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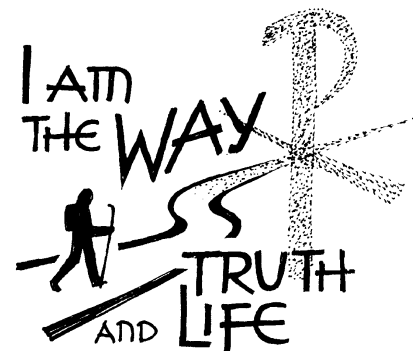
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	Antoinetta Macari RIP
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	John Mayock RIP
Monday	29 th	9.30 am	Intention of the Sullivan & O'Donovan Families
Tuesday	30 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	1 st	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	3 rd	9.30 am	Alizah Anne Lewis RIP
Saturday	4 th	10.00 am	Bill, Nell & Billy O'Keeffe RIP
		6.00 pm	Rita Dunhill RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.15 am	Alec & Moira Marsh RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Saturday is the Feast of the English Martyrs

COLLECTIONS: Church: £427 Dona: £60 The Education of Future Priests: £380 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peter Honiball, Richard Wells, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Sarah Johnstone, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: KITTY GRIFFIN and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Monica Day, Bernard Stone, Roy Jacobs, Margaret Dunne, Anne Wesley, Ellen Leahy, John Field, Nick Brown, Linda Dixon-Smith, Peggy Mardell. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. COLLECTION FOR THE 'GATWICK DETAINEES'. The Gatwick Detainees are people who have fled to Briton in the hope of finding safety. They are held in prison-like conditions and usually arrive with nothing at all. They are held in Gatwick until their case is heard. Teresa is organising a two-week collection of clothes for them which will start next weekend. There will be sacks available in the West Porch and the items needed are: MEN's (only) medium T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts and jogging bottoms. Also, large sweatshirts, hoodies and any second hand trainers. There is a real need for these items only. Thank you.

4. THIS WEEKEND Eleanor Stepney, one of our regular 8.15 am Altar Servers, will be asking you to sponsor her. She is going to Lourdes as a Red Shirt this year and to raise the money needed, she is doing a 'Walk and Swim'. Eleanor will walk and swim (1 length in pool is 1 mile) 825 miles - the distance from English Martyrs to Lourdes

5. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO': Many thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way the excellent evening last Saturday. £614 was raised for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

6. CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING will take place on 18th May at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training (18-May-2024) - ChurchSuite Events

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7. CHOIR PRACTICE resumes this Tuesday at 7.00 pm

8. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is Saturday, 11th May. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

9. TO ALL WHO HOLD A DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. This is the latest information from the Diocese. 'Please be aware that our online Safeguarding Training is changing. All volunteers must complete the CSSA Level 3 course which can be accessed via this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>. Please see our new Safeguarding Training Poster (in the Front Porch). The CSSA Level 3 course is now the only training we are offering. The training has been piloted and has received positive feedback including: *'It is Church related training. It is just one course with both Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults included. We no longer need consent from volunteers as they will enrol themselves for the training.*

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES: Everyday items are always needed: Coffee, Sugar, Long-life Milk, Carton juice - large and small, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals. Many thanks to all who are able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS FATHER LIAM SAYS: One of the greatest places of pilgrimage in Europe is Santiago de Compostella in North West Spain – connected with the veneration of St James the Apostle. For centuries before the Reformation huge numbers from all over Europe made their way along many pilgrim routes using all available means of transport – and on foot – to the Shrine of St. James.

At this period there were many great shrines in England attracting huge numbers of pilgrims. The country was criss-crossed with a network of shrines, relics and images to which people flocked to express their devotion and strengthen their faith. Chaucer in his Canterbury Tales shows us how people hoped to combine something resembling a holiday with a great religious experience. He tells the story – now 600 years old – of a band of pilgrims setting out from Southwark and telling their tales as they journey to Canterbury and the Shrine of St Thomas a Becket. But there were many towns and cities with shrines to their saints such as St Cuthbert at Durham, St Richard at Chichester, St Swithun at Winchester and St Thomas Cantilupe at Hereford.

Pilgrimages and the cult of relics of the saints were rejected by the Lollards in the 15th Century as false piety. To them God was present everywhere so no place or image was holier than any other. They were followed by Humanists such as Erasmus who condemned the avarice associated with such shrines with their huge collection of gold and jewels. The shrines contained a substantial part of the wealth of the monasteries. The destruction of the shrines was seen by Henry VIII and his chief minister Thomas Cromwell as a great opportunity to fill the Royal coffers. At the same time it would help to satisfy demands of the Reformers who condemned the monastic life and the veneration of saints. That Henry was able to do this without wide spread public unrest is a testimony to the strength of his rule and to the fear he engendered.

In 1538, the commissioners that Cromwell controlled were directed to demolish all the noted shrines. Their destruction was to take away 'the shrine and houses with all the ornaments of the said shrine and all other relics, silver, gold and all jewels belonging to the said shrine and see them conveyed safely unto our Tower of London.' They were, in addition, 'to see that both the shrine and the place where it was kept be destroyed even to the ground.'

The first shrine to be destroyed was St. Edmund's Shrine at Bury. It was found to be 'very cumbersome to deface' but it yielded five thousand marks of gold, silver and jewels for the Royal coffers. What the Kings commissioners were hacking to pieces was the masterpiece of 13th century art commissioned by King Henry III in 1269. The same monarch was responsible for the even more impressive Shrine to St Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey. Begun in 1241, work continued until 1270. It replaced an earlier shrine to hold the remains of St Edward which was commissioned by Henry II in 1163. The newer shrine was visited by the late Pope Benedict and Archbishop Rowan Williams. It is the only shrine to survive reasonably intact. Queen Mary had half restored it by the time of her death in 1558 and had the saints body returned to it. The shrine of the saintly King Edward was venerated by every King of England from King Canute to Henry VII but it yielded Henry VIII benefits of a different kind.

A former monk wrote a document in the Elizabethan period called 'The Rites of Durham' which gives an account of the splendours and rituals at St Cuthbert's monastery before the Reformation. After pilgrims had said their prayers they made an offering. 'If it were either gold, silver or jewels straightaway it was hung on the shrine.' It contained 'the most sumptuous and richest jewels in all this land.' The commissioners 'found many worthy and goodly jewels, but especially one precious stone which by the estimate of these three visitors and their skilful lapidaries was a value sufficient to redeem a prince.' This doubtless would have contributed to one of the Royal jewels!

Over the centuries the shrine of St Thomas a Becket, martyred for his loyalty to the Church and the Pope against King Henry II in 1170 had attracted lavish gifts. The demolition of this shrine was the grand climax to Henry's campaign of destruction of the shrines and relics. Eight men were needed to lift the two coffers into which the gold and jewels were packed and no less than 26 carts removed all the other material from Canterbury. Many of these items would have been major works of medieval art. Not one is known to have survived from any of the shrines.

The destruction of relics and shrines were also used for propaganda purposes. Some images were brought to London, exposed to the public ridicule and burned in bonfires. In July 1539 Cromwell himself set light in Chelsea to a bonfire of images including Our lady of Walsingham and Our Lady of Ipswich.

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