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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15 MAY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 14: 21-27 Resp. Psalm: 144 (145): 8-13a 2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5 Gospel: John 13: 31-33, 34-35

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 15 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 479 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 16 May	Monday of Week 5 in Eastertide	NO LITURGIES	
Tuesday 17 May	Tuesday of Week 5 in Eastertide Mass Intention: In Honour of the Holy Angels	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 May	St. John I, Pope, Martyr	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 19 May	Thursday of Week 5 in Eastertide	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 20 May	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 21 May	St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Womb	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 22 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 483 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter: New For All Ages

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is "making all things new."

In His Church, the "old order" of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "will be His people and God Himself will always be with them." In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is "the kingdom for all ages" that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's "dominion endures through all generations" (see Philippians 1:1, note that the

New American Bible translates *episcopois*, the Greek word for bishops, as "overseers").

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His "faithful ones," as those Jesus calls "My little children" in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love. This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

BISHOP HUGH'S TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST: The talks take place every Thursday evening from 21st April though to 2nd June (inclusive) at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All talks are live-streamed. For further details, see the relevant homepage at: https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/6eseighv The third talk in the series will be **this Thursday 19 May**, and is entitled: The Eucharistic Prayer. It can be viewed online here: https://youtu.be/Am8BwRDhlB0

WOMEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND, 4-10 JUNE – the St. Andrew Community are organising a pilgrimage, via minibus/ferry, to Kylemore Abbey, the Shrine at Knock, Benburb Priory, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and more! If you are interested in joining them, please get in touch at: community@standrewx.org, or phone 07754 891808.

PLUSCARDEN PENTECOST LECTURES: <u>LIVE-STREAMED</u>, 7-9 JUNE 2022 – This year's Lecturer is Dr. Christopher Ruddy, of the Catholic University of America, postponed from 2020. His talks will be livestreamed direct from the US at the usual times, to fit in with the monastic timetable. A link will be available nearer the time on the Pluscarden Abbey website and recordings will be available afterwards for those who cannot tune in live. The theme of Dr. Ruddy's talks will be as follows: "It ain't no sin to be glad you're alive': Praise in an Age of Agitation".

PARISH NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C (pp. 479 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
 p. 571: Preface V of Easter
 p. 479: Readings & Proper Prayers
 p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
 p. 631: Communion Rite

'THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA: AN ILLUSTRATED TALK' – given by Knight Angus Hay, at St. Columba's, on Wednesday 25 May. 6.00pm: Reception & Refreshments; 6.30pm: Talk begins. Please let Fr. Domenico know if you are attending, for catering purposes. Speaking of which, we are looking for assistance with setting up, offering teas/coffees, and tidying away. If you are able to help, please do let Fr. Domenico know. Thank you!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ISHBEL MCGILLIVRAY MACGREGOR: Wednesday 1 June at 11.00am – Many of you will remember Ishbel, who was a former parishioner and a great supporter of St. Columba's. The family have organised a Memorial Service here in the Highlands for Ishbel, to take place on Wednesday 1 June, at 11.00am. All welcome.

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY: During the month of May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer for the work of Mary's Meals. Each day we are reaching more than 2.2 million children with a nutritious meal at school in 20 countries. We ask you to join us in prayers of thanksgiving, for 20 years of little acts of love that have made this work possible and in petition for God's continued blessing, that through His providence it will continue to grow and flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Further information and prayer resources can be found at: marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

PIETY STALL: First Holy Communion? Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacramental occasions. How about a Rosary for this Marian month of May? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

90 CLUB – NEXT DRAW SUNDAY 29 MAY! Don will have the book at the front door today; if anyone would like to join in, it is only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won at each draw. You too could be a winner! Good luck to you all.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Maureen Fitzgerald

Anniversaries: Alastair McNeill, Canon Hugh Malaney, Ron Page, Isobel Hastie, Eilidh MacLeod