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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

9 May – 10 May 2020

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER



This week's readings speak powerfully of faith, hope and trust in God. God's word inspires, sustains and encourages us as we continue to live with the impacts of current events. St Peter (Second Reading) speaks of the difficulties of living without faith, and, rejoices that those who are believers can be close to Jesus and become a holy people living in the light of God. In the Psalm we are invited to remember God as the source of hope in difficulty, and to offer praise and thanksgiving with joy. The Gospel is part of Jesus's farewell to his disciples. Although he will leave them physically, he asks them not to be troubled but to trust in God. He invites us also to trust. We will not be left alone, but will know our Risen Lord as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and be enabled to live the way, truth and life of Jesus for others. Let us ask Jesus for the grace to live this week in hope, trust and joy. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

#### Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	9	Saturday <i>Easter feria</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ann Phiri (DOB) (M Blair)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Intention of Keith Whitcombe (M Blair)
Monday	11	Monday <i>Easter feria</i>	12.00 pm	Holy Mass	Kay Slater† (U O'Malley)
Tuesday	12	Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr</i>	9:15 am	Holy Mass	Jeremy Hope (F & M Mainini)
Wednesday	13	Wednesday <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Waddell† (B Mitchell)
Thursday	14	Thursday <i>Feast of St Matthias, Apostle</i>	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	Intention of Helen Torres (W Crawford)
Friday	15	Friday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Edna O'Malley† (C & A Phelps)
Saturday	16	Saturday <i>Easter feria</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Joseph Rooney† (The Rooney Family)

### WEEKLY LIVE-STREAMED MASS TO CELEBRATE FRONTLINE WORKERS

Every Thursday households across the UK clap from their front doors and windows at 8pm to recognise the sacrifices and efforts made by NHS and social care staff, as well as key workers. Masses to celebrate frontline workers have been live-streamed for the people for the past two weeks. The next Masses will be at 7pm on the following dates:

**Thursday 14th May by Bishop Robert Byrne, Newcastle Cathedral**  
**Thursday 21st May by Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral**  
**Thursday 28th May by Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral**

Links for each live streaming of these Masses can be found by visiting the respective cathedral's webpages.

### MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr Naz to celebrate Mass on behalf of the people of the parish. Please find time to make an act of Spiritual Communion by saying the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.*

**Masses Online** Many parishes live-stream Masses & there are many resources online. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website or follow this link: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

**Pope Encourages The Faithful to Pray Rosary at Home** Pope Francis has written a Letter for the Month of May to all the faithful, encouraging them to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May. In the letter, published on the feast of St Mark the Evangelist (25 April), the Pope notes that it is a tradition to pray the Rosary at home with the family during this month. This year, he continues, "the restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view". That is why he is proposing to everyone "rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May", whether individually or as a group, "making the most both opportunities". Pope Francis also proposes two new prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. In his letter, he assures the faithful that he too will be reciting those prayers throughout the month of May, "in spiritual union with all of you". Pope Francis's letter and the two new prayers he has proposed are posted on the parish website

### Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners

If you would like help or support during lockdown, please contact the parish office or call Chris & Liz Burger on 01886 832729. (Your details will be used by parishioners to contact you only so long as you wish us to do so. Your information will be held securely on the basis of your consent by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdioceses.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** by appointment. Please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

**Anointing of the Sick** To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

**MISSIO** Please visit the Parish website to read a letter from the director of MISSIO re:COVID-19 in countries without the means to respond effectively to the crisis. You can support the church overseas by visiting <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>.

**JITHIN'S run for CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal** with fellow Seminarians from the Royal English College, Spain has raised £3,050. Thank you to all supporters!  
**Parish Census & Database** Thank you to all who completed a census. They have been entered on to a

secure database provided by the Birmingham Archdiocese. There are still a few parishioners who have not completed a census form. If you have not yet completed a form & wish for the parish to hold your contact details, please contact the parish office? A form will be emailed to you. Forms require a signature giving the parish permission to hold your personal details.

**Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank:** Coffee 100g, tinned potatoes 400g, tins of rice pudding, UHT milk 1 litre, tinned fruit, small and medium washing powder bio and nonbio, adults and children's toothpaste and toothbrushes, ladies and men's deodorants, shampoo, shower gel, men's razors, hand wash, washing up liquid, surface wipes, surface cleaner. Whilst the church remains closed, please leave any donations which you are able to donate at any of the supermarkets which have a FB basket. Donations can be left also at Lyttleton Well. It is manned from 10am to 4pm. Thank you all for your continued support. As you can imagine, FB is very, very busy as so many families struggle to get by in these unprecedented times. Thank you all.

**The ecumenical intention this week is for Christian Aid Week** Local Christian Aid committee; house-to-house collections will not take place this year, but if you would like to donate this, please visit: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals>.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For Deacons** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Innes.** Barbara was a much-loved member of the St Joseph's community. She was a member of the Thursday Group for 20 years and The Catholic Women's League before that. Barbara was central to the life of the parish and will be very much missed.

Let us keep her and her family in our prayers.

### PRAYER DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril

and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease

and assist those whose skill and art

can put an end to this affliction.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all key workers who care for the most vulnerable in our community and especially teachers, parents & pupils at St Joseph's Primary School. Lord, be with them & sustain them in their daily service. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:** Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica, Mary G (Pauline Kirton's stepmother). We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen.