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Week commencing 5th May 2024

Sat 4 th	The English Martyrs Vigil Mass	9.30am 6:30pm	For the survivors of sexual abuse Gary O'Donnell RIP
Sun 5 th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30am 10.30am 7.00pm	Margaret Colette Banville RIP Christians and all people of the Holy Land (EOHSJ) <i>Rosary around Our Lady's statue</i>
Mon 6 th	Ferial	9.30am 7.00pm	Dermot Gallagher RIP <i>Rosary around Our Lady's statue</i>
Tues 7 th	Ferial	6.30pm 7.00pm 7.30 -11.30pm 7.30pm	<i>Rosary around Our Lady's statue</i> Joseph Holleran RIP AWAKENING – Eucharistic Adoration <i>'Come and See' in the parish hall</i>
Wed 8 th	Ferial Vigil Mass for Ascension	9.30am After Mass 7.00pm	Anne Nicholson RIP 2 nd anniv. <i>Mothers in prayer</i> Margaret & Christine <i>(Mass preceded by Rosary at 6:30pm)</i>
Thurs 9 th	The Ascension of the Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Lilian Marquis RIP Parishioners <i>(Mass preceded by Rosary at 6:30pm)</i> <i>'Come and See' in the parish hall</i>
Friday 10 th	Ferial	11.00am 12.00noon 7.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament</i> Veronica Boothman RIP <i>Rosary around Our Lady's statue</i>
Sat 11 th	Ferial Vigil Mass	10:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm	First Holy Communion Mass (3W) First Holy Communion Mass (3P) Tom and Sarah McDonnell and Kathleen Hughes RIP
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION on REQUEST.			
Sun 12 th	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.30am 10.30am	John and Eilish Peel RIP Hilda Sheerin B'day anniv.

Fr. Pat writes: Last Sunday afternoon I celebrated Mass at St. Peter's Hazel Grove to which people with disability and neurodiversity needs were welcomed. The duration of Mass for 30 minutes made a great difference for those present, with some coming a distance including this parish. Judging from comments and emails, this initiative was welcomed, especially from families with children were coming to Mass was more challenging than a communal celebration. From our recent questionnaire people would welcome something similar here, and people from St. Peter's would assist. Let's set a goal for a Mass before the end of the academic year.

Whilst disappointed at not be here for the bilingual Mass for the Chinese community, I caught the flavour of the occasion afterwards in the Parish Centre. The energy, joy and community spirit we associate with the early Church was wonderful to behold. The same Holy Spirit is at work in the Church today if only we open our lives and hearts to this. The prayer of Jesus in today's *Gospel is that we remain in his love, joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.*

May is a month dedicated to Our Lady, and in the Litany of Loreto we seek her Intercession as *'Cause of our Joy'*. We are privileged in having her statue at the front of our Parish Centre. If you can't find the time to gather with parishioners at 7.00 pm during this month you can find a few moments to stop and pray. Our Lady is the model disciple entrusted to by Jesus to treasure and to listen to his Word in the busyness of our lives and remain in His love.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM BISHOP MARK: It was a great joy to celebrate a Bi-Lingual Mass in English and Cantonese at Saint Hugh and Saint John's, Timperley, which gathered many Catholics who have recently arrived in the Diocese from Hong Kong and to welcome nine adults who were Baptised in the Diocese at Easter. It was a deeply prayerful celebration and moving to see the devotion of the people and to hear the singing of the Cantonese Choir. We have been very blessed to have the French Missionary Fr. Bruno with us. I am very grateful for the wonderful

welcome and assistance of Fr. Tomasz and St. Hugh's parishioners - may our Risen Lord bless you all for your love and great hospitality. THANK YOU!

AWAKENING - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our parish is hosting 'Awakening' on **7th May 2024, from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm** as part of a nationwide prayer campaign centered around the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us! We need Your prayerful presence!

YOUTH GROUP: The final meeting this academic year will be on **Thursday 16th May** in the **Parish Hall 7.00pm – 8.30pm**. All young people in the parish in Years 7 – Year 11 are very welcome.

PENTECOST ADORATION: In the Acts 2:4 we read: *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit*. You are welcome to join us for two Holy Hours for Pentecost on the Fridays before and after Pentecost Sunday. The first one to build the anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit; The second one to rejoice, and to pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit on the Parish and the world. There will be a time of prayer with worship music and Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Friday 17 May** and **Friday 24 May, 7.30pm-8.30pm**.

***CORRECTION*:** The correct date for the appeal of **The Little Sister of the Poor** is next weekend **11/12 May**. Let us welcome Sisters among us with warm hearts and generous help.

UNEXPECTED SURPRISE: Last week, our parish received unexpected donations of **£6,500** (in cheque) and **£200** (in cash) for a new sound system. We are speechless, very pleasantly surprised, and want to say: **THANK YOU!** Therefore, we will change the purpose of our monthly second parish collection. Since three of our young parishioners (**Hari, James** and **Euan**) want to represent our parish as volunteers for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this August, it will be nice from to help them financially to fulfil this holy project. We have already raised **£650**, so let's make our next monthly collection a great financial help for the boys. I am sure, we can do it. Boys, we are proud of you!

THANKS: Our 'RACE NIGHT' team want to thank everyone who supported this social initiative. We hope that all who came to the parish hall that night had a wonderful and joyful time (even Fr. T - the greatest loser). Thank you for your generosity and great help as we raised **£690** for our parish in total that night. Once again: BIG, BIG THANKS!

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: There is a day conference for the existing confirmation Catechists and those seeking to become catechists. Join Bishop Mark and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph for an exploration day on **May 18th, 2024, at 10am-4pm**. See you at St Mary's Caritas Centre – 65 Delamere Street Crewe CW1 2JXE. Booking required <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/a-day-for-confirmation-catechists-may-18th-2024/>.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE: Will take place on Saturday **June 8th, 12 noon** at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary in 2024 and wanting to attend, submit the following to the parish office **by 5th May**: Names/Address/which wedding anniversary you are celebrating.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Pilgrimage to Fatima, Porto, Lisbon (Portugal), Coimbra, and Santiago de Compostela (Spain). It will take place from **21 to 28 October 2024**. The price is **€1305** (about **£1115**). In the porch you can pick up a leaflet with outline of the pilgrimage and booking form. For more details, please speak to Fr. Tomasz.

SPUC: Your SPUC team will be offering tea, coffee, soft drinks, and nibbles in the hall after the 10:30 mass on 12th May. This is a relaxed, fun, family-friendly event for everyone. Please pop in.

BTHCC SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY: Visit <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies> for more information.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS VACANCY: The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools. Applications are still open. Visit <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730> for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Hugh F., John R., Bernadette B., Sr. Margaret and Sr. Isabel, Poppy S., Amanda B., William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Matthew, Anna M., Sam H., Gary C., Angie O., Niall O'H., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Anna M., Gerry B., Hannah H., Denis C., Kitty D., Seema M., Lisa C., Fr. Jim A., Tony M., Margaret E., and Eamonn T.

OFFERINGS: last week totalled **£798.33** (plus standing orders). We are very thankful for the incredibly generous donation of **£6700** towards the new sound system. There is **no donation for the livestream service**. **Your kindness and generosity are sincerely appreciated!**