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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

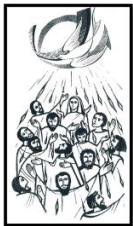
**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 22 May	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom Hopkins, for good health
Sun 23 May	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Patricia Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Dec. Priests of our Diocese
Mon 24 May	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls & Donor's Intention
Tue 25 May	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Wed 26 May	9.30 am	St George's	Aine O'Sullivan RIP (in Ireland)
Thu 27 May	9.30 am	St George	For dec. benefactors of the parish
Fri 28 May	9.30 am	St George's	Paddy Hickey RIP (in Ireland)
Sat 29 May	9.30 am	St George's	Patricia Brown RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Margaret Ellis RIP
Sun 30 May	9.30 am	St George's	Joseph Kollappillil RIP in India, father of Vincy, Sajan.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Caitlin Merry for good health and the family
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish & clergy

**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for Teresa Beck, wife of David Beck of Littleover Lane, who died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to all the family. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**A recent death in India, Kerala:** Please pray for Joseph Kollappillil, father of Vincy, father-in-law of Sajan and grandfather of Angel. The family ask for your prayers. Sadly they could not travel for the funeral. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST:**



This Sunday we shall celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost comes from 'pentekoste' which means fiftieth in Greek. The Christian holy day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. These events are described in the book of Acts, which comes directly after the four Gospels.

People sometimes refer to Pentecost as "the feast of the Holy Spirit", but it is a feast of Jesus, the "mystery" of his sending the

Holy Spirit on his followers, the moment when he became present to them in a new way – by being with them.

The coming of the Holy Spirit is just as wonderful an event in our lives as it was for Jesus' disciples. It is the moment when we realise that following Jesus is not a matter of keeping commandments but of having him live within us. The experience is always the culmination of a journey – we first have to look wonderingly at an empty tomb; to see the risen Jesus and then to have him gone from our sight; to wait a long time in Jerusalem, trusting that the Lord's promise will be fulfilled. Today, let's take heart and invoke the Spirit of God that we may be filled with a joyful appreciation of who we are and what we have to give. This brings with it many challenges, since for many religious people their faith acts as a sort of security blanket, offering certainty and security. However, the good news is not about how things were in the past but about the Spirit of God at work now and always. Happy Feast Day, Fr Alan.

**SUNDAY MASS AT THE HEART OF CATHOLICS' POST-PANDEMIC LIVES:**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments.

The Bishops highlight that the greatest treasure we possess is the Sacramental life of the Church and at its heart, the Eucharist. Therefore, Bishops encourage Catholics to place Sunday Mass at the heart of their post-pandemic lives.



**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 – 10:45**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Mary, Mother of the Church.

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May:** St Bede the Venerable.

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May:** St Philip Neri, Priest.

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Jesus Christ, Eternal high priest & St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May:** St Paul VI, Pope



We pray as people of peace for an end to the violence engulfing the Holy Land. Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs Department, has echoed calls for an end to "the occupation, discrimination and human rights violations that propagate violent attacks on civilians, standing in the way of a stable and peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis".

**CHANGES IN FUNERAL REGULATIONS:** From Monday, May

17th, the number of people who may attend a funeral service will no longer be limited to 30 but will depend upon the safe capacity of the building. For St. George's our capacity for a funeral will be 60 persons, therefore attendance of the limited numbers will continue to be managed through the

Funeral Homes who provide us with a list of attendees to ensure Track & Trace. Please ensure if you are attending a funeral, you have been asked by the family to attend. As lockdown eases we shall continue to review this situation again.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM  
MAY ROSARY MISSION 2021**

The theme for the May 2021 Rosary Rally is Rosary Stronghold with the Holy Family: Protecting our families and the family of nations in this Year of St. Joseph. Each night at 8pm there will be a foundational Rosary prayed to Jesus through Mary, led from a different parish/shrine. This will lead into three important National Days of Prayer: Monday May 24th ~ Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church – the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham invites all people within England, Wales and Scotland to join with them in prayer for all our young people, to pray and intercede for the Mission and Intentions of all Catholic Schools, Youth Associations/Groups and projects, and for all families. Sunday May 30th ~ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – National Rosary Rally relay throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland in intercession for the Rosary Mission intentions and for the needs of our own particular diocese. The Diocese of Nottingham has been allocated 10am – 11am on this day. Monday May 31st ~ Feast of the Visitation – Bishop John Keenan (Scotland) will host a crowning Rosary online at 8pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.



To mark the anniversary of the killing of George Floyd, churches are invited to come together for the #CandleOfJustice pray initiative taking place on Tues, 25 May at noon. This is a moment for individuals and churches to light a candle, pray for racial justice and commit to taking action. The web page [www.cte.org.uk/justice](http://www.cte.org.uk/justice) contains further information.

**COVID 19, THE WORD IS "CAUTION":**

We've made fantastic progress with the vaccination programme, but we've still got a long way to go. Please continue to follow social distancing rules while you're out and about – this is the best way to keep you, and everyone around you, safe.