

Mass Intentions

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	4.15pm	For all our parishioners (St. Teresa's)
Sunday 3rd May	9.30am	Canon Bob Spence (All Saints)
Monday	—	No Mass
Tuesday	1.30pm	(Benediction & Mass) Sick & house bound in our parishes (All Saints)
Wednesday	10.00am	For those in need of our Prayers (St. Teresa's)
Thursday	9.30am	Dominic Bove
Friday	9:30am	David Harrison (All Saints)
	10:30 am	John Lennon (St. Teresa's)
Saturday	4.15pm	Private intention, JG (St. Teresa's)
Sunday	9.30am	Lawrence Guthrie (All Saints)

Our prayers are asked for

- * Sheila Goldsack, Sarah Harrison, Peter Jancyzk, Tony Kelly, Patrick Manley, Dr. Amy Mayor, Fr. Pat McKenna, Claire Menzies, Philip Robinson, Anne Taylor, and all in the parishes who are sick.
- * Gerry Taylor, Audrey Turnbull, Brian Cunningham, Stephen McKenna, George Grieve, Canon Spence, Bob King , Val Proud and all those who have died recently.
- * Those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Feel free to meet Father Vernatius for confession after any of the Masses

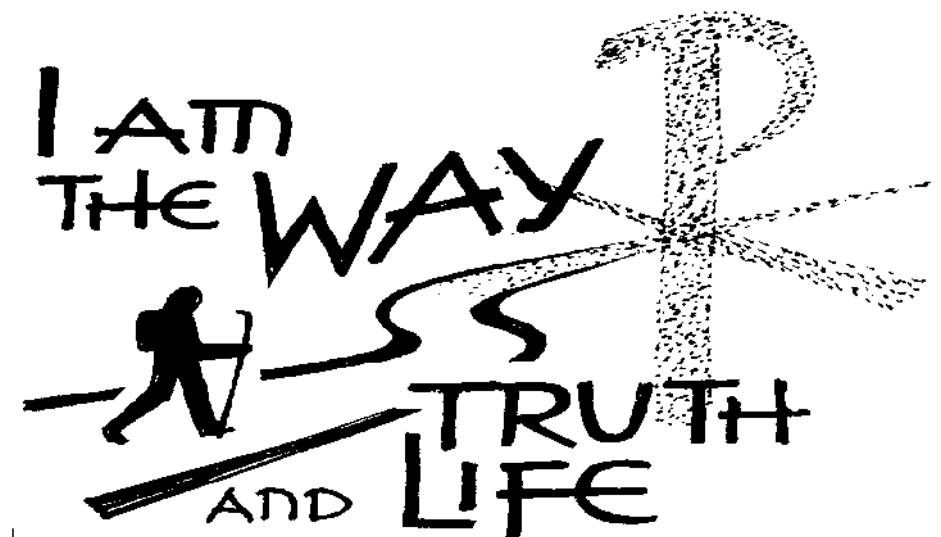
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If you do NOT wish someone's name to appear on the internet, please tell us as soon as possible



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Spiritual Digest for the month of May.

The month of May unfolds like a sacred tapestry, woven with light, devotion, and divine mystery. May, is traditionally cherished as a month dedicated to Our Mother Mary, and it gently summons us into a deeper tenderness of heart; an openness to grace shaped by her unwavering "yes." In her exemplary life, we found a path of humble trust, where surrender becomes the doorway to divine encounter. This month ushers in, the Ascension of our Lord, in which our Saviour returns to the Father, not in absence, but in promise, thereby, drawing humanity toward its destined glory. This hope is set burning in this month at Pentecost, when the Spirit descends like fire upon the hearts of believers, awakening courage, kindling wisdom, and breathing renewal into weary souls. This month offers us, a sacred invitation to rekindle our faith, to listen with greater attentiveness to the gentle movements of the Spirit, and to respond with our lives shaped by love. When this month draws toward its fullness, we are led into the wonderful mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Here, we are called to mirror that same unity, self-giving, and charity of the Blessed Trinity, in the fabric of our daily lives. Thus, May becomes more than a passage of time; it is a period of conversion, rooted in devotion, enlivened by the Spirit, and drawn ever deeper into the embrace of God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Shalom!

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9 & John 14:1-12.

In the first reading of today, the early Christian community responded to the need of the Church, by raising up servants, and showing that ministry grows when each person offers their gifts for the wellbeing of all. In the second reading, we are reminded that, we are living stones, built into a spiritual house, and chosen to reflect God's light in the world. And in the gospel passage, our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to trust in Him, for He is the way, the truth, and the life, thereby guiding us to live with faith and courage as His witnesses. God loves you, and so, do I. Fr Vernatius.

GENERAL : We need more Eucharistic ministers and sacristans in our parishes. We encourage our parishioners who are interested to meet with the parish priest or the deacon. Volunteers are very much welcome. **We are about to form the parish council in our parishes; Feel free to volunteer or nominate those who would assist us, and let the parish priest know as soon as possible.**

- ♦ We say a hearty welcome to Fr. Alex D'Sousa, as he visits our parish.
- ♦ We are encouraged to join in the praying of Rosary (20 minutes & a grace of 10 minutes personal meditation) before masses in our parishes.

DRIVER'S ANNUAL DECLARATION (VOLUNTEERS) There will be times when volunteers are required to drive a personal motor vehicle to carry out activities by the parish. The Diocese does not hold motor insurance for either volunteers or employees. And it relies upon your personal motor insurance policy providing sufficient cover in case of an accident. PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

ST TERESA'S :Successful Grant Bid - The Allotment Project has received a grant for £3900 from the Diocese. This is great news for the parish and will help the project go from strength to strength. If you would like to be involved in the project's next phase please speak to Thomas Gillingham. Cake Sale After Mass on Saturday 16th May. Please bring your money and support this important parish fundraising effort. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS :

MAY CENTENARY UPDATE and EVENTS : 6 months to go! (1). Lots of delicious home-cooked treats for sale at our fundraising **CAKE SALE Sunday 17th May** at the coffee morning. All welcome. (2). **LANCHESTER BRASS BAND CONCERT** Musical Director, our very own James Draper, has prepared a varied and very enjoyable programme, inspired by the our church and Lanchester, **Sunday 24th May at 6.30p.m.** in church. Spread the word. Entry and refreshment donations will be for the Centenary Fund. (3). **BUILDING WORKS** The approximate cost is **£8000.00** (please see the flyer for details of repairs, replacements and decoration).

Save the Date! Race night in aid of SVP Friday 8th May at 7 for 7.30pm at Leadgate Social club. Tickets £3 on sale after Easter. Bottle donations would be gratefully received for Raffle. Generosity gratefully appreciated and helps continue our work. Thank you.

Coffee after Mass on Sunday: Today will be hosted by Christine and friends. And next week will be hosted by Amy, Kate. And on 17th May will be hosted by Stella & Madelaine. Come and join us for coffee and a chat.

Counting: 3rd May Team 5 — Martin Walls & Michael Donnelly
10th May Team 4 — Stella Hewitson & Karen McVeigh

Next Sunday readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Communion Reflection : 'Adoro te devote' - Canto Catolica

Mass Attendance for last week: All Saints: 122, St Teresa's: 74 .