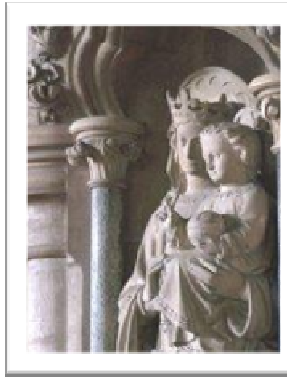


## Pentecost

**T**HE FIFTY days of Eastertide draw to a close with the feast of Pentecost. In England, Pentecost used to be called Whitsun and the Whit Monday Bank Holiday was one of the landmarks of the year. ‘Whit’, of course, comes from ‘White’, indicating the white veils that girls customarily wore for Confirmation at Pentecost. The Whit Monday walks, well-known in the North of England, were a popular celebration.

Impatient with the moveable feast of Whitsun – moveable because Easter is moveable – the Government introduced the Spring Bank Holiday Monday in 1971. Fixed for the last Monday of May, the Spring Bank Holiday replaced Whit Monday. Losing the national focus on Whitsuntide has been one of the ways that the Christian Faith has become marginalised in the public awareness. All is not lost however. We might have lost Whit Monday and the Whit Monday walks. We might have largely lost the Pentecost Octave, culminating in Trinity Sunday. But we have an increased awareness of the period of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, the original Novena.

The Pentecost Octave has not been lost entirely. It is usually possible to have Votive Masses of the Holy Spirit during the week following Pentecost and Trinity Sunday brings the Octave to a fitting end. This year there are two new celebrations during the Pentecost Octave. The first, on the Monday after Pentecost, is the memorial of Mary, the Mother of the Church. We recall that as the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, awaiting Pentecost, St Luke tells us that Mary was with them. Also, on the Thursday, there is the new feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest.



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<b>Sunday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>PENTECOST</b> <b>Solemn Mass and Confirmation:</b> <b>10.30am St Mary’s</b>	<b>Year B: Week 3</b> [RED]  <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Mary, Mother of the Church [Week 7] School Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white] <i>Geoffrey Brown</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[red] <i>Luca Chacín and Dante Chacín</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[red]
<b>Thursday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</b> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
<b>Friday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[white]
<b>Saturday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> May	St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder <i>No Mass at St Mary’s.</i> Wedding: 1pm	[white] <i>Keaton Jones and Lauren Richardson</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b>	<b>Year B: Week 4</b> [WHITE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>	

## TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

### CONFIRMATIONS

We pray for the adults to be confirmed today and for their families: Ignacio Alvarez, Joy Baker, Catriona Gravatt, Donna Stimpson, George Wilkins. Please join us for a celebration in the Parish Rooms after Mass.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (21<sup>st</sup> May) at 8.15pm** in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

One-day pilgrimage to Liverpool Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. **Bishop Philip invites you** to join him in Liverpool at the National Eucharistic Congress. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & Bishop Robert Barron. Deadline for booking your tickets **29<sup>th</sup> May**. Please see poster/brochures in church or email [congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### RETREAT DAY

This year's Retreat Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**, 10am-4pm at Stonehill Barn. It will be led by Fr Rob Stewart. Please bring a packed lunch and enjoy the lovely grounds.

### LENDING LIBRARY IN THE DIOCESE!

Lending library of faith formation materials, freely available to everyone: small groups, parishes, schools and individuals, covering most major areas of Catholic faith formation. This collection includes a number of courses aimed specifically at children and young adults. To borrow a course please email [parishstudies@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parishstudies@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### DURING MAY

During May to honour Our Lady in her month, we will be saying the Holy Rosary during the week after Mass at St Mary's. Please do come and join us!

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish rooms after Mass. All donations go to a very good charity - eye camps.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Day for Life: 16<sup>th</sup> June

Find us on  

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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Eithne Naughton.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Sybil Olive Foster, and Nora McDonagh.*

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Evangelization: *The Mission of the Laity.*** That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

### GLOBAL HEALING

How our faith can help us care for our common home. On Creation Day, **1st September**, a tv quality film produced by café (Catholic Faith Exploration) will be launched. There will be a free download available on an evening's programme for a parish meeting, including interviews by Cardinal Nichols. Please see posters in church for more information.

### CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Have you ever visited the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham? Thousands of pilgrims visit the Shrine every year. There is pilgrim accommodation at Elmham House for 120 in shared and single rooms, standard and en-suite. Also accommodation for retreat at Dowry House. If you would like to visit the Shrine and stay there for the weekend please visit our website for more information at [www.DowryHouse.org.uk](http://www.DowryHouse.org.uk) or see the leaflets in church.

### MARRIAGE CARE

A faith-based charity providing relationship counselling services with local centres in Oxford and Abingdon. Whether you are feeling things just aren't quite right or are facing serious difficulties. See poster in church for more information.

### CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

There will be a safeguarding training session for all those working with children at Holy Rood Church in Oxford on **Saturday 8 September** from 10-12.30pm. If you need a refresher (every 5 years) or have never attended one, please email Maria to book a place.

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.