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6th Sunday of EASTER - Year B Psalter 2 May 5th 2024

DAILY WORSHIP

Mass will be <u>streamed daily from the Cathedral at 10:00 am –</u>in accordance with GDPR - see noticeboard for further information

Date	Mass	Intentions									
Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	People of the Parish Jacinto Palicas George & Mary (Int's)									
Monday 6th May	10:00 am	Varghese Mathew (Int)									
Tuesday 7th May	10:00am	Natividad Callueng (RIP)									
Wednesday 8th May	10:00am	Florence Frances Cooper (RIP)									
Thursday 9th May Ascension of the Lord	10:00am 6:00pm	Margaret McGuire (RIP)									
Friday 10thMay Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	A time of silent prayer Kath Harris (RIP)									
Saturday 11th May	10:00am	Holy Souls (RIP)									
Sunday 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Rosemary Woodley (RIP) People of the Parish Nadira Dawood & Polus Bihnam (RIP									

Intentions
St. Joseph's
Sunday 11:30am
Intentions:
O'Sullivan, White, Paul &
North Families (RIP)

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick or housebound in our parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died especially Fr. Michael Cole, and Fr. Sean Flannery OAR may their souls rest in peace.

Amen

MARY AND MAY; BRIEF EXCURSUS.



(A reflection by Fr. Kenneth Agu)

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42)

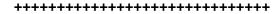
Times and seasons take their turns. Months and years repeatedly run their course. Yet, every one of us, perhaps, holds certain periods as more special than the others because of our personal experiences with such moments. For example: people do hold birthday months or wedding months as special to them, hence, observe special events to mark them. A similar thing applies to the relationship between **the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Month of May,** although it is neither a case of birthday nor that of wedding celebration. Rather, it is something much deeper. What then?

It was in 1945 that Pope Pius XII in his encyclical **Ad Caeli Reginam** ("To the Queen of Heaven") firmly confirmed May, following traditional precedents, as a Marian month. Hence, he established the feast of the **'Queenship of Mary'** on May 31st, although this feast was later moved to August 22nd whereby May 31st then became the feast of the Visitation of Mary after the Second Vatican Council. Hence, the entire month of May is used to honour Mary which would then culminate into May 31st with the celebration of the feast of visitation: that is, Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth who (being filled with the Holy Spirit) said to Mary: **"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb"** (Luke 1:42). This biblical witness has been incorporated into what we say today as the holy rosary which has formed a major pillar of the May devotion.

Let us, therefore, with a deeper conviction, join in honouring our Mother Mary as 'blessed' and asking for her maternal protection as well as visitation in our personal lives, in our families and in our parish. I wish you all a fruitful May devotion and God's special blessings in this special Marian









ROSARY ON THE BARBICAN: You are invited to join members of the Legion of Mary who will be reciting the Rosary in public on the Barbican each Sunday afternoon in Our Lady's month of May at 3pm. We shall be beneath the ancient Stella Maris statue a little way up the hill from the Mayflower Steps. For more details call Adrian on 01752 830113.



Ascension Day—Thursday 9th May

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven . Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am and 6:00pm at the Cathedral



Fr Michael Cole RIP Funeral arrangements:

Reception into Cathedral: Tuesday 14th May 4:00pm **Vigil Mass** at 6pm

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 15th May 11:00am **Burial** afterwards at Weston Mill cemetery.

All are welcome.



Flores De Mayo festival in Plymouth- 12th May 2024

Flores De Mayo (Flowers of May) is the annual festival to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in the Philippines during May. The popular and traditional festival is now celebrated in many parts of the world where Filipinos are residing.

The Festival of the Holy Cross (Santacruzan) is a legend and a festivity depicting the search and finding of the true Holy Cross by Queen Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, who was a new convert to Christianity. After the Holy Cross was found in Jerusalem and bought back to Rome, it was welcomed with a joyful Thanksgiving celebration.

Tentative programme:

3:30 PM assembly at sundial Plymouth City centre

4:30 PM crowning of the statue of the blessed Virgin Mary

4:45 PM procession leading to the cathedral.

