ACN Appeal	4:00 pm Our Lady's	John Houghton (RIP)
Sunday 5 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter: ACN Appeal Baptism	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30pm St John Fisher	Paul and Lauarcum Meehan Steven McNamee (RIP) Freyja Grace Egan
Wednesday 8 th May	St John Fisher School Year 11 Mass	9:15 am St John Fisher 11:45 am St Edmund School	Michelle Wright (Treatment) Year 11 Students, Staff and Families
Thursday 9th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9:15 am St Columba's 12:00 pm St John Fisher 7:00pm Our Lady's	William Alexander Lees (RIP) Philip Colman (Treatment) Calm Henry
Friday 10 th May	St James School	9:15 am Our Lady's	Billy Lees (RIP)
Saturday 11 th May	1 st Holy Communion 7 th Sunday of Easter Baptism Preparation Parish Social	10.00 am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's 05:30 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 Preparation Parish Social Evening
1 st Holy Communion for Non-Catholic Schools		9:00 am St John Fisher	Mollie Martin (RIP)
Sunday 12 th May	7 th Sunday of Easter	11:00 am Our Lady's	Kathleen Coady (Birthday celebration)

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 5 Timothy O'Keeffe, 6 Michael Quinn, Brigid & Elizabeth Nash, Seamus Moten, William O'Brien, Margaret White, Charlotte Hawkins, 7 Delia Skirritt, Eric Joynes, Louis Campbell, 8 Ellen Harrison, Ellen Murphy, Elizabeth O'Brien, Michael Power, William Galbraith, 9 Christopher O'Reilly, 10 Margaret Kavanagh, John Evans, Barry Hartson, 11 Antonia Miele, John McMullan, Sarah Mulholland,

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS)		St John Fisher (SJF)	
Gift Aid £103.00	Total £425.91	Gift Aid £ 213.00	Total: £419.08
Loose Money £322.91 Contactless £0.00		Loose Money: £206.08	
Clergy Training fund £37.78 This week: (Action for the Church in Need).		Building Fund £163.45 This week: (Action for the Church in Need).	

Collections at Our Lady's Church: 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**. May she rest in Peace. Amen.

Baptism Dates: The meeting is next **Saturday 11th May at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath.**

We welcome Teresa Kehoe to our Parish this weekend. She is the Community Fundraiser for ACN (Action for the Church in Need). Teresa will speak to us about the work of ACN at the end of each Mass.

The month of May - dedicated to Our Lady: As we are now into the month of May, in these days when so many wars and conflicts are raging around the world, we need our Lady. We need to 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 today 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.

Parish Social: - Come and join us for our OLPS Social evening in the parish centre next **Saturday 11th May 7.30- 10.30pm**. A night of fun with music, dancing, a raffle and bingo, starring our very own Rob McMillen on vocals. Bring Your Own drinks and snacks. Tickets £5 adult; under 16s free. Tickets available after mass. All money raised will go towards Parish funds.

SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items. **OUR NEXT FOOD PARCEL IS ON THURSDAY 9th May** Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 9th 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. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and happy Easter. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197.

First Holy Communions: Saturday 11th May 2024 – St John Fisher School

First Holy Communions: Sunday 12th May 2024 – Children from Non – Catholic Schools

First Holy Communions: Saturday 08th June 2024 – St James's and St Columba School Children (please note this celebration will take place in St. John Fisher Church)

There is a Pilgrimage to Fatima from 10-17 October, flying from Birmingham, fare £855, (single room supp. £190). Anyone who is interested in joining the Pilgrimage or booking a seat should contact Fr. Gerard Kelly on 07894427648.

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"

Parishes Day Out Thursday 13th June: Barnsdale Gardens (BBC Gardeners World) plus cruise on Rutland Water with cream tea. Estimated total cost per person £52.00. This includes everything except lunch, which can be purchased at Barnsdale for about £12.00. Please book as soon as possible (to secure our cruise slot) with £15.00 pp deposit. Michael Neillis 079447075.

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

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