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*The happy birds Te Deum sing,
'Tis Mary's month of May;
Her smile turns winter into spring,
And darkness into day;*



And there's a fragrance in the air,
The bells their music make,
And Oh, the world is bright and fair,
And all for Mary's sake.

*Services for the Sixth Week of Eastertide 2024, Fifth after the Easter Octave 5th – 11th May
Mary's Month of May*

Saturday 4th May,
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Christopher Long RIP

Sunday 5th May, *The Sixth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fifth after Easter (EF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Robert Walker RIP
The People of the Parish

Monday 6th May, *Easter Feria (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, **10.30 am** *NB: Later time because of the Bank Holiday*

Evelyn

Tuesday 7th May, *Easter Feria (OF) – St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Ron Silvester RIP

Wednesday 8th May, *Easter Feria (OF) – Vigil of the Ascension (EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Crispin Jenkinson

Thursday 9th May, *The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord (OF, EF) – Holyday of Obligation*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Fr Kevin St Aubyn RIP

NB: Holy Hour & Confessions cancelled this week only

High Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Nuala O'Riordan RIP

**Friday 10th May, *St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church (OF) – St Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor (EF)*
*Novena before Pentecost – 1st Day***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Karl Wallinger RIP

Saturday 11th May, *Our Lady in Eastertide (OF) – SS. Philip & James, Apostles (EF) – 2nd Day of the Novena*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Martin Bentley RIP

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

Saturday 11th May, *Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 12th May, *The Seventh Sunday of Easter (OF) – Sunday after the Ascension (EF) – 3rd Day of the Novena*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Joy Smith

Sung Mass, 10.30 am

The Stellardi Family

May Procession and Benediction, 3.00 pm

Father John writes:

This weekend: Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

The annual **International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** will take place this Sunday, 5th May, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India, and Ukraine.

This Monday, 6th May - Bank Holiday: Later Mass time

On Monday Mass will be at the later time of 10.30 am

Next Sunday: May Procession

The May Procession is one of the happiest events in the parish calendar. **It will take place next Sunday 12th May at 3.00 pm**, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. **We need cakes and helpers! Please sign up on the list in the narthex.**

Advance Notice: Second Collections

12th May - Catholic Communications

16th June – Day for Life

23rd June – Second Century Fund

30th June – Peter's Pence

Advance Notice: Confirmation & First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Episcopal Vicar, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, on Saturday 25th May at 10.30 am. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday 1st June at 10.30 am. Sebastian will make his First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th May at the 10.30 Solemn Mass.

One Million Roses for Our Lady

At each of her apparitions, Our Lady explicitly asked: *My dear children, pray the Rosary*. So let's answer her request! During the month of May, on the *Rosario* app of the *Hozana* organization, each decade prayed is transformed into a spiritual rose. Once a million decades are reached, *Hozana* will deliver thousands of real roses to Our Lady at the world's most visited Marian shrine, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. The flowers will symbolize the prayers offered up, in faith and love, to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the needs of the Church and our poor broken world. Here's the link for sending spiritual roses to Mary: <https://urlz.fr/qnTy>

Easter tide House Blessings

Let me know if you would like your home to receive the blessing during Eastertide (up to Trinity Sunday 26th May).

Mass Intentions

Asking for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for anyone, living or dead, is a beautiful and powerful act of faith, hope, and charity. If you would like a Holy Mass offered, please use one of the little brown envelopes in the narthex, fill in the details, add your offering, and return through the Presbytery letter-box or collection plate.

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, **especially shampoo and shower gel this week**, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch.

Fr Francisco's Visit

I am so grateful to Fr Francisco for coming to us from Bournemouth last weekend to celebrate and preach at the 10.30 Mass. Here is a photograph to remind us of this historic and happy event in the life of our parish.



Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, and don't forget Ukraine!

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Sharon Power-Hartley, Joy Smith, Fr Frank Sofie, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Fr John Hunwicke, who died recently, and for Martin Bentley, Peter Joseph Dominic Burns de Bono, Aidan Oliver Franklin, Maria Grau, Philippe Kanza, Violet Annie Lloyd, Sean G.P. O'Callaghan, John Peter Sculz, Angelini Stellardi, Raymond Thorley, and James William Weston, who have anniversaries at this time.

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

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