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(CTK: 213 445 239 147;

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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday Obligation has been reinstated by the Bishops

Sat 21/05/22	12:30 CTK	6th Sunday of Easter	Mary Donegan (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM†		Fionula Moore (RIP)
Sun 22/05/22	10:00 CTK		Gary Taylor (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Janet & Chris Sullivan (RIP)
Mon 23/05/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Karen Jenson (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Ireleen Gilsean (Birthday Anni.)
	10:30 CTK		Funeral Service - Linda Ollerenshaw
Tue 24/05/22	09:30 Mon.†	Easter Feria	Mary Hollinsworth
	12:00 CTK		Teresa and Brian
Wed 25/05/22	08:00 Con.†	St Bede, Mem	Julia Casey (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Sr Marie Inglis
	19:00 CTK		Jack Foxall (RIP)
Thu 26/05/22	09:30 Mon.	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	Paddy O'Donnell (RIP)
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK†		Margaret Drewett (sick)
Fri 27/05/22	09:30 Mon.†	St Augustine of Canterbury, Feast	Mrs P Hill
Sat 28/05/22	10:00 Mon	Easter Feria	Mark Naylor (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Arthur McKeown (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Anne Melvin (RIP)
Sun 29/05/22	10:00 CTK	7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	Mary Cassidy (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		Neil Shaughnessy (RIP)

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Petitions to Lourdes: If you have any prayer intentions to Lourdes please put them in an envelope and give it to one of the clergy after weekend masses. The deadline is 27/05/22.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Rose Lewsley and Carol Timmis. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for Sheila Ferns and Patrick Joseph Bradley who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Linda Ollerenshaw – Mon 23/05/22, 10:30, CTK; Patrick Bradley – Tue 07/06/22, 11:15, OLAM; Sheila Ferns – Fri 10/06/22, 12:00, CTK.

Message from Kathleen Foxall: My family & I would like to thank Bishop David, Priests, Deacons, the Organist and the Choir, the MC and servers & parishioners who came to be with Jack at his Vigil and Requiem Masses. Jack's final time in his beloved Church. He so loved being there with you all and wanted only to be back amongst you. It was not to be, the Lord called him home. I want to thank you all for your kindness, support and most of all your prayers throughout the last 3 years. Jack felt so Blessed and honoured to have known and maybe help you a little along his way. Please keep your happy memories of Jack always as we will.

Thank you! God Bless. Kath, Stuart, James & family

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea OP

The word 'abide' is used repeatedly in the part of John's gospel that we are reading at Mass these times (10 times in verses 1 – 10 of chapter 15). It is variously translated as 'live' and 'remain' and 'make your home'. It is a beautiful word. It was a word much beloved of Meister Eckhart, the 14th-century German mystic. He wrote, "It is not right to love God for His heaven's sake nor for the sake of anything at all, but we should love Him for the goodness that He is in Himself. For whoever loves him for anything else does not abide in Him, but abides in the thing he is loving Him for. If, therefore, you want to abide in Him, you must love Him for nothing but Himself."

That is how a person behaves at home: we love the people there for their own sakes, not because they are good-looking, or clever, nor for what we can get from them. St Teresa of Ávila said she would like to close down both heaven and hell, so that people would do good for its own sake, not because of greed or fear, and love God for God's own sake. That would be 'abiding in God.'

Equally, God abides in us – abides in our humble abode. "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (the beginning of today's gospel reading). He promised too to send the Holy Spirit. This means that the Trinity lives in us. And we in the Trinity.

How did we get the idea that God was distant from us? I suppose it was because many people spoke to us about God and neglected to mention that "God is love"; and because many of them had little love for us themselves. Recently I found a copy of the Penny Catechism that was knocked into me in my childhood, and I saw that in the first chapter, which was about God, the word 'love' did not occur at all. God was described as Creator, Ruler, Punisher of evil, Rewarder of Good; but nowhere did it say that God loved us. Love brings near; fear separates, it makes you want to run away. How terrible that we run away from our very Source like frightened animals! How terrible that we feel like strangers and exiles from our own home, our abode.

In the immortal story that Jesus told about the Prodigal Son, the father saw his son "while he was yet a long way off...and was moved to pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly." Then he gave him the best robe and put a ring on his finger. This ring symbolised that he was a true son, and not a servant as he wanted to be. That was Jesus describing God our Father. How then could we ever have imagined that God was distant from us? Even when we try to make ourselves distant from God, God remains close to us. Meister Eckhart, whom I quoted above, wrote, "You need not seek Him here or there, He is no further than the door of your heart; there He stands patiently awaiting whoever is ready to open up and let Him in. No need to call to Him from afar: He can hardly wait for you to open up. He longs for you a thousand times more than you long for Him."

'Abide'. It is a word you might use to describe what you are doing in contemplation: you are abiding, you are making your home in Christ, you are within his mind. You are in God and God is in you. You are in your true home.

Last week's collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 50.00
Loose	£ 231.29
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 487.98

Last week's collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 137.00
Loose	£ 110.83
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 281.29

Next weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Communications

Thank you for your generous support

Parish Council Meeting at Maryvale Community Centre on Monday 23rd May at 19:00.

SVP Report: Dear partitioners I just wanted to share with you some of the details included in our annual report which is sent to head office at the end of the financial year.

From April 2021 until March 2022, we completed 790 visits, delivering over 400 grocery parcels/vouchers, 21 items of furniture and 29 clothing parcels. In total we spent approximately 1229 hours assisting those in need within our local community. We would not have been able to achieve this without your generosity, so I want to say a sincere thank you to you all from myself and all the members. Please keep us and those we support in your prayers. Kind regards. Theresa.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 22/07/22 – 25/07/22, coach from Christ the King. Please contact Chris Walsh on 07984082712 or Nora Abbott on 624 3850.

Coach Trip to Scotland: Departing on Wed 22/06/22 and returning on Sun 26/06/22, includes Bed, Breakfast and Evening dinner each day. A cruise on a steam boat on Loch Katherine, a visit and ride on Falkirk wheel and a day in Glasgow. Entertainment each night. Price £350 which includes tips for driver and kitchen/dining room staff. Please ring Michael on 07941 250362 if interested.

Community meal (sponsored by Dr Deedar Singh Bhomra of Aylesbury Surgery) on 22/05/22 at 16:00, at New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.

Quo Vadis? (Where are you going?)

A series of **three Zoom sessions** for **university students** on the theme of **discernment**, including a presentation on the life of the *beatus* (blessed) by a speaker working within university chaplaincy, followed by a time of prayer.

Thurs. 26th May – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati by Fr. Ray Corbett (Aston University Chaplaincy)

Sessions run 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.

For more information and to register for Zoom links, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis