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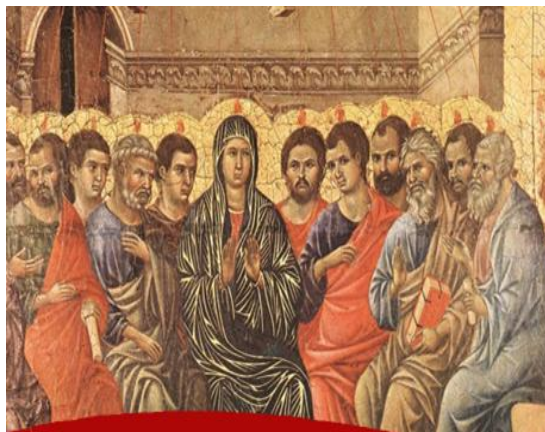
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY A

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A
17TH MAY

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*James McGrath*)

Monday 18th May

Weekday of Easter No Mass

Tuesday 19th May

Saint Dunstan, Bishop

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*W. Tann & S. Dy*)

Wednesday 20th May

Weekday of Easter

12pm (Cor)

Thursday 21st May

Saint Christopher Magallanes

& Companions, Martyrs

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Donors*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 22nd May

Saint Rita of Cascia

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 23rd May

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY A

24TH MAY

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

No Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Ann Martin*)

THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER marks the period between the Ascension and Pentecost, focusing on the disciples waiting in prayer with Mary. The readings highlight Jesus's "High Priestly Prayer" for unity and glorification, challenging believers to continue his mission as witnesses in the world

PENTECOST NOVENA We are in a special time of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and the world. For your copy of the special nine days of prayer novena booklet from Ascension to Pentecost go to www.cbcew.org.uk/w/content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN The next session on Saturday 16 at 4pm in St Mary's Hall. This is for parents to attend with their children when the festive first communion albs will be distributed to candidates and there will also be a music rehearsal for First Communion Day. First Communion Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's for both our parishes on Saturday 6th June at 11am. All are welcome.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S will be held on Wednesday 20th May in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are welcome.

REFRESHMENTS Saint Patrick's continues to have weekly refreshments after the 9am Mass. The next refreshments at Saint Mary's will be this Sunday and again on 14th June. All welcome.

CROWNING OF MARY Saint Mary's School would like to invite parishioners to their Crowning of Mary service at the school on Wednesday 20th May at 8.45am.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (CCN) is the official media office for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, responsible for promoting the Gospel through media, supporting bishops, and managing church public relations. It is funded by an annual second collection, typically held around World Communications Day. World Communications Day: Celebrated annually (Sunday, May 17,

2026, for the 60th event), focusing on themes like AI, digital communication, and "Preserving Human Voices and Faces". This collection will be taken this weekend.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed next week and re-opens on Tuesday 26th May.

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY A**

24TH MAY

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

No Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Ann Martin*)

Monday 25th May

Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church No Mass

Tuesday 26th May

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fr Millett*)

Wednesday 27th May

Feast of Saint Augustine

of Canterbury, Bishop

12pm (Cor)

Thursday 28th May

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Eternal High Priest

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*For all Priests*)

Friday 29th May

Saint Paul VI, Pope

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Holy Souls*)

Saturday 30th May

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat)

Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY TRINITY A**

31ST MAY

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

DISTRIBUTION OF DIVINE MERCY CARDS will take place on Sunday morning at both churches by a member of the Holy Rood parish, Swindon.

GIFT AID- NEW TAX YEAR REMINDER As we enter a new tax year, parishioners who donate by Standing Order or envelopes are asked to review their tax status. With frozen personal allowances and rising pension income, some may now be paying tax and could help the parish by joining the Gift Aid scheme at no extra cost. A simple form allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated from HMRC. A general guide is that Gift Aid donations should not exceed four times the tax paid. Higher-rate taxpayers may claim additional relief through their tax return. For Gift Aid forms, please contact the Parish Office. There are several ways you can help to fund the mission of the parishes and contribute to the upkeep of our churches: with a monthly standing order (forms available from parish office, or on the noticeboard), by using the Dona Card Reader in the churches or on line or by a cash donation during the collections. Thank you for your generosity.

DATE FOR THE DIARY The annual Saint Patrick's Parish BBQ will be on Sunday 19th July at lunchtime. All most welcome.

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL BATH is holding an Open Morning on Monday 8th June from 9.10-10am and 10.10am to 11am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Kath McDonald, Linda Scott, Nick King, Mo Brinn, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Agnes Tegner, Michael Millard, Frank Hill, Nigel Tolley, Harry Purdon. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: w/b 17th Richard Surawy, Jeremiah McCarthy, Martha Haus, Baby Tallulah Threlfall, Baby Chloe Rooney, Sheila Gadsden. w/b 24th Mike Matthews, Ivan Quince, Veronica l'Anson, John Doran, Marian Hayward, Janet Adams.

For Peace: in the Middle East, Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's May Intention: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid waste, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Diocesan Prayer Link: w/b 17th Holy Rood Swindon; Saint Peter, Swindon; Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett. w/b 24th Saint Mary, Swindon.

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

May – The Month of Mary



“May is Mary’s Month,” began the great poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, in “[The May Magnificat](#).”

For centuries, the Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honour and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishes and families often celebrate with special pilgrimages, devotions, or placing a crown on a statue of Mary, traditionally called a “May Crowning.”

On April 29, 1965, Pope Blessed Paul VI promulgated his encyclical *Mense Maio* (“The Month of May”), which promoted May devotions to the Blessed Mother, knowing that, “the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise.” Despite being a lesser-known encyclical, its timing and topic are revealing. Released on the eve of the last session of the Second Vatican Council and amid escalating violence and unrest of the Vietnam War and the 1960’s, the help of Mary was “a matter of top priority” considering “the present needs of the Church and the status of world peace.” The words of Paul VI are just as relevant today amid the instability and turmoil of our world. In our contentious social and political climate, focusing on Mary is not a pious distraction from real issues, but a vital source for grace, truth, and mercy. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us all.

Prayer to Our Lady of Peace

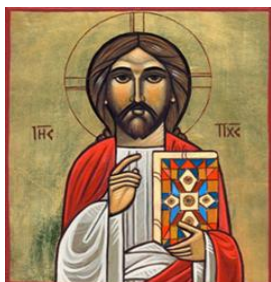
O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace.

Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world.

Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts.

May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing
so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A

First reading
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 1: 12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26)

*I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.
or: Alleluia.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading for the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia.

Gospel

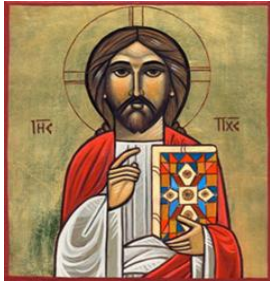
John 17:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY A *(Readings of the Mass of the Day)*

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
or: Alleluia.*

Ps 104(103)

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Pentecost Sequence

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

The Gospel of the Lord.