

# Parish of the Sacred Heart

# Sunday 9th May 2021

PSALTER 2 Year B Sixth Week of Easter 'The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.'

<u>Confessions</u>					
Sat 5.00pm-5.20pm		Weds 9.30am - 9.50am	On reasonable request		
Sun 9th May	5.30pm	First Mass of Sunday - Saturday Evening	Timothy & Andrea Tindal- Robertson 50th Wedding Anniversary		
	9.15am	Holy Mass	For the Gillies Family		
	11.15am	Holy Mass	People and the Parish		
Mon 10th May	10.00am	Holy Mass	John Lockton and deceased family members RIP		
Tues 11th May	10.00am	Holy Mass	For babies Archie and Hugo		
Wed 12th May	10.00am	Holy Mass - Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord	For the Peoples of India		
Thu 13th May	10.00am	Holy Mass - The Ascension of the Lord	People & the Parish		
	7.00pm	Holy Mass - The Ascension of the Lord	Private Intention		
Fri 14th May	10.00am	Holy Mass - St  Matthias—Apostle	Private Intention		

All Masses and Liturgies are now being live-streamed. **CLICK HERE** or go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZLydKWQ6CqG2utRNBeKmA

### Scripture references for 25.04.2021

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

I John 4:7-10

Psalm 97(98):1-4 John 15:9-17

#### WE ARE ALL GOD'S FAVOURITE

My dear friends, the scriptural readings of this Sunday are very interesting. It is a continuation of the faith confirmation among the Disciples of Christ. Last Sunday, Barnabas confirmed the faith of Paul among the other Disciples of Christ. He demonstrated how the Lord had arrested Paul (formerly known as Saul) on his way to Damascus and how he now preaches in the name of the Lord. And today, Peter confirms the faith Cornelius, his household and friends.

Cornelius, as the scripture tells us was a Jew known for his devout, righteous and God fearing life and charitable acts among his people. He lived differently like a Christian though a pagan while he had not encountered the Lord till the time the Lord sent an angel to him to make contact with Peter to break the walls of exclusivism among the Christian believers and to demonstrate that no one is more important than the other before God for we are all God's chosen people.

My dear friends, God is bigger than what we think of and he works in mysterious ways. He can use anyone irrespective of language, tribe or nationality to achieve his mission. He did not only reveal himself to his Apostle Peter —the missionary but also Cornelius, to whom he had sent him to. He revealed his mission to Cornelius and to Peter in different visions or apparitions. That is to show that no one has the prerogative of the Holy Spirit. He gives it to anyone he wills for we are all his children. That revelation was a great signal to the leadership of the Apostles that we all need to come together to promote God's cause for the salvation of all. And this is what Jesus wanted to prove to Peter when he sent him to Cornelius. And to prove it further to Peter, while he was still speaking to them, God poured out his Spirit not only Cornelius, his household but all who gathered there, the gentile people whom Cornelius had invited. This was a shock to Peter and a great amazement to Jewish believers who accompanied him on that Journey.

Having received the Holy Spirit, these men and women of the gentile world proclaimed God and spoke in different languages as the Spirit gave them utterance just as the apostles did on the Pentecost day. God broke sequence of reception of his gifts to demonstrate that everyone is his favourite. Hence, Cornelius household and his gentile friends received the Holy Spirit before baptism which ordinarily should have come first. Nothing whatsoever is impossible with God. The message of inclusion of everyone whether Jew, gentile or any other was well understood by Peter and the other believers.

The Lord used Cornelius and Peter to break the barrier of exclusiveness among the children of God which should no longer be the case before Christians today. Everyone belongs to God and we are all his favourite children. He treats everyone as if we are his or her only child. And that is the type of love God expects us to share among ourselves which St John speaks of in the second reading. He calls on us to live in love since it is the life of God. For John, whoever does not love, does not know God. In the same way, whoever knows God, loves and whoever loves, knows God. And this love is to be share from whichever side of the world one lives: Jerusalem, Caesarea, Jaffa, America, Asia, Africa, Exeter etc; it should make no difference. Whether one is Peter or Cornelius, John or any other, it is obedience to the law of love that proves one knowledge of God. Let us prove this love to each other every day to the glory of God and our own sanctification. Amen. Peace be with you.

