

# The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

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Dear friends,

At the end of our first reading from Acts, we have told what the disciples did after the Ascension. They travelled a sabbath day's journey from mount Olivet to Jerusalem. Restriction on travel during the sabbath marks this distance to be about a 3rd of a mile.

Their return to Jerusalem was in obedience to our Lord's instruction just before his Ascension. They were to return to Jerusalem and await for the Holy Spirit's descent upon them.

This gathering included the apostles, some disciples, the leading women and the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lord's Mother.

This period of waiting was not spent twiddling their thumbs. A replacement for Judas the Iscariot was appointed, Matheus. However, much of this time was spent in prayer and devotion together.

Often across the gospels we hear our Lord saying that those who trust him can ask anything in his name and it will be given him. This use to trouble me and I would think, if I then ask for a Ferrari, does it mean that I will get it? It didn't really fit with the rest of Jesus' sayings.

We have been encourage with our Easter readings to look towards heavenly thing rather than mere earthly delights. This surely is the beginning of an answer to what was my dilemma. Uniting our wills and desires with our Lord will always direct our thoughts to godly things. This is made more explicit in the gospel of Luke and Jesus' teaching about the generosity of our Heavenly Father in answer to our prayers. "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We need not ask what the gathered disciples where seek in prayer because of the manner of his extra ordinary answer to their prayers at Pentecost!

This period of prayer recorded here in acts, marks the first and earliest Novena of prayer in the life of the Church. The Church has encouraged us to keep watch and pray in the manner of Our Lady and the Apostles in keeping this nine days of prayer. It does so in anticipation of our celebration of Pentecost and a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Christ.

The Novena started Friday and the material is available on the website. Let us watch and wait with anticipated joy at the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - the birth of the Church.  
Prayers Fr. Neil.

## LIVE- STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

**Bishop Richard's Podcast**  
<https://vimeo.com/413915450>

### Live streaming of Mass in the Parish

Given the ongoing crisis the mass will be streamed live on Facebook 10.00am Monday to Friday, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11.30am. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday you will find on the 'Christ The King with St Joachim, Eastbourne' page and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on the 'Eastbourne Ordinate' page.

Sunday at 11.30am will be streamed direct to the Eastbourne Ordinate YouTube channel.

### Other things of interest

Also the **National Theatre** is streaming on demand past productions, this next week is the 'A Street Car Named Desire'. **Radio 4** each Monday at 4pm has the religious programme, 'Beyond Belief'.

### Live interactive material for Children provided by CAFOD each Sunday Morning 10am

[https://cafod.org.uk/Education/  
Children-s-liturgy](https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy)

You have to register (just name and email address) then you get emailed a link to the live webinar. Webinar does

need installing onto your browser or download the app for phones/tablets. This is all instructed once you receive the first link. But if it's your first session, I would recommend doing this in advance as not to miss the 10am start.

## PE with Joe

For those who continue to have their children at home with them. PE with Joe found on YouTube is a very good 30 minute work out for all the family. It is good for using up some of that build up energy that children have first thing in the morning. It is live at 9am Monday to Friday but can be replayed later in the day if it suits your family better. If you don't have children Joe Wicks also does armchair work outs for seniors and adapted exercise programmes across the generations.

## Pentecost Sunday May 31st – National Rosary Rally 9am to 9pm England, Wales, Scotland

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May. I invite you to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Proposed timetable for across the Dioceses

**9.00am Arundel & Brighton, Northampton and HM Forces**  
10.00am Birmingham, Nottingham & Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy  
11.00am Brentwood & Plymouth  
12 Noon Cardiff, Portsmouth & Dunkeld  
1.00pm Clifton, Salford & St. Andrews & Edinburgh  
2.00pm East Anglia, Shrewsbury, Aberdeen  
3.00pm Hallam, Southwark, Glasgow  
**4.00pm Hexham & Newcastle, Wrexham, Ordinate OLV**  
5.00pm Lancaster, Westminster, Argyll & the Isles  
6.00pm Leeds, Polish Catholic Mission & Glasgow  
7.00pm Liverpool, Middlesbrough & Motherwell  
8.00pm Menevia, Galloway, Paisley & Syro Malabar Eparchy  
9.00pm Rosary Rally will end with a final online Rosary & Blessing from Bishop John Keenan at St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisely.

This is to be led in the form of a **Rosary relay Rally** where the Dioceses designated in their **Rosary Hour** encourage the peoples across their

Diocese to pray the Rosary either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led online by their parish priests and Bishop. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm. At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.

#### **Zoom parish prayer meetings:**

We will continue our Sunday morning prayers every Sunday at 10.30am and also we are going to have our Fridays chats including a short evening prayer, on Fridays at 7.00pm.

Meeting ID: 343 302 3105  
Password: 340767

it is possible now to join by phone:  
Dial from landline:  
0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

**We pray for :** Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Sheila Douds, Helena Sagnelia, Peter and Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith, Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, & Rose Swift.

**For the deceased** -who have died recently: Mary Bennett, Terry Maud, Pauline Brangwyn and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

#### **Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place **every Thursday at 7.00pm**

4th June Bishop John Arnold Salford Cathedral

11th June Bishop Patrick McKinney  
Nottingham Cathedral  
18th June Archbishop Bernard Longley  
Birmingham Cathedral  
25th June Bishop Alan Hopes Norwich  
Cathedral  
2nd July Archbishop John Wilson  
Southwark Cathedral  
9th July Bishop Tom Williams Liverpool  
Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

#### **An online petition for Churches to open for private prayer**

<https://www.citizengo.org/en-gb/rf/179408-open-our-churches-and-restore-worship?>

### **7th Sunday of Easter**

#### **Readings at Mass**

Sunday 24 May 2020

#### **First reading**

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### ***I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. R

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

#### **Second reading**

1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

#### **Gospel**

John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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