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Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday 21st May 2023

Acts 1: 12-14

1 Peter 4: 13-16

John 17: 1-11

Our central challenge from the Holy Spirit in today's readings is, with His grace, to rejoice in our sufferings for the Faith. For the more we suffer the more we are identified with Jesus who has liberated us from the bondage of sin by his suffering and death. Today's first reading tells us how the apostles waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit Who would enable them to preach and bear witness to Christ in spite of persecutions. In the second reading, Peter challenges his early Christian audience and us to view and accept suffering as an opportunity to be more fully one with Jesus. The Gospel gives us the beginning of the "High Priestly Prayer in which Jesus prays for himself and for protection and unity for his disciples. In the first part of the gospel passage, we listen today, Jesus prays for himself and his chosen apostles. He prays for the protection and unity of his disciples. In the second part, Jesus commends his apostles to the Father and prays for them because they have accepted the word of God and acknowledged his Divine origin as the Messiah. They have put their trust in Jesus and His Father. Jesus prays that they may act as agents of truth and love in the world, that they may be protected from evil, and that they may be one.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Theophilus Thomas RIP 11th anniversary	Saturday 20th May St Bernardino of Siena Born in 1380 near Sienna in Italy. Orphaned aged 6 and brought up by a pious aunt. Obtained a degree in law from Sienna University. Joined Confraternity of Our Lady attached to hospital. In 1400 cared for victims of plague. Took charge of the hospital. Joined Franciscans. Ordained a priest. Preached across Italy from 1417 against abuses of the day. Unique preaching style. Projected his voice so thousands could hear him on themes relevant to people's lives rather than liturgy of day. Could mimic and act, using humour to shock or reduce his audiences to laughter. Started feast of <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> and IHS monogram which was adopted. Vicar General 1438 to 1442 of Franciscans. Died 1444 aged 64.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter Joseph Mathew RIP 7th Anniversary
First Communion Training 4.45 to 5.45 6.30pm Mass	Monday 22nd May St Rita of Cascia Born in 1381 in Cascia central Italy. Wanted to be a nun but obeyed her parents and married aged 12 to an older noble who was brutally violent. 18 years of unhappiness. Had two sons. Her unfaithful husband eventually asked forgiveness but was killed in a <i>vendetta</i> with rival noble family. Her two sons died and Rita asked to join a Convent but was turned down due to many nuns being from the rival family. Needed to reconcile feuding families. With great courage she succeeded. Called "Peacemaker of Cascia". Aged 36, she joined the monastery and worked in the infirmary caring for sick nuns. While praying before a crucifix, Rita received a wound on her forehead similar to stigmata. Had mystic experiences during 40 years in the Convent and miracles occurred associated with her life and after her death 22 nd May 1457 aged 76.
10 am Mass Ammal Abraham RIP 41 days after death	Tuesday 23rd St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi Born in 1566 at Florence in Italy. Made her First Communion aged 10 and a vow of virginity. Experienced her first ecstasy aged 12 in the presence of her mother. Sent to a monastery for her education then recalled to marry which she rejected. Joined Carmelite monastery in Florence which allowed daily Communion. After 2 years of her novitiate became dangerously ill and made her profession before she died in a private chapel lying on a cot. Then had an ecstatic event and recovered. Her ecstasies continued for many years recorded in 5 large volumes dictated to other nuns in the convent. Did not stop her being novice mistress and sub-Prioress. Died exhausted aged 41. Shrine in Santa Maria in Florence for pilgrims.
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 24th. St David, King of Scotland Born in 1084 in Scotland the youngest son of King Malcolm III and Queen St Margaret of Scotland. King Malcolm and his son Edward killed in battle and David's mother died of grief. David's uncle Donald then seized the throne. David and his brothers escaped to England for safety under the protection of King William Rufus. An army was raised in England and David's brother Edgar captured the throne and started reforms in the Church and State and was liked and respected as son of greatly loved Queen St Margaret. After 10 years he died and Alexander, David's brother, took the throne and continued the reforms. After 17 years David became king, having spent 31 years in the English Norman court. As King David he continued the reforms started by his brothers but also introduced Norman style structure. Founded many monasteries, built churches, established bishoprics, developed towns and built castles to protect Scotland. He was loved and respected for his piety and generosity to the poor. His sister Matilda was married to King Henry I in England whose two sons died at sea and their daughter, also called Matilda, was heir to the throne. On the death of King Henry, the English nobles rejected Matilda and crowned a grandson of William the Conqueror King Stephen. With his niece having the throne snatched from her, King David carried out raids on northern England and extended his kingdom south to Carlisle and Newcastle until eventually a treaty was agreed

10 am Mass	Thursday 25th St Bede the Venerable Born in 673 in Monkton near Jarrow on the River Tyne. Educated at Benedictine monastery of Monkwearmouth by Abbot St Benedict Biscop. New Abbot Coelfrith took him to monastery at Jarrow. In 686 the plague broke out in Jarrow. Helped to produce 3 copies of Latin Bible. Ordained a deacon at age 19. Aged 30 ordained a priest by St John of Beverley. Became interested in the method of calculating the date of Easter. Agreed with Roman way imposed earlier at Synod of Whitby with liturgy and monastic practices. Established dating from birth of Christ, Anno Domini, AD. Finished <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English People</i> 731. Died 735 at 62 in Jarrow
NO MASS	Friday 26th St Philip Neri Born in 1515 in Florence, Italy. Educated by Dominicans. Left Florence to live with wealthy merchant uncle. Rejected world of commerce. Moved to Rome. Live-in tutor for two boys. Studied philosophy and theology with the Augustinians. Rejected ordination. Considered he was more effective in evangelisation as a lay person. He would talk to people employed in wine bars, markets, banks and visit places no priest would have been welcome. Ministered to poor including prostitutes. He had a warm personality and sense of humour who gathered people around him to help in hospitals or pray in church. Founded Confraternity of laymen. Met for spiritual exercises and service to the poor and sick. Age 34 in 1549 ordained a priest to lead the group. Other priests joined him and community grew. Founded <i>Congregation of the Oratory</i> , community of secular priests. Died aged 80. St John Henry Newman was a member of the Oratory in Birmingham. Oratory in London.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass from Boby Thomas	Saturday 27th St Augustine of Canterbury Born 6 th century. In 595 he was Prior of St Andrew's Abbey in Rome. Pope Gregory the Great saw Anglo-Saxon slaves and said, "not Anglos but angels". Sent Augustine on a mission to England. Helped by Frankish clergy as his interpreters & introduction to pagan King Ethelbert whose wife was a Frankish Christian. He landed on Isle of Thanet near Ramsgate and met by King Ethelbert in 597. Example of Augustine and his monks holy and simple lives converted King Ethelbert. Gave land at Canterbury where Augustine founded monastery of St Peter and St Paul, later St Augustine's Abbey, and introduced Rule of St Benedict. Started building cathedrals in Canterbury and London. He revitalised Christianity in south England from Roman times.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday
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Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT



Race for Life for Cancer Research by Liz Challand and her two daughters. Chance of great prize opposite with £10 tickets

In memory of Michael, a family friend who lost his courageous battle to cancer a month ago aged just 33, on 21st May. I will be taking part in my 21st and final Race for Life for Cancer Research UK in Winchester, along with my two daughters. For our fundraiser we are raffling an array of prizes, with this wonderful luxury hamper as first prize, crammed with delicious treats, champagne and wine from Harrods, Fortnum and Mason, M&S and Waitrose. Tickets are available to you for a donation of £10 per ticket via our Cancer Research UK fundraising page, where you can also see 2nd and 3rd prizes on:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elizabeths-race-for-life-327469445>.

The raffle will take place at 8pm on the 28th May and the winners posted on my page. Your donations will raise much needed funds for this vital research. Please feel free to share this information. Thank you Liz.

Safeguarding Training for SVP parish is on Saturday 3rd June

Morning session for "Child Protection" is from 10 am to 12 noon

The afternoon session for "Working with Adults at Risk" is from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Safeguarding training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk. You do not need to attend both sessions if you only work with one of those groups e.g. Children's liturgists who only work with children at the church only need to attend the morning session. In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training. If you wish to attend please email: lizchalland@btinternet.com

An alternative is available at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead SL6 4PY on Saturday 17th June 2023.

Parish collection for last weekend 13th and 14th May

							SPECIAL COLLECTION ---		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£76	£19	£167.22	£242.54	£51.98	£556.74	---	---	---	£556.74