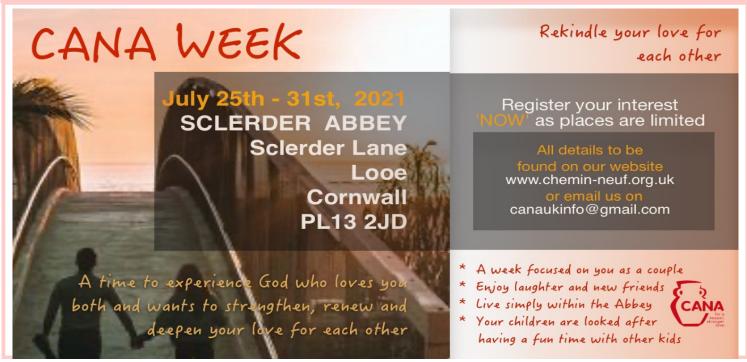
#### Question of the Week

"How am I being called to sacrifice my own priorities in order to serve others."



The Pope's Intentions - May
Universal Intention— The world of finance.

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



# **Thy Kingdom Come**

Once again the annual International Ecumenical Initiative of Thy Kingdom Come is promoting a novena of prayer from Ascension Thursday through until Pentecost Sunday, introducing more people to Jesus. This year it is encouraging us all to pray particularly for a minimum of five nominated friends or relatives, on a daily basis, that we wish to bring closer to Jesus. Bishop Mark has taken the lead on this evangelisation initiative and this can be viewed on the short clip at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOP Y-MDQ7E
Further information and resources are available at the Thy
Kingdom Come website: https://www.thykingdomcome.global

# Novena Prayer

Lord Jesus,

We pray for the confidence to be missionary disciples, sharing your Good News of salvation with those we meet in our daily lives. We bring before you in prayer those who have never known you, that the light of your truth may penetrate their minds and hearts, and those who have grown lukewarm in their faith that they may be reawakened to your graces. We commend to you those in need of your mercy that they will know the joy of your forgiveness (name the five people you want to pray for). We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Fundraiser for Pax Christi

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website <a href="www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/">www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/</a> for details on how you can sponsor them.

# Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

The Sixth Sunday of Easter is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians when Eastern and Western Christians come together in communion through prayer.

During the Prayers of the Faithful today, we shall pray for Eastern Christians. If you wish to support them through the projects of the Eastern Catholic Churches, please donate by:

- giving online at <a href="www.facecharity.org/give">www.facecharity.org/give</a>
- texting DAYOFPRAYER to 70450 to donate £10 (\*Texts cost £10 donation plus I standard rate message)
- writing a cheque made out to Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East, and sending to: Judge Sykes Frixou (O'Callaghan FACE Charity), York House, 23 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6YF

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East is launching a prayer group to receive a monthly prayer intention for Eastern Christians. To join visit: <a href="https://www.facecharity.org/prayergroup">www.facecharity.org/prayergroup</a>

## CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal and India

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with our experienced sister agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine



awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres.

Please watch the video of Father Paul Moonjely from Caritas India <a href="here">here</a>. You can donate online here: <a href="cafod.org.uk/give">cafod.org.uk/give</a>. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

# Exeter Foodbank—Food Shortages May 2021

Can you help by donating any of the following from the May priority list: **500g** bags of rice, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, shower gel and deodorant. Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding. Collection points Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhll); Tesco (exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (gladston Rd) Donate money online at this link.

# Rosary Stronghold May 2021

Daily online Rosary at 8.00pm

24th May - Rosary Day for Schools & Young People

30th May - National Rosary Relay Rally

31st may - Online Rosary with BP John Keenan

For further information email <a href="mailto:Antonia@walsingham.org.uk">Antonia@walsingham.org.uk</a>

www.walsingham.org.uk - www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk - www.carfingrotto.org



# Parish Rosary Group



Image by Fr. Augustyn Pelanowski OSSPE

We are praying in following intentions:

For Love of Jesus, conversion of sinners and reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Father, and Popes intention for the month

Our dearest Priests

Vocations

All of us praying this Holy Rosary

#### What is Rosary Rose?

A Rosary Rose is a group of people praying the Holy Rosary with a joint intention.

Every Day a group of 20 people pray for each other, for our families, for our priests and vocations, for the Pope's intention, and in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Each person will say a decade of the rosary (10 Hail Mary's). That means the entire rosary will be said for those intentions. The group will consist of 19 people including you in their prayer.

According to St Louis de Montfort, in his book The Secret of the Rosary, when we pray in common, the prayer of each person belongs to all the group and makes one great united prayer.

Also note that someone who says his Rosary alone only gains the merit of one Rosary, but if he says it together with 19 other people, each person gains the merit of 19 Rosaries!

#### How are we going to do it?

If you sign up, you will be given one of the 20 mysteries. The mysteries change every month, so in the next month you say the following mystery. For example, in the first month you say the first Joyful mystery, and in the next month you say the second Joyful mystery.

How do I pray?

Make sign of the Cross

Name the mystery and the intention

Say one Our Father

Say 10 Hail Mary's

Say one Glory Be

Say the Fatima prayer: O my Jesus forgive us our sins...

The person who has been given the 1st Joyful mystery also says the preceding prayers: the Credo, Our Father and 3 Hail Mary's; and the person who has been given the 5th Glorious Mystery also says the Hail Holy Queen at the end.

That is your 3-5 very fruitful minutes, every day. Full of graces!

Everyone is very welcome to sign up and join the group; guidance and support will be given.

Please call Ana on 07500373030 or email anajostazka@gmail.com

#### "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5)

Guided by the Shrines around the world, all the faithful during the month of May unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary to ask for the end of the pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities.

#### PRESS RELEASE

In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5).

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, entrusted by the Holy Father with the task of organizing the event, has extended this invitation to all the Shrines around the world, in order to promote the diffusion of the initiative in the relevant Regions, so as to reach priests, families, and all the faithful, inviting them to join in this prayer of intercession and hope to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic: for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased. These are some of the intentions that will punctuate our prayer to Our Lady.

Every Shrine around the world is invited to pray, in the language and manner used locally, asking for the resumption of social life, work and the many human activities that were suspended during the pandemic. This common appeal seeks to create an unceasing intercession, dispersed over the meridians of the world, which rises continuously from the entire Church to the Father through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For this reason, the Shrines are called to promote and solicit as much as possible the participation of the faithful, so that everyone can devote a moment to daily prayer, in the car, on the street, and thanks to communication technologies, with the *smartphone*, requesting the end of the pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities.

The Holy Father will open and close the prayer, along with the faithful around the world, from two significant locations within the Vatican City State. On May 1, Pope Francis will pray at Our Lady of Succor (or Our Lady of Help), an icon venerated as early as the seventh century depicted in

a fresco above the altar of Saint Leo, near the southern transept of the primitive Vatican Basilica, afterwards placed, where it still stands today, inside the new Saint Peter's Basilica erected by Pope Gregory XIII in 1578, at the Gregorian Chapel, where, the relics of Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Doctor and Father of the Church, are also kept. In 2013, during the Year of Faith, the icon underwent a new restoration. Since it was the first restoration carried out in the pontificate of Pope Francis, at that time newly elected, the words *SVCCVRRE NOS* and *FRANCISCVS PP. A. I.*, were engraved below the icon, thus entrusting the Pope to Our Lady of Succor.

On this occasion, the Holy Father will bless special Rosaries used particularly for this event, which will then be sent to the thirty Shrines directly involved. A number of families from parishes in Rome and Lazio will take part by reading and leading the recitation of the Holy Rosary, along with young people representing some of the New Evangelization Movements. Instead, on May 31, Pope Francis will conclude this prayer marathon from a significant place in the Vatican Gardens, of which further information will be given. Both of these moments will be accessible to persons with deafness and hearing difficulties through LIS sign language translation.

These thirty representative Shrines, scattered throughout the world, have been chosen to lead the Marian prayer each during one day of the month. These shrines are: Our Lady of Walsingham in England; Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary in Nigeria; Our Lady of Częstochowa in Poland; Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth; Blessed Virgin of the Rosary in South Korea; Our Lady Aparecida in Brazil; Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in the Philippines; Our Lady of Lujan in Argentina; Holy House of Loreto in Italy; Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; Virgin of the Poor at Banneux in Belgium; Notre Dame d'Afrique in Algeria; Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal; Our Lady of Health in India; Our Lady Queen of Peace at Medjugorje in Bosnia; St. Mary's Cathedral in Australia; Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in the United States; Our Lady of Lourdes in France; Meryem Ana in Turkey; Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre in Cuba; Our Lady of Nagasaki in Japan; Nuestra Señora de Montserrat in Spain; Notre Dame du Cap in Canada; National Shrine Our Lady Ta' Pinu in Malta; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Mexico; Mother of God in Zarvantysia in Ukraine; Black Madonna of Altötting in Germany; Our Lady of Lebanon – in Lebanon; Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii in Italy.

The official channels of the Holy See will broadcast the prayer said each day in each of these thirty Shrines at 6:00 p.m., according to time scheduled in Rome. A short liturgical guide has been prepared that provides some useful suggestions for sharing this moment in one's own community. The guide in Italian, English and Spanish can be downloaded from the website of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (pcpne.va).

# PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SHRINE LIST AND DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Day	Sanctuary	Daily Prayer Intention
	Vatican Basílica	For the entire world wounded by this pandemic
1	Our Lady of Walsingham (England)	For all the deceased
2	Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary (Nigeria)	For all those who have not been able to say goodbye to their deceased loved ones
3	Our Lady of Częstochowa (Poland)	For all those infected with the corona virus and all the sick
4	Basilica of the Annunciation (Israel)	For all expectant women and their unborn babies
5	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (South Korea)	For all children and adolescents
6	Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil)	For all young people
7	Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage (Philippines)	For all families
8	Our Lady of Luján (Argentina)	For all communication workers
9	Holy house of Loreto (Italia)	For all seniors
10	Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)	For all people with disabilities
11	Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
12	Our Lady of Africa(Algeria)	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
13	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal)	For all prisoners
14	Our Lady of Health (India)	For all scientists and medical research institutions

15	Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)	For all migrants
16	St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)	For all victims of violence and human trafficking
17	Immaculate Conception (U.S.A.)	For all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations
18	Our Lady of Lourdes (France)	For all doctors and nurses
19	Mother Mary's House (TurKey)	For all people at war and for world peace
20	Our Lady of Charity of Copper (Cuba)	For all pharmacists and health care personnel
21	Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan)	For all social workers
22	Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain)	For all volunteers
23	Our Lady of Cap (Canada)	For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters
24	To be confirmed	For all those who provide essential services
25	Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta'Pinu (Malta)	For all teachers, students and educators
26	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	For all workers and entrepreneurs
27	Mother of God (Ukraine)	For all the unemployed
28	Black Madonna of Altötting (Germany)	For the Holy Father, bishops, presbyters, and deacons
29	Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon)	For all consecrated men and women
30	Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italia)	For the Church
31	Vatican Gardens	For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life



St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon - Feast of St. Rita of Cascia Sat 22nd May 2021 Mass at 12.00pm followed by the Blessing and distribution of Roses for the sick

You are all very welcome to join us. Because of national restrictions places for the Mass must be prebooked. Please book online (<a href="www.stritascentre.org">www.stritascentre.org</a>) or ring the office on 01404 42635.

Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your order on our website and collect your items on site on the feast day.

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## **Linking Lives Devon**

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-loneliness-devon-tickets-151050398809

# **Let's Talk Loneliness**



How does
Befriending fit
with the church?

What can we do with just a few people?

Churches in Devon are invited to a conversation on reaching and supporting the socially isolated in your community and learn about Linking Lives' befriending models.



12th May via Zoom 10 to 11.30am



**Book now through Eventbrite!** 

### GIFT Growing in Faith Together - April update

On Saturday 10 April, Fr Jonathan joined us to share some reflections on Giotto di Bondone's 14th century fresco paintings in the Capella degli Scrovegni in Padua in Italy. To visit the chapel virtually and see some of the artworks visit <a href="this link">this link</a> Next Month we will begin the family friendly resources 'Jesus Lives' which supports families to explore Jesus' life and how his teachings can influence their own family lives.

WHAT IS GIFT? GIFT is for all families of faith: for families who have already made their Holy Communion or for families with children who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

BEDTIME CHATS All of the Bedtime Chats can be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: <a href="https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/">https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/</a> GET IN TOUCH Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 8 May. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

## The Exeter Catholic Youth Community (ECYC)

We wanted to let you know about our latest event: a virtual escape room produced by TearFund called "Cracking the Climate Silencer". We weren't sure at first, but the event was by far one of our best events held. 8 brave individuals joined together to attempt to disarm the powerful climate silencer technology, aimed at silencing any talk about improving the environment and protecting our climate. In the 60 minutes they had to complete the task, only 2 minutes separated their victory from defeat!

We will plan on holding this event again as it was very engaging and interactive on a virtual platform. We hold this on May 27th, from 7:15-8:30pm. If you would like to attend, please get in touch with Erik Renz at <a href="mailto:exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk">exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk</a>."

# Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

# Newsletter Attachments

Look and Ichthus PDF's (Children's Sunday Sheets) for May

#### Online donations

It is now possible to make your weekly loose plate offering and other donations on-line. \*\*All donations are anonymous.\*\*

Please use this link to make your online donation;



https://givealittle.co/campaigns/f94e8739-d2fd-4ce6-9fca-60470ef39403

**Alternatively,** you can go to the website; **https://www.sacredheartexeter.org/** Scroll down to the 'Parish News' section and click the highlighted 'Donate Here' text.

There is also a link on our Facebook Page; https://www.facebook.com/Sacred -Heart-Catholic-Church-Exeter-422138011310698

If you need further guidance please email the Church Office.

# **Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

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