

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. John Henry Newman,
Pray for us.

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl
Rev. Sean O'Donovan

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

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Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.



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2nd May, 2021 Year B
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** taken from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 is about St. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of John 3:18-24. In today's verses the Beloved Disciple is urging his readers to believe firmly in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and to love their neighbour with a practical love, a love which will help him in his corporal and spiritual needs.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

We pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	1st	5.30pm	Cyril O'Donoghue
Sunday	2nd	9.30am	Albert Fitzsimmons
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Please note Mass on Bank Holiday Monday is 9.00am

Monday	3rd	9.00am	David Formby RIP Birthday
Tuesday	4th	10.00am	Requiem Mass Marie Nugent
Wednesday	5th		NO MASS
Thursday	6th	9.30am	Fr Willie Hennessy RIP
Friday	7th	12.00pm	Ann Redmond RIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	8th	5.30pm	Harry Powell RIP
Sunday	9th	9.30am	Josephine Smith RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Confessions commence at 4.45pm each Saturday.

Masses received this week: Marie Nugent RIP, John McDonagh 10th Anniversary RIP.

Enrolled into Mass Association this week:
David Delaney: Congratulations, Edward Caldwell 85th Birthday, Anne Coghlan 80th Birthday, Jo Smith RIP

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our community of prayer.

Millennium Group

Amazing news and huge thanks to an anonymous donor who gave £3,000 for our latest project the Angel Starfish Educare Centre in Capetown, South Africa. This meant we have reached our target, so I was able to present a cheque for £5,000 to Elaine, founder of the project. Due to original lockdown restrictions, I was unable to present a donation to NW Air Ambulance, but I have now been able to do that, so a cheque for £5,400 was given to their regional Fundraiser Emma to purchase the specialist uniforms for their paramedics. Both recipients would love to visit our parish to thank everyone for their generous support, so I will arrange this when restrictions are lifted. We are now looking for a new project. If you have any suggestions, please contact me Kath Nolan on 280 1553.

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Tuesday 4th May marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Below is a prayer Healing and Reconciliation

*Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.
Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.
Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

We apologise when Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses etc.

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The Parish of Christ the King: Gift Aid it.

The **Gift Aid scheme** allows us to claim back tax (25pence for every £1) you have already paid and as such, **Gift Aiding** benefits the Parish at no extra cost to you! You can use Gift Aid if the amount of tax you have paid in any tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next) is at least equal to the amount the charity is reclaiming on your behalf.

If you would like to sign up, just fill in a **gift aid form** available from the parish office. Some people who for whatever reason are away frequently or simply forget to bring their envelope each week have signed a **standing order**. If you wish to change to this method please ask for a **mandate form** by contacting the Parish office. For Parishioners who use Offertory envelopes but are not Taxpayers we thank you for your regular support.

New Offertory Envelopes for 2021/22

If you have not already done so, please can you collect your new envelopes from the church porch.

THANK YOU FROM THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

In 2020 our parish raised **£5,005.80** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations.

The Missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances—made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and to tell us that they pray for us all.

Collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

This collection will remain open for the next 4 weeks

Please keep in your prayers all our Seminarians, remembering especially Hugh Donleavy who is continuing his studies in Rome.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Baby Bethan Cooper, Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Keith Nieman, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Marie Nugent, Cheryl Kokolay and Josephine Smith. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Patricia Bentley, Mary Rivas, James Flaherty, Elizabeth Beaumont, Michael Marner.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Rory Oliver Kevin FAY and Jacob Mark SAXON

***The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Josephine Smith RIP***

***The St Paschal Baylon lamp burns this week for:
Harry Powell RIP.***

***The St Joseph Lamp burns this week for:
Those who have died at Lag B'Omer Religious festival
in Israel.***



Saints of the Day

3rd May– Ss Philip and James. Philip, an apostle, came from Bethsaida and after following John the Baptist became an early follower of Jesus. He persuaded Nathaniel (probably Bartholomew) to follow Jesus too. When the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus they approached Philip first. Tradition has him preaching the Gospel in Phrygia and dying in Hierapolis. James son of Alphaeus is sometimes identified with James whose mother stood by Jesus on the cross. Also he is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem and identified with the author of the Epistle of St James, otherwise nothing is known with certainty about him. His traditional iconographic emblem is a fuller's club because he was believed to have been beaten to death with it, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62 to be stoned.

4th May-The English Martyrs. In the New calendar for English Saints the 40 canonized martyrs (previous feast on 25th October) have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast, with other martyrs from the 16th and 17th centuries. These are now known as 'The English Martyrs'. It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs 42 have been canonized and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution.

Next Thursday 13th May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

The Logos & Literature: Elaborating the Divine A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors.

Every second Thursday at 7.30 pm from 29th April 2021. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

The Big Book of Christian Baby Names

We have received an email to let any parents-to-be or parishioners know about a new book which has just been published. The book contains thousands of beautiful Christian names for boys and girls, and it's the perfect gift for church-going couples who are currently expecting a baby. Please go to the Amazon UK Website www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0915M7RYF

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