5:30 PM flower offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the

young children

6:00 PM celebration of the holy mass

7:00 PM cultural show in the cathedral garden followed by Salu-Salo (food during the celebra-

tion.

Merlin McGuire [organiser] 07962 875223 / 01579 38390

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- → By Bankers' Order
- + By using special numbered weekly envelopes which are provided free of charge.

Any amount as long as the donation shows your name and the church as recipient.

What donations can be included?

The Gift Aid declaration that you sign is in favour of the Diocese rather than the Parish, so all donations to the Parish and the Diocese can be included, for example: Offertory Collections, Easter and Christmas offerings, mass stipends, Parish and Diocesan second collections. Please do consider Gift Aiding your donations if you have recently arrived in the parish.

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Flores De Mayo (Flowers of May) Is a festival in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in the Philippines during the month of May. This is a very popular and traditional festival that it is now celebrated in many parts of the world where there are Filipinos living there.

Santa Cruzan (Festival of Holy Cross) is a festivity depicting the searching and finding of the Holy Cross by queen Helena mother of Constantine the Great, who was a new convert to Christianity. After the Holy Cross was found in Jerusalem and brought back to Rome, it was then welcomed with a joyful celebration of thanksgiving. This celebration is very popular among the young ladies and men as well. They dress up to celebrate this thanksgiving event with a procession with the statue of the Virgin Mary.

Is now on its 12th year here in the Diocese of Plymouth. The 1st celebration was held in Callington, Cornwall in 2011, Plymouth in 2012 dash 2014, 2015 and 2016 in Exeter, 2017 in Truro Cornwall, 2018 in Torquay Devon, 2019 in Dorchester, 2022 Plymouth Cathedral and 2023 in Falmouth Cornwall. Due to COVID, we were not able to celebrate it in 2020 and 2021. Filipinos from Launceston, Tavistock, Plymouth, Looe/Polperro and of course Callington and many more towns as mentioned above joined the floral offering and celebration of the holy mass. A cultural show which showed typical Filipino dances and songs was performed. As a typical celebration, this was followed by food shared by everybody.

I am inviting as many friends as possible to be able to join this traditional event which many Filipinos here and abroad enjoy so much and are grateful that the Diocese of Plymouth allowed them to celebrate this. With the many nationalities who are parishioners at the Cathedral, I have requested Canon Mark if I can invite the Nigerian and Keralan Communities who are very strong Marian devotees to join us.

I would appreciate if some of the ladies what participate in the procession in their traditional costume as much as possible. The young children are also invited to join as angels to offer flowers to the statue of the blessed Virgin Mary.

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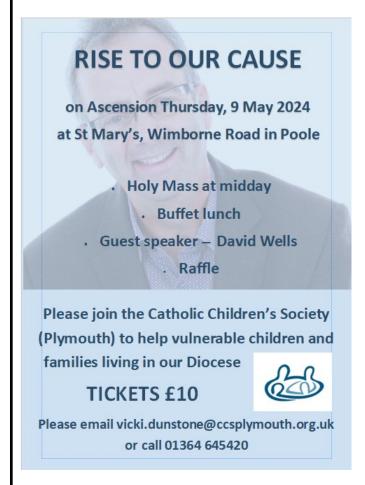
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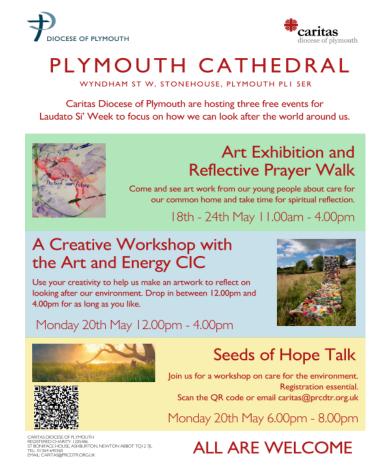
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Youth Adventure Residential 24th – 26th May 2024, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey

This is the 3rd year of running this event. It's aimed at those aged 10-14. Those that have attended these residentials talk about enjoying meeting other Catholics from across the diocese along with a chance to explore their faith. Many of the friendships have continued to grow since the residential and they seek each other at other events. The adventures include caving and bushcraft, with many other challenges and activities threaded throughout the weekend. There is a recommended contribution of £100 to cover costs. For further information contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Rise to our Cause





Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter April 2024

Welcome to our Diocesan newsletter for April, a month liturgically dedicated to The Holy Spirit. This month we are delighted to share some wonderful contributions on this uplifting theme.

NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Easter First reading

A reading from the Act of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!" Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what it right is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth ring out your joy. (R)

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another

since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia,

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord



Plymouth Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Boniface, Plymouth.

Canon Mark O'Keeffe - Cathedral Dean

Sunday, 5th May 2024

The 6th Sunday of Easter - Solemn Mass at 10am

Entrance Hymn

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

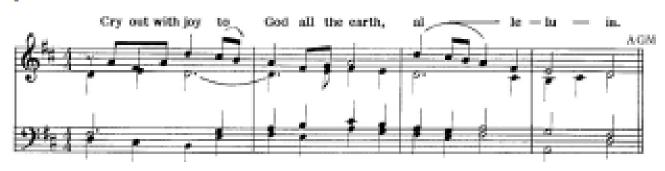
Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison Christe eleison, Christe eleison Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Gloria in Excelsis Glory to God in the highest,

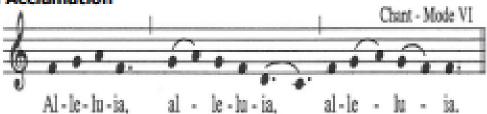
and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we alorify you. we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King. O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world. have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

Responsorial Psalm



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.





Offertory Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! power and majesty concealing by your humble birth: Yours the glory...

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated, victim crucified! death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory...

Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory...

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acc.

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

This Is My Body, Broken For You, Bringing You Wholeness, Making You Free. Take It And Eat It, And When You Do, Do It In Love For Me.

This Is My Blood Poured Out For You, Bringing Forgiveness, Making You Free. Take It And Drink It, And When You Do, Do It In Love For Me.

Back To My Father Soon I Shall Go. Do Not Forget Me; Then You Will See I Am Still With You, And You Will Know You're Very Close To Me.

Filled With My Spirit, How You Will Grow! You Are My Branches; I Am The Tree. If You Are Faithful, Others Will Know You Are Alive In Me.

Love One Another – I Have Loved You, And I Have Shown You How To Be Free; Serve One Another, And When You Do, Do It In Love For Me

Anthem to our Lady

Regina caeli,* laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

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You can also watch out for our posters at the back of the church which will let you know what is coming up soon.

If you would like to receive occasional newsletters about our work and get new ideas to reach out to those around you, please contact Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS -May

FOR the Formation of Men & Women Religious and Seminarians Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

See also:

VIDEO



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Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Good News— The Cathedral is now available again for: Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services following the lockdown. If you want to discuss or book a date for your service or ceremony please call or email us and we will be happy to help.









Latest Newsletter of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

The **Catholic Children's Society** is a child welfare agency covering the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth which consists of Cornwall, Devon and most of Dorset. For the latest news use the link below

Newsletter

Helping families stay connected

As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free

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of charge.

- Are you concerned about injustice in our world?
- caritas diocese of plymouth
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- Would you like support and encouragement?
- Are you already taking action and want to inspire others?

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- Opportunities for action,
- Access to related agencies,
- Friendship, solidarity and mutual support

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email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

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CAN YOU HELP?

Patients at Mount Gould Hospital appreciate the opportunity to attend Sunday services in the Hospital Chapel, however they need some assistance to get there by being pushed in wheelchairs or accompanied. As the Hospital continues to expand, the Chaplaincy Team is seeking Volunteers to join them in this worthwhile pastoral ministry. If you have 2 hours that you could commit to on a regular rota from 1-3 pm on a Sunday, the Lead Chaplain would love to hear from you: please e mail pamela.howarth1@nhs.net



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