

*Bring flowers of the rarest,  
Bring blossoms the fairest,  
From garden & woodland & hillside & dale,  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Flower of the Vale.*



*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May,  
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*Services for the Fifth Week of Easter  
15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022  
Our Lady's Month of May*

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, *The Vigil of Sunday***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Bernard Sweeney RIP

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, *The Fifth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fourth Sunday after Easter (EF)***

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Peace in Ukraine

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Anna, Andrew & Beatrice

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

All our godchildren

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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, *Easter Feria (OF) – St Ubaldus, Bishop & Confessor (EF)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Dominique Barrett RIP

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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, *Easter Feria (OF) – The Translation of St Chad (EF)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Joy

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, *St John I, Pope & Martyr (OF) – St Venantius, Martyr (EF)***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Mr & Mrs Miller

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, *St Dunstan, Bishop (OF) – St Peter Celestine, Pope & Confessor (EF)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

The Wilkes Family

Holy Hour, 4.00 – 5.00 pm,

Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, *St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (OF, EF)***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

June Manetta RIP

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, *SS. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (OF) – Our Lady's Saturday***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Alexander Hunnaford RIP

Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, *Vigil of Sunday***

Confessions, 5.15 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Thomas Gerald McCloskey RIP

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, *The Sixth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fifth Sunday after Easter (EF)***

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

The People of the Parish

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Fr Charles Serignat OFM Cap RIP

**Father John writes:**

***This Weekend: Collection for the Archdiocese's Support of Ukraine***

This weekend, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special second collection to support Father Hudson's Society's work with Ukrainian refugees and their hosts within the Archdiocese. Please note: This collection cannot be gift-aided in the usual way, so if you wish to gift-aid your donation you are invited to donate via the Just Giving Page.

***Advance Notice: Future Second Collections***

22<sup>nd</sup> May Catholic Communications

19<sup>th</sup> June The Day for Life

26<sup>th</sup> June Peter's Pence

***The May Procession: Thank you!***

What a joyful occasion it was! What lovely memories our children will have in years to come! A thousand thanks to those who worked so hard to make it such a success: sacristans, altar servers, bakers of cakes, servers of tea, and, of course, the flower arrangers. Also, thank you to all those who were roped in to help at the last minute!

***Eastertide Blessing of Houses***

Please let me know if you would like me to bless your home during Eastertide.

***Breaking news: Return of the Sunday and Holyday Mass obligation at Pentecost***

I am happy to announce that following the disruption of the last two years their Lordships, the Bishops of England and Wales, have restored the Sunday Mass obligation from the Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday), 5<sup>th</sup> June.

*Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro!*

***Prayers for Cardinal Zen***

Joseph Cardinal Zen of Hong Kong, aged 90, is one of the heroes of the Church today. With great courage he defends not only human rights and religious freedom in Hong Kong but also the faith, moral teaching, and liturgical tradition of the Catholic Church. Last week he was arrested by the national security police.

***Mass Intentions***

Having Holy Mass offered for someone is a beautiful act of faith, hope, and charity, the fundamental virtues of the Christian life. If you would like Holy Mass offered for a particular

intention, then please use one of the brown envelopes in the narthex.

***Cottage to let***

Small cottage to let, off Kidlington High Street. Contact 01865 514787.

***Please pray for the sick and housebound***

Anne-Marie, Jackie Ball, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Fr Paul Chavasse CO, Paul Conway, Filomeno Cota, Maureen Dalton, Joyann Green, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, G.S., Joy Smith, Matthew Spicer, and Oscar Williams.

***Pray for the souls of the faithful departed***

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Dominique Marie-Claude Barrett, Pamela Clarke, Albert Conway, Patrick Doyle, Clifford Bernard Guiste, Delia Mary Margaret Monica Hill, Betty Johnson, Margaret Elizabeth Kenny, Ernest McBeth, Margaret Agnes Soden, and Fernando Valencia,

+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,  
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

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A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity: 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'

It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass.

Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation' It has always been the understanding of the Church that, when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick, or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday obligation.

*The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*