

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C: 22nd May 2022

Mass Times

Sunday 22nd May	11.00 am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Relations, Friends & Benefactors of Pearl & Michael Walsh (Living & Dead)
Tuesday 24th May	09.30 am	WEEKDAY OF EASTER	James Smyth † Daniel Smyth †
Sunday 29th May	11.00 am	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Harry & Eileen Bees †



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Isidore to arrange confession.

If Father Isidore is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

Holy Family : 01793 297 256

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Holy Rood: 01793 522 062

Saint Peter's: 01793 871 167

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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C: Weekday Mass Year 2. Psalter 2
Eucharistic Prayer	: 2 (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.
First Reading	: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Psalm Response	: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Second Reading	: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!
Gospel	: John 14: 23-29
Communion Antiphon	: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

2nd Reading

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel

A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you.

The vision of John in Revelation 21 and 22 which we hear about in today's second reading paints a beautiful image of Jerusalem, the City of God. It is a city magnificently established on a hill top. It radiates with great light shining for all others to see. There are twelve gates. On these gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a place where every tribe and tongue and nation is envisioned to be represented.

It is the vision of the people of God, the Church, where everyone finds a home.

St Peter's Basilica welcomes millions of pilgrims and tourists every year. And so should every church in cities, towns and villages of the world welcome anyone who comes seeking God. We may not see the names of the ancient tribes of Israel on the pillars of the Vatican or walls of our churches; but the twelve apostles who are the foundation of the Church remind us constantly the universality of the church.

Acts of the Apostles 15 we read today reminds us of the continued challenge we have as a church to be open and inclusive in our evangelical and mission approach.

The Gospel of John speaks again about love. Love opens us to hear God's word and keep it; that God may come to make a home in us. Love is the new circumcision.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW & DO WHEN COMING TO MASS.

1. Everyone in the church is highly encouraged to wear face masks.
2. It is advised that families sit together if possible.
3. Hand gel is provided at the entry and exit of the church.
4. Holy Communion will only be given in the hand.
5. At every worship the safe capacity of the church remains our collective responsibility.

ROAD CLOSURES: For parishioners and visitors travelling to St Joseph's from Swindon, Moorhead Road will be closed from Monday 4th April for 8 weeks. Traffic will be diverted via Perrys Lane/ Wharf Road / High Street and there may be some delays. The postcode for Sat Nav directions is SN4 0RZ.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022: Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year (**26 September to 4 October 2022**) staying two nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Galilee. If you are interested in the pilgrimage and would like further information, you can contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: A number of children from Holy Family and St Joseph's are receiving their First Holy Communion over this weekend (21st and 22nd May). Please keep them in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022: The next preparation session will be on **Tuesday 24th May at 6.30 pm** in **Holy Family Church**.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND: If you have a relative or friend who is unable to come to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, it is possible to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit them. Please contact Fr Isidore or Anne Moss for more details.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION: The Solemnity of the Ascension is on **Thursday 26th May** and is normally a holy day of obligation. However, for St. Joseph's parish, the Feast Day will be transferred to next **Sunday, 29th May**.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a retiring collection next Sunday (**29th May**) for the **Catholic Communications Network**.

UKRAINIAN FAMILY APPEAL: Steve & Barbara Aftelak are supporting a Ukrainian family of 17 people who have come to the UK via the Family Scheme and are appealing for donations to help the family. For more information, contact Steve & Barbara Aftelak on 01793 792917 or via email at steveaftelak@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The **Prospect Hospice Annual Cream Tea** will be held on **Saturday 18th June** beginning at **2.45 pm**. We have the Wroughton Silver Band to entertain us. **Please could you help** with making scones, providing items for the Table Top Sale, prizes for the Tombola and Raffle? If you have a gazebo or parasol, could we borrow it please? Do please come and enjoy the afternoon and bring your friends.

There will be a list for scones in the porch. Do put your name down if you are able to provide some scones on the day. A box for Table Top sale / Tombola donations is also in the porch.

MISSIO – RED BOX 2021: In 2021, St. Joseph's raised **£358.56** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!** APF/Missio's founder, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified today, 22nd May. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God and helps us to see how every prayer and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Visit missio.org.uk to find out how your support changes lives for the better.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass.

Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link: **St Gerard Majella**, Knowle, **Christ the King**, Knowle West, Bristol.

Pope's Message: Throughout May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for all young people called to live life to the full that, through Mary's life, they may discover how to listen and discern deeply. May they also discover the courage that faith brings, and a commitment to serve.