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Fr Neil Vincent

Rev Felim McCarthy (Deacon)

Mass Intentions

Sunday 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass - Peggy McKay RIP
11:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass - People of the parish

Monday 10th - Feria

10:00am Mass -

Tuesday 11th - Feria

10:00am Mass -

Wednesday 12th - Feria

10:00am Mass

Thursday 13th - The Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation

10:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Friday 14th - St. Matthias

10:00am - Mass

Saturday 15th - Feria

10:00am Mass

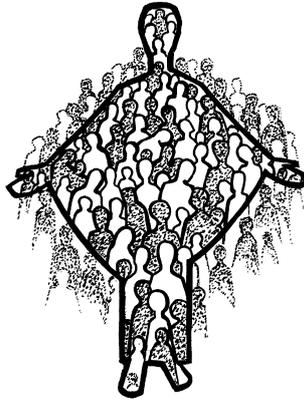
Sunday 16th - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass -
11:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass - People of the Parish

To me May is really a special month. Not only because of the bank holidays but because it is also that summer is near. Liturgically there are some great feast of the church. As the month is dedicated to Mary the mother of the Lord, there are also feasts of our Lady: our lady of the sacred heart, Our Lady of Fatima, and Mary Mother of God to name a few. Also on the 23rd we celebrate St William of Rochester, the patron of our school. We also celebrate St Augustine who brought Christianity to England, St Bede the venerable and also various other saints. May is really special personally, as I celebrated my 16th priestly anniversary last Friday. I always remember my ordination Mass which was my first Mass as a priest and now as your parish priest to give thanks to God for giving me a share in his Son's priesthood. We have much to do in the way of rebuilding. Each one of us is called to mission to build our church here in Rochester. Let us always be confident as the early Christians were in the risen Lord. Let us pray to our Mother in heaven to guide the church that we may love her Son our Lord Jesus Christ and in joy reach out to those around us. Let us always remember the love of God is more powerful than any evil or even pandemic. As I begin my 16th year as a priest I consecrate each one of you to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please pray for me. God bless. Fr Neil.

Collections 02/05/21: Gift Aid £213 Loose £ 80.67 + Direct Debits £ 290 = £ 583.67 Thank you.

'God does not have favourites, any-one of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him'



Gift Aid Envelopes from April 2021: Are ready for collection.

New Registration System for Masses: We were informed that our registration system was not secure enough. So we are now following a system where a single sheet is signed and put in the box provided. Please follow this new procedure to help with track and trace.

Crowning of our Lady: Pope Francis has asked us to pray the rosary this month of May dedicated to Mary the mother of the Lord. Today at the end of the 11:00am Mass we will have a ceremony of crowning of our Lady and praying a decade of the rosary.

Saturday church cleaning Thanks to all who are helping. Through your effort we are able to have a beautiful and clean church. The cleaning teams meet after Mass on Saturdays at 10:30am. Please come along if you like to help.

Congratulations to Mia Williams: Who was baptised in our church yesterday, the first since lockdown. We welcome Mia and her family into our church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Records Update: We are in the process of updating the parish records. Please take a Registration (Pink) Form home with you to complete and return next week. This will ensure we have the correct details for everyone in the Parish. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you, please email: rochester@rcaos.org.uk to request one.

New Sanctuary lighting: If you thought the altar looked different, it is because of the new lighting which makes the colours of the altar stand out. Thank you for your generosity, we are able to afford the maintenance.

The 5 year electricity inspection report: which is commissioned by the diocese has deemed our church as "unsatisfactory", remedial work would need to be completed soon of the defects.

Donations to Fr Ki: Some people found it difficult to send funds to Uganda. His parish has been severely affected by Covid. Fr Ki is looking into setting up a food bank, you are welcome to offer your support. Mark your donations, as "Donations to Fr Ki", and give it to Fr Neil or put it in the collection. The Diocesan Finance office will then send the funds to Fr Ki.

Newsletter: If you take a newsletter for use at Mass, **please do not leave it behind.** Please take it home with you. Thank you.