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Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B) – 16th May 2021

1st Reading – Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Psalm – The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

2nd Reading – 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel – John 17:11-19

We are preparing with the whole Church for the Solemnity of Pentecost. We need the presence of the Spirit within us to sanctify us and make us holy, to consecrate us in the truth and keep us true to the name of the Father. Jesus is praying for us in today's Gospel. The Lord continues to intercede for us now at the right hand of the Father, by presenting Himself and His glorious wounds to the Father on our behalf. He loves us with a love that sometimes can be very difficult to accept, an unconditional desire for our eternal good and happiness that can only be found in God.

To be true to God's name requires our need to reflect on who God is and the significance of that for us. We are Christians, the anointed ones, set apart already and in a real way belonging to the Lord from the moment of our baptism. Such a great event in our lives and yet we know that most of us never remember the date when it happened. At that moment the Spirit made us priests, prophets, and kings. How often do we spend any free time thanking God for such a gift, and relish who we have become? We have been re-created by the Spirit in order to listen to the Word of God and live, to communicate with the Lord, and to share in His power over the evil one. We are the chosen ones, the privileged ones, loved by God, and powerful. Our Lord's prayer is for us to understand fully who we are, to rejoice in the truth of who we are. That is why we need the Spirit to keep on descending into our hearts and enlighten them.

If we look at the names given to the Lord in the New Testament we will also understand better who we are called to be. Let us take just a few for our reflection this week: Lord is love, life, truth, resurrection. If we are to be true to His name, then our task in this life is to be more loving, to be life-giving for others, to walk in the truth and examine our conscience on a regular basis in the presence of God, and to lead a new way of life hidden in God with Christ. May the Spirit who makes all these things possible come into our hearts and encourage us in our journey of faith.

Ordination to the Priesthood – Next Saturday 22nd May our Br. Martin Sanderson will be ordained to the sacred priesthood in our friary church in Erith. Please pray for Br. Martin on this special occasion, and pray for his family at this time. Thank you.

Parish Social – Our next parish social will still be online via Zoom. Please put this date in your diary: **Thursday 27th May 7.30pm.** Details on the home page of our website.
Meeting ID 82297597573 Passcode 139343
Looking forward to seeing you there.

Franciscan Spirituality Sessions – Starting on Friday 28th May at 7.30pm I will be sharing the Franciscan spiritual journey according to St. Bonaventure's 'Itinerarium Mentis in Deum'. It is a short piece of writing commonly translated as the soul's journey into God. A reflection of a saint on the spiritual life of another saint – aimed at helping all of us to deepen our love and experience of God in everyday life.
Held on Zoom. Meeting ID **845 9492 0169** Passcode **934692**
Open to everyone, invite your friends.

Baptismal Preparation – Our next session for parents who are preparing for their child's baptism will take place on the 2nd Sunday of June – 13th June at 3pm. Details of how to attend will be made available on the website and here in the newsletter.



THE ORATORY

Coordinator of Spiritual Life
Closing date: 28 May 2021

The Oratory School is seeking to appoint for September 2021 a lay man or woman who is in full communion with the Catholic Church and fully in sympathy with our Oratorian ethos to the exciting new post of Coordinator of Spiritual Life. The school is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes a diverse pool of candidates.

For further details please contact the Human Resources department:
E-mail: recruitment@oratory.co.uk

Alternatively, please visit our website for an application form
www.oratory.co.uk

The Oratory Schools Association Registered Charity No. 309112 is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

CAFOD Campaign to Reclaim our common home - Cafod have launched a campaign 'to reclaim our common home' in advance of the G7 meeting in June of leaders from seven of the world's richest countries under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and the COP26 climate talks in November also under Mr Johnson's chairmanship. The aim of the campaign is to bring before our political leaders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic the plight of the poorest nations of the world and to adopt measures to help rebuild them by ending unjust debt repayment and tackling the climate crisis.

The easiest way to sign the petition is to do so online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Important information for EU Citizens

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf

NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 16th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Petro Lamos Salvador Soares R.I.P.
5.30pm	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit

Monday 17th May

St. Paschal Baylon, Memorial

7.30am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
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Tuesday 18th May

St. Felix of Cantalice, Feast

7.30am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
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Wednesday 19th May

St. Crispin of Viterbo, Memorial

7.30am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
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Thursday 20th May

St. Bernardine of Siena, Memorial

7.30am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
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Friday 21st