

Newsletter

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**21 May 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter, p275**

John 17:1-11a Pointers for Prayer

1. My own hope for eternal life may seem abstract. Does today's Gospel help to make it more real and more relational?
2. The teaching of Jesus, his word, is part of who I am as a disciple. How do I recognise that word within me and how to go about living it day by day?
3. A name is a very precious thing. Do I like my own name, for example? Being entrusted with the "name" of God means being entrusted with God's very self, an extraordinary claim.

Prayer

God our Father, glorify your Son in the lives of the people called by his name. Through no merit of ours, you have made us your own, to be your witnesses on earth. Keep us true to the name we bear, that people everywhere may know that you are the God and lover of us all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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John 20:19-23
Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you

have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

Prayer

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness.

Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

Joseph Facenfield RIP, John Trainer RIP, Anthony Milligan RIP, Patricia Murphy RIP, Michael Gerrard RIP, Joan Carr, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Parish Office

The office will be closed on Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 May for staff holidays.

Rite of Welcome

20 & 21 May

5.15pm: Isabelle Ann Croft

Michael Harry Croft

11am: Salvador Cascarelli Mock
Charlotte Helena Lucja Gibbons

28 May, 11am:

Indie Catherine Culvin

Aubrie Olivia Culvin

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 5 June, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms, Sunday, 21 May:

Hollie Jean Kearsley-Edwards

Connie Jane Booth

Aine Kate Booth

Baptisms, Sunday, 28 May:

Denny Joseph Small Jr

Hannah D'arcy Pownall

Bobby Joseph- James Mooney

Healing

In the Sacrament of the Sick Christ strengthens our faith, bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain, and forgives our sins. Fr Matthew will go to the front of the altar **after all the Masses on the weekend of 3/4 June** for anyone who might like to receive

the sacrament through the anointing with Holy Oil.

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 6 June, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Recycling

Please note we can no longer accept tablet blister packs as our usual drop off point has stopped taking bulk collections, however they will accept empty packs from individuals.

World Communications Day 2023

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

Lourdes News

Wheelchair appeal – The archdiocese wish to thank all who have sponsored a wheelchair for the Lourdes pilgrimage, the Lourdes office has been overwhelmed with support for this and have received enough

sponsorships to cover the quota needed for this year's pilgrimage. A huge thank you to all who have supported this appeal.

Archdiocesan Mass - A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday, 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome, including pilgrims past and present.

News from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Development Department
Catholic Social Action - In my work over the last 7 months as Catholic Social Action Coordinator, I have seen compassion expressed in many different ways – compassion for the cold and hungry, compassion for the earth environment, and compassion for the stranger. Next month, refugee week will be taking compassion as its theme. As part of this week the Archdiocese is hosting a conversation on 'Love the Stranger' - a new publication on migrants and refugees by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. We will discuss the principles it sets out, and review how our work with refugees has been lived out and celebrated during Refugee week. The conversation will take place online at 4pm, Friday, 23 June. Contact Pablo if you'd like to join the meeting at p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers all the children who are making their First

Holy Communion this year. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all of the children and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.



We are looking for helpers aged 18 and over so that we can open the programme in September with year 6 pupils from our parishes. Support would be given and a meeting held in June to see if it's something that really is for you. So if you have wanted to get involved in the parish please contact johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk or ring the office on 486 3992 and leave your details.

RCIA - Mass for the New Catholics
The Mass for the New Catholics will now take place on 21 June at the Metropolitan Cathedral, 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend.



Peter Renwick is now looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly.

Chronic Pain Group

Next meeting in St Mark's annexe on Friday, 26 May, 2pm-4pm, come along for support and advice over a cuppa.

Exam Season

Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations prayed before the examination.

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination, only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return, I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord. St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us. Amen.

Celebration of Pentecost, 28 May, 3pm in Liverpool



The Pentecost event will start at Liverpool Cathedral and will then walk up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Weather permitting there will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps.

The theme of the service is Many Nations and Bishop John

Perumbalath, the new Bishop of Liverpool, will be preaching. Please visit ctmr.org.uk for further details.

Missionaries of Charity May Procession

The annual May procession will take place on Saturday, 27 May at 2pm starting at St Peters Square off Seel Street and finishing at the Shrine. A special invitation is extended to boys and girls who make their First Holy Communion in May. Contact Jim Ross for more info on 07766 706 766 or email at jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** and work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace.

If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.

Prayer Requests

Do you have someone or something you would like to pray for?

Please feel free to fill in one of the prayer request forms at the back of church. Place it into the box provided, which will be brought to the altar by our children during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our Housebound Parishioners

If you find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else might be helpful. You are still a vital and essential part of our parish community, even if you can't get to Mass.

Sacrament of the Sick

In times of illness or suffering we are offered anointing with holy oil to strengthen us. The sacrament can also help us to experience healing of mind, body and spirit and we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Anyone feeling the need of the sacrament is very welcome to approach Fr Matthew before or after Mass or via Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the

front of the church, please approach him directly and make your request known.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 14 May 2023:

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £227.20 |
| GASDS Loose | £400.95 |
| Non Gift Aid | £ 58.00 |
| Standing Orders | £367.23 |
| Total Offertory | £1053.38 |
| Bonus Ball 17 | £ 58.00 |

Second collections:

21 May, World Communications

28 May, SVP



St Mark's annexe - every Sunday
after 9.15am Mass.

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!

Grateful thanks to Sacred Heart of
Jesus and St Jude for prayers
answered.

Cathy Murphy

Seventh Sunday of Easter

20 May – 28 May 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 20 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 21 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Arthur Edwards, Anne,
Tony Mulligan RIP & Family
Maisie Quirk, Oliver Fitchett,
Patrick Fox

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Monday, 22 May, Weekday of Easter

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 23 May, Weekday of Easter

**9.30am – Mass, Holy Family
with Holy Family School May Procession**

John Robinson

Wednesday, 24 May, Weekday of Easter

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe

Thursday, 25 May, Memorial of St Bede

9am – Morning Prayer Online via Zoom (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Agnes Carden, Fr Vin McShane

Friday, 26 May, Memorial of St Philip Neri

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Fr Des Power

12noon – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Anthony Milligan

Saturday, 27 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Charlie Darracot

Sunday, 28 May, Pentecost Sunday

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Catherine Atkin, Gerry Marsh &
Mary McCormick

12.30pm – Baptisms

Pentecost Sunday

27 May – 4 June 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 27 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Charlie Darracot

Sunday, 28 May, Pentecost Sunday

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish
Catherine Atkin, Gerry Marsh &
Mary McCormick

Monday, 29 May, Memorial of Our Lady

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 30 May, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Tony Crompton

Wednesday, 31 May, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe

12noon – Funeral Service, St Mark's

Patricia Murphy

Thursday, 1 June, Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9am – Morning Prayer Online via Zoom (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Charles Pain

Friday, 2 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Frank Parle

Saturday, 3 June

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 4 June, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

Hanlon Family, Teresa Davies
James Clancy

