



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YRB/II

Saturday 27th April: Easter Feria

9:30am The Most Holy Rosary

12.00pm Baptism Franco

1pm Baptism Elyse

5-5.45pm Confessions

6pm Mass *Placido Alcomendras Senior† (anni)*

Sunday 28th April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YrB/II

9am Mass *Claire-Louise Brindley (ints)*

10.30am Mass *Ainsley Alberts (ints)*

12noon Mass *Pro Populo*

4.45pm Table Tennis

Monday 29th April: ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VD,

Patron of Europe, Feast.

10am Mass *Rev John Warnaby†*

10.45am Church Cleaning

7pm Lectio Divina

Tuesday 30th April: St Pius V, Pope.

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

10am Mass *George Turner†*

6pm Divine Mercy

7pm PPC meeting

Wednesday 1st May: t St Joseph the Worker, day of Prayer for God's Blessing of Human Work

10am Mass *Amalia Liguori†*

10.30am Marian Devotions

12noon Funeral Elizabeth "Heather" McCrae

7pm Women Fellowship Group

Thursday 2nd May: St Athanasius, BD, Memorial **CHURCH CLOSED ALL DAY**

Friday 3rd May: SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles, Feast

10am Mass *Regina & John Otite†*

10.30am Adoration and Benediction

6.30pm Confirmation Group & Youth Group

Saturday 4th May: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Feast

9:30am The Most Holy Rosary

12 noon Baptism Amarachi Onye

5-5.45pm Confessions

6pm Mass *Robert Gibson†*

Sunday 5th May: SIXTH SUNDAY EASTER Yr B

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

9am Mass *Jameela (B'day)*

10.30am Mass *J. K. Vitalie (ints)*

12noon Mass *Pro Populo*

4.45pm Table Tennis

Tea and Coffee

Every Sunday after 9am and 10.30am Mass

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday – 10am

Saturday – 6pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00noon

Confessions Every Saturday 5-5.45pm

MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

May is the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics and making holiday plans. It's also the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honour Mary, Mother of God.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity & in Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centring around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of 'Tricesimum', or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honouring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the 19th century and remains the practice today.

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.



NEWS

In the Parish

THE POPE'S INTENTION'S FOR APRIL:

For the dignity of women: That "the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture." The prayer intention includes praying for an end to the discrimination many women face in different parts of the world

THE NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER.

During Easter: New Members of the Church; Vocations; Human work; The right use of the media; The Church, especially at Pentecost.

CHURCH CLOSURE

St. Luke's will be closed this Thursday 2nd for use as a Polling Station. There is no access at any time for any reason.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE ORTONS

We will be at the Peterborough Celebrates Festival in Nene Park and look forward to being part of the community and sharing God's love. We would like to involve as many from our congregations as possible, and we need volunteers needed to run craft and/or chat to festival-goers. Please could you commit to an hour or two on Saturday 18th May between 2-5pm? Also, does anyone have a gazebo we could borrow? Contact: office@stlukesorton.org

SUNDAY ROAST LUNCH AT ST LUKES

Enjoy a carvery style roast on Sunday 26th at 1.45pm or 3.15pm with drinks and dessert, for £10. All profits to parish funds. Please see poster on noticeboard and contact: office@stlukesorton.org

YOUTH MASS

At 12noon on Sunday 12th May we invite all of our young people at secondary school to bring a youth feel to Mass and enjoy a bring and share lunch together. If you can help, perhaps with music, contact: office@stlukesorton.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. There will now be a coach from Peterborough, leaving St. Luke's at 8.45am and calling at the other two city parishes on the way. A very limited number of seats are available at £10 each - book today to avoid disappointment! Contact: office@stlukesorton.org

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS RETREAT

Retreat Day for those Considering a Possible Vocation to the Priesthood At the parish of Thetford, on Saturday 11th May, beginning with Mass at 10.30am. Talks, prayer and reflection led by our vocations team, with lunch and refreshments provided. Contact Fr Pat Cleary: vocations@rcdea.org.uk

MANY THANKS

The collection for the training of our diocesan seminarians raised £650. Any further donations in support of our future priests preparation can be handed to Fr Jeffrey.

WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION

The Mass this Tuesday 30th April for the Peterborough Walsingham Association will be held at St Oswald's Church at 10 am, followed by coffee and a chat. All welcome

ADULTS FOR THE SACRAMENTS

There seem to be a few in need of Baptism, First Holy Communion or reception into the Church. Instead of waiting until next Easter, please contact the office now and we will run preparations.

CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the middle of the conflict are now facing yet another crisis - hunger. People are running out of food, water and medicine and many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. Please donate today to help meet these urgent, basic needs. To find out more and to help, please see: cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC will meet this Tuesday 30th at 7pm in church to discuss forthcoming events and to advise the parish priest.

SAFEGUARDING

Please supervise **children** at all times and do not send them to the toilets unaccompanied.

CHILDRENS MASS

Next Sunday **5th May**, our children lead the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. If you have a child who would like to help with the welcome, prayers or readings please email Yoyo in the office: office@stlukesorton.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday **9th May, 6.30pm**, new members aged @8+ are welcome to give it a try.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next meeting Saturday **11th May, 10.30am**.

CONFIRMATION

Next meeting Friday **3rd May, 6.30pm**.

YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting Friday **3rd May, 6.30pm**.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday **9th May**, from 10.30am to 11.30am. Come and join us for a Coffee and a chat. All welcome! Bring your friends!

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting Wednesday **1st May, 7pm**.

MENS FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting Thursday **9th May, 7.30pm**.

CHURCH CLEANING

Now on **Mondays at 10.30am**. Please come and help, either occasionally or regularly. Many thank.

FUNERALS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Elizabeth 'Heather' McCrae, Requiem Mass **12noon Wednesday 1st May**.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

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