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April 27th 2008: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ will not leave His Church, but promises her the Holy Spirit
The Forty Days' teaching by our Lord to his Apostles after his resurrection are drawing to a close. In today's Gospel Jesus continues to prepare them for life after He has gone away from the earth for good, or at least for the remainder of their lifetimes. So He tells them, to reassure them of His continuing, though hidden, presence in their midst that He "will not leave them orphans, but will come back to them".

In what does this "coming back" consist? First, it is through the forthcoming outpouring of the Holy Spirit, whom the Apostles know because "He is with you, He is in you". At Pentecost, that inner presence will become a living mutual awareness between Our Lord and His Apostles. Then the Holy Spirit will bring them to understand that Jesus is one with His heavenly Father, and that through this same Spirit Jesus and the Father will truly live in

the Apostles' hearts and minds. Secondly, from the day of Pentecost onwards, the Holy Spirit will make Christ visible to the Apostles in a wholly new way. Jesus says that "in a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live." Those who do not believe in Christ do not see Him. To them He is a figure either from legend or from ancient history. But, to us who believe, Jesus is not only alive, He is present within his Church, and He is not merely invisibly present, but truly visible to us, not with the eyes of our bodies, but with the eyes and understanding of faith and trust in Him, born of the life of prayer and the Sacraments. This is not mere imaginative language or wishful thinking - it is **reality**, but only through the gift of the Holy Spirit who is alive in the Church and who makes all of us, the Church's members, alive with the risen life of the Lord Jesus. In this way our Lord not only prepares the Apostles for His forthcoming return to the Father at His Ascension, which we will celebrate this coming week, but also prepares us for His continuing presence among us in the Holy Spirit whose enlivening outpouring we will once again celebrate with great joy and thankfulness at Pentecost.

Cardinal Newman's miracle is accepted!

It is with great joy and excitement that we have heard the news from Rome in only the last few days that the team of medical experts entrusted with the investigation of Deacon Jack Sullivan's Healing in Boston have come to their final conclusion that this cure is indeed beyond the explanation of science, and that it can be attributed to the Will of Almighty God granted through the intercession of Cardinal Newman. All that remains now before his beatification can be announced is that the Pope's board of theological experts must decree that there is nothing contrary to the Catholic faith in Cardinal Newman's writings, which has already effectively been established over the last thirty-five years of the Process of the Cause. We hope to update you with news about the Beatification as soon as possible, and plans to travel to Rome for it.

During Paschaltide, instead of the *Angelus*, we pray Our Lady's Easter Antiphon:

REGINA CAELI

*Regina Caeli, laetare, Alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia!
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia!*

**Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!
He whom you were fit to bear, Alleluia!
As He promised has arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us to God your prayer, Alleluia!**

Then:
*Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

Let us pray: O God, who have graciously given joy to the world in the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we pray, that through His mother the Virgin Mary, we may attain to the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday April 27th: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)

Year I or A of the Lectionary at Mass

- 8.30 a.m. **Low Mass**
- 9.30 a.m. **1962 rite Mass (in the church)**
- 10.30 a.m. **High Mass**
- 12.00 p.m. **(Families with young children)**
- 5.30 p.m. **Sung Congregational Mass**
- 7.30 p.m. **Vespers and Benediction**

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER: Liturgical Calendar

*Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. (Thursday also Solemn High Mass at 8 p.m.)
Rosary at 7.45 p.m. N.b. May Devotions begin on Friday, 2nd May (see over)
Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.*

<p>Monday April 28th: Monday of Easter Week 6. (White). <i>Optional memoria of St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr. (Red); or of St Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest. (White)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessing with St Philip's relic at 8 p.m. <p>St Peter Chanel (1803-41) A French priest, he joined the Marist Missionaries and was sent as the leader on a mission to Futuna in the South Pacific, where cannibalism had only recently been outlawed. He was very successful, but so much so that the local ruler, Niulikili became jealous, especially when his own son converted. He laid a trap when Fr Peter was alone and he was clubbed to death. He is the proto-martyr of the South Seas.</p> <p>St Louis Mary de Montfort (1673-1716) A French priest, he dedicated his life to the spiritual care of the sick and poor. Pope Clement XI named him "Apostolic Missionary" and with (Blessed) Louisa Mary Trichet, he founded the Daughters of Wisdom. He was deeply devoted to Our Lady and travelled through Western France teaching the mystery of Eternal Wisdom, the Incarnation, and devotion to Our Lord, through Our Lady.</p>	<p>Sunday May 4th: The Solemnity of The Ascension (Transferred) (White)</p> <p>Mass & Service Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30 a.m. Low Mass • 9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass (1962 Missal:) (Sunday after the Ascension) • 10.30 a.m. Solemn High Mass • 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children) • 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass in English • 7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction
<p>Tuesday April 29th: Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church & Patron of Europe. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benediction at 8 p.m. Brothers of the Little Oratory meet after Benediction <p>St Catherine of Siena (1347-80) A Dominican she worked with the poor and became renowned for converting hardened criminals. She was influential as a mystic and author and was an adviser to Pope Gregory XI and Urban VI. But her greatness ultimately resided in her holiness and passionate concern for the salvation of souls.</p>	<p>Please pray for the sick: Jon Jarvis, Kevin Phelan, Tommy Smith, Ken White, Desmond Williams, Lorna O'Shea, Vivian Beesley, Marie-Thérèse Jones, Ellen Westwood and Margaret Casey . Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Dorothy Price; and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Norbert Rosario, John Byrne, Geoffrey Nutter, Alfred Gardner, Giuseppina Picariello, George Butcher and Mary McDermot.</p> <p>Danuta Slyzyk's funeral is on Monday at 12.45 p.m. Reception of remains: Sunday at 8.30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday April 30th: Wednesday of Easter Week 6. Optional memoria of St Pius V, Pope. (White)</p> <p>St Pius V (1504-72) A Dominican, he was elected Pope in 1566, but remained a devout mendicant friar in his personal life. As Pope, he fiercely defended the Church and her teachings: He excommunicated Elizabeth I of England, combated the loose discipline of the Roman curia, and insisted on strict adherence to the decrees of the Council of Trent.</p>	<p>The following are requested to read next weekend, May 3rd/4th: The Ascension <i>Saturday 5.45 p.m.:</i> Anne Roebuck <i>Sunday 8.30 a.m.:</i> Murray Wilson-Browne <i>12.00 p.m.:</i> Dennis Wood <i>5.30 p.m.:</i> Simon Stacey</p>
<p>Thursday May 1st: Thursday of Easter Week 6. (White) <i>Optional memoria of St Joseph the Worker. (White) Ascension Thursday (40th day after Easter)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Thursday (see below): Solemn High Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (1962 Missal) at 8 p.m. <p>St Joseph the Worker: Introduced by Pope Pius XI in response to the secular Labour Day, we remember that Our Lord was not ashamed to be known as the "son of Joseph the Carpenter" and honour St Joseph as patron of the dignity and value of human work .</p>	<p>Collections <i>Fifth Sunday of Eastertide, 20th April:</i> Offertory: £1,574 Second: Diocesan development Fund: £548 Thank you</p> <p>THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Diocesan Development Fund.</p>
<p>Friday May 2nd: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Devotions at 7.45 p.m. <p>St Athanasius (c. 296-Bishop of Alexandria for 46 years, he spent much of the time in exile due to his fierce stand against Arianism. Cardinal Newman was devoted to him and described him as "...that extraordinary man...a principal instrument after the apostles by which the sacred truths of Christianity have been conveyed and secured to the world".</p>	<p>TODAY</p> <p>The PIETY STALL is open in the Lower Cloister Hall after Saturday and Sunday Masses for <i>First Holy Communion gifts & books</i>, gifts for occasions of baptism, Confirmation, together with a wide selection of books, DVDs, CDs, statues etc., and Catholic newspapers. Come and see!</p> <p>THIS WEEK</p> <p>ADORATION AT REDNAL will take place this week on Wednesday commencing with Mass at 2.30 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession around the grounds.</p> <p>ASCENSION DAY: A reminder that Ascension Day is now kept on the 7th Sunday in Eastertide, which is the Sunday before Pentecost or Whitsunday, i.e. next Sunday. Nevertheless, for those who wish to observe the scriptural anniversary of the Ascension, forty days after Easter, there will be a Solemn High Latin Mass in the Extraordinary rite (1962 Missal) on Ascension Thursday, May 1st, at 8 p.m.</p> <p>MAY DEVOTIONS commence on Friday, 2nd May, with Rosary at 7.45 p.m. followed by a short meditation about Our Lady, and ending with Benediction.</p> <p>SOCIETY OF ST HUGH meets on Saturday at 10.15 a.m. in the Oratory House. <i>All are welcome.</i></p>
<p>Saturday May 3rd: Feast of St Philip and St James, Apostles. (Red)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30 to 10.45 a.m. • Benediction at 10.45 a.m. • Confessions from 10.55 a.m. to 12 noon and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass <p>First Mass of Sunday: The Ascension, at 5.45 p.m.</p> <p>St Philip preached the Gospel in Asia Minor and is believed to have been martyred at Phrygia. James, known as "the Lesser" to distinguish him from "the Greater", St. John's brother, became Bishop of Jerusalem and was the first of the Apostles to be martyred.</p>	

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