



St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 24th May 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)



NB. Although there is no public Mass, Fr Uche will still say a daily 10am Mass, live streamed as below**, and will offer it for the intentions already given. Where there is more than one Intention for the day, they will all be offered at the one Mass.

(Usual) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.) 6.00pm Vigil Mass
9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Mass
5.30pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25th 10am Mass
St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 26th 10am Mass
St Philip Neri, Priest

Wednesday 27th 10am Mass
St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England, Secondary Patron of the Diocese (Feast) *

Thursday 28th 10am Mass
Easter Feria

Friday 29th 10am Mass
Easter Feria, or St Paul VI, Pope

Saturday 30th 10am Mass
Easter Feria

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays **cycle 2**

This Sun: Acts 1:12-14;

1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

M. Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

T. Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

W. 1 Thess 2:2-8; Luke 10:1-9 *

Th. Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

F. Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

S. Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Next Sun: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

PENTECOST (Year A)

SHRINE LAMPS

Shrine Lamps are temporarily suspended until the Church re-opens.

MAY, the MONTH of MARY

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

This pious practice has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it, and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (**Mediator Dei**) characterised it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops".

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the **Month of Mary** devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts. "During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady, a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasise Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

See back for how to access the Diocesan May Devotions with Archbishop John Wilson as advertised in the picture at the top of this article.***

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun **10am** Ellen McNally RIP; Special Intention; People of the Parish; Mon. 10. Rowena Wittenbaker - Belated Birthday Blessings; Tue. 10. Marianne Roberts Thanksgiving; Wed. 10. Teresa Wright RIP; Thurs. 10. Peggy Beard RIP; Fri. 10. Bill Walsh RIP; Sat. 10. Robert Alford RIP; Sun **10am** Leanna Lloyd; People of the Parish.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

We now have daily 10am Masses - Sunday to Saturday, live-streamed so you can join in at Mass virtually from our Parish. Click on the link below, which is also on our website and facebook page. Please share this link with others.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxIFGQ>

St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

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The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed - please see back for ways to contact Fr Uche & the Parish Secretary

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**Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop,
Apostle of England, Secondary Patron of the Diocese**
(Feast in England on Wednesday 27th May 2020) ***

Christianity in Britain started early, but was largely submerged by the pagan Anglo-Saxon invasions of the fifth and sixth centuries. It remained alive only in the far west, which remained British because it was too remote and inaccessible for the invaders to attack.

It is said that Pope Gregory the Great saw some Anglo-Saxon slaves exposed for sale in a market in Rome, and determined to secure their evangelisation. He organised a party of thirty monks to travel to south-eastern England and spread the Gospel there, and chose as their leader Augustine, Prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. They landed in 597, and were welcomed by the king of Kent, Ethelbert, who became a Christian along with many of his subjects. A second wave of missionaries arrived in 601. Augustine went to Arles, in France, where he was consecrated archbishop of the English, and then returned to Canterbury to set up his see. The mission prospered, and he founded two more sees, at London and at Rochester in Kent.

The evangelisation of the country was planned in close agreement with Pope Gregory, and took care to respect existing traditions. Pagan temples and holy places were not to be destroyed, but to be converted to Christian use; and pagan feasts were to be superseded by Christian ones. This is consistent with the pattern of evangelization throughout the first millennium, which saw Christianity as a fulfilment of what went before, rather than a contradiction of it. Even in Rome itself, temples of Juno had a tendency to become churches dedicated to Our Lady. (It is only with the Spanish colonial evangelisation of the mid-second millennium that the policy of making a clean break with the past began: a policy that works faster but whose effects are not always permanent).

In the far west of Britain, where British bishops had survived the pagan invasions – or where they had fled to escape them – Augustine was less successful in establishing his authority. The traditions of the Celtic church were different from the Roman ones, and bishops who had guided their people for generations were not about to submit to a jumped-up missionary from overseas. It took several generations for the whole of Great Britain to become Christian and for the English and British liturgical traditions to be reconciled.

Augustine died at Canterbury on 26 May 604 or 605.

*** NB. Archbishop John invites everyone in the Diocese to join him for a special online gathering on Wednesday 27th May. He will be leading a live streamed May Devotions, including a Scriptural Rosary at 7pm from the Cathedral. At this time when we are asked to be more isolated than usual it is an opportunity to "spiritually gather" together. Copy and paste this link: <https://bit.ly/363jJX7> or visit our diocesan website for more info, which is also on our own website.



Supporting our fellow parishioners during the Covid-19 crisis

As the Covid-19 crisis deepens, many parishioners, including some of the most vulnerable members of our community, may need to self-isolate in the coming weeks. Now, more than ever, we need to offer practical and pastoral support to our fellow parishioners through what may be a difficult and lonely period.

Our St Vincent de Paul Society is coordinating our efforts to support those who need it. If you require support, or know someone who might benefit from extra support, please contact the Parish Office.

To ensure we comply with the relevant data protection laws, we would need consent from anyone requiring help for our group of volunteers to contact them.

If you could help with shopping or running errands, or by calling parishioners who find themselves alone during **Contact the Parish Secretary, Mondays to Fridays, on 07488 241753 or email: newmalden@rcaos.org.uk**.

We are now in contact with those of us who we think may be more vulnerable, alone, or in need of practical, emotional, or other kind of support. If you know of anyone who falls into this category please do get in touch.

NB. To arrange a funeral, please contact Fr Uche directly on 020 8942 2602.

Stay safe and God Bless.

New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator needed. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes on 07488 241753.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

(for normal time, with God's help)

Caretakers: Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact the Parish Office.

Cleaners: As many of you may know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

Youth Club Helpers: There are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which normally meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

St Joseph's Virtual Choir!

Last week we launched our very own virtual choir...
Please see the info below if you would still like to sign up for our next piece and did not get the chance to sign up before:

This will be open to anyone regardless of musical ability or experience. You can just sing the melody or, if you want a challenge, choose the voice part that suits you best.

Please register your interest by filling out the google form by scanning the QR code or copying this link into your browser:
<https://forms.gle/dPFAXMHEz5kBrQyW6>



If you have any further questions please contact:
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PROCEDURES during NORMAL TIMES

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office **only during office hours** - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk.

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: SVPNewMalden@gmail.com. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

CANDLES IN CHURCH: Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

From our Diocesan Safeguarding Office

Reporting abuse

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by phoning 020 7261 1606 or email: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.