

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 090521

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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; A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48.

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Response: Psalm 97: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John 4: 7-1

God is love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said; 'If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and shall come to them'. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15: 9-17.

No one can have greater love than to lay down their life for their friends.

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 forever. alleluia.

Parishes Mass times and Intentions LS = Live Stream

Saturday 8th at SH 5pm Holy Souls LS

Sunday 9th at SH 9.30am In honour of Our Lady LS

Sunday 9th at EM 11 am Patricia McKee RIP LS

Monday and Tuesday 10, 11th Mass SH , LS at 10am

Wednesday 12th SH at 7pm Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord.

Robert Hughes RIP Public Mass LS

Thursday 13th Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord-no obligation this year.

EM 11 am Private Intention Public Mass with one School class. No LS.

Friday 14th at 10 am SH LS Bishop William 75th Birthday Ints.

FR GRAHAM; Fr Graham has had his medical treatment and is recovering well. He will be ending his isolation at the end of the week.

THURSDAY MASS AT EM. We are pleased EM School, one class at a time, will be joining us again for our Thursday Mass at 11 am. All welcome. This week we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord.

UPDATE ;We are making arrangements for the children from EM School who have not been able to make their First Holy Communion due last year to celebrate FHC on Saturday 12th and 19th June. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturdays 10th and 17th July. This year's cohort of children will make FHC in the autumn term.

We have not been able to arrange classes and celebrations of the children from SH whose preparation was interrupted last year . We will do this when it is practicable and the current restrictions on gathering are fully relaxed .

RIP ;Recently Deceased : Patricia McKee . Funeral Mass at English Martyrs Friday 21st May at 12 noon . Burial at Watts Lane. May she rest in peace.

PUBLIC MASS: It is good to see a gradual return to Mass. All are welcome. It is good to see you again. Please return when you feel comfortable. Thankfully the Covid situation in the UK has been improving rapidly, but please remember it is still very important to maintain the precautions – sanitise your hands and keep a 2m distance from one another and observe the spaces in seating. Thanks again to those who have been stewarding and sanitising at our gatherings and helping to keep us safe.

ROSARY IN MAY; Pope Francis has asked us to pray the Rosary during this month, the month dedicated to our Lady, with the intention of the relief of the Pandemic. We remember that there are many countries who are still in the middle of a grave crisis and in need our support and prayers. Let us remember families in our parishes who have family in India and have concern for their wellbeing. If you are unable to pray the whole Rosary please consider praying a daily Decade of the Rosary for this intention.

APPEAL FROM CAFOD FOR HELP FOR INDIA PANDEMIC

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church 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. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic. There will be a collection basket available after Mass for cash donations. Please make out any cheque to CAFOD. Thanks for your support.

We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, and deliver us from all dangers. O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Amen. c