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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Paul Devaney Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 29th March 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ is our resurrection and our life. When we are dead through sin Christ brings us His Spirit so that we may truly live the new life of grace. We are spiritual brothers and sisters of Christ through God's Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Paul, Deacon Kevin and I, hope and pray that you are keeping well and safe during the present pandemic. As you may already realize the Church is now closed until we receive further notice.

It is a worrying time for us and our families, and especially for the elderly and sick. We remain grateful for the care shown by the medical staff and by all involved in the care of the sick in hospital, in care homes and in our own homes.

The Parish website contains some useful links and information. Thanks to Bob and Bobby Ryder for keeping us well informed through the website. Many of you are live-streaming the Mass and other devotions from neighbouring parishes and from the Walsingham Shrine and are finding it very helpful. It is a very commendable use of your time, especially with live-streaming the Mass and in making a spiritual communion and with other devotions too.

Paul Northam, the Diocesan Evangelisation Field Worker has written the following: 'On our journey from maintenance to Mission, we now have few structures that we are allowed to maintain, apart from our own daily prayer and our relationships with those we're in touch with- Mission is the main thing that has been left to us.' Let us be Missionary disciples by the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear for our Lord and for our neighbour.

Catholics in England will rededicate the country to Mary from their homes this Sunday, March 29th. The original dedication of England to Mary was made by King Richard II in 1381 at Westminster Abbey, an event commemorated in the Wilton Diptych, which is kept in the National Gallery.

The 2020 rededication was supposed to be held simultaneously in the Walsingham Shrine and in all churches and cathedrals in England. With the closing of churches from last Monday, the rededication will now be an individual event-taking place in hundreds of thousands of homes up and down the country on Sunday 29th March. **Continued inside Newsletter**

<p>28th March Saturday</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Stephen Hickey-RIP Susan Joyce-RIP</p>	
<p>29th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Bernard Creedon-RIP & Family All People of the Parish</p>	
<p>30th March Monday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11 Pat Jones-Intention Mary Riddell-RIP</p>	
<p>31st March Tuesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30 Sr Sabrina-RIP Mary Mitchell-Intention</p>	
<p>1st April Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28 John 8:31-42 Mrs Phil O'Connor-RIP Intentions of Owens Family</p>	
<p>2nd April Thursday Lent Feria St Francis of Paola</p>	<p>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59 Philline Odemigbo-Thanksgiving Val Burgess-RIP</p>	
<p>3rd April Friday Lent Feria <i>Day of Prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 Eilish Duffy-Intentions Adam Cole-Intentions</p>	
<p>4th April Saturday Lent Feria St Isidore</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56 Maureen Philip Halloran-RIP Eugene & Anna O'Donnell-RIP</p>	
<p>5th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:11-54 All People of the Parish Patricia Jones & Family-Intentions</p>	

Continuation of Newsletter:

Cardinal Vincent has said:

What can I contribute to that dowry? It will be different for each one of us. It might be our patience, our depending on God and on others that I can offer; or the skills and efforts of my work; or I may make a special gift to her of my best attempts at prayer, or at the service I give to those in need. We are Mary's Dowry! Please enrich that dowry by offering to her the best that you can give. She will 'stretch her protective mantle over our land and over all who live here.'

Act of Entrustment of England to the Virgin Mary and other prayers may be found on the Walsingham website.

Holy See grants indulgence to coronavirus patients and Catholics who pray for them: see website:

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/holy-see-grants-indulgence-to-coronavirus-patients-and-catholics-who-pray-for-them/>

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Fifth Sunday of Lent (Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45)

The Lord will lead us back together

Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make.

CATHOLI HERALD AND MAGNIFICAT As there will be no public Masses for an indefinite period and an increasing number of people are self-isolating. To help them follow the Mass, daily prayers, reading, etc. at home, and also keep up with the weekly church news we are offering free access to Magnificat online, and for those who would like the Print Edition there is a special one-off 4-month subscription to Magnificat and/or a 3-month subscription to The Catholic Herald at substantially discounted and affordable prices to ensure that the maximum number of people can take advantage. You can only be ordered by telephoning Margaret on 020 7448 3607 or Paul on 020 7448 3618 between 9.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Below are special prices to help people over this difficult period and orders will need to be placed before Easter: Magnificat 4 months April to July (including the Holy Week special issue) for £14 Catholic Herald 3 months (13 weeks) for £25 Both Catholic Herald and Magnificat (as above) £36 For free access to Magnificat online, log in at www.magnificat.com/free

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am	9.00am
11.00am	11.00am

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

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| Keith Frettsome | Martin Yates | Virginia Gregory, | Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy | Ann O'Sullivan |
| Joan Kennedy | Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole |
| Trevor Windle | Colette Hicky | Danny Meadows | Kathleen Beale | Martha Sheridan |

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, the salvation of your people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our suffering upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the resurrection.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please pray for: Kath Brown (Robin Hood Crematorium 9th April 11.30am) and Stephen Gerald Bakewell (Robin Hood Crematorium 7th April, 11am) and Jackie Powers, Philomena Mullins and David Marks who died recently. Also Trixie Stella Maris Cotterill, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, Jozef Munko, Dr Elizabeth Scull, Martin Power, Gerald Edward Thomas, Colin Arthur Cowlishaw, Eugene O'Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Dennis Oxley and all with anniversaries at this time.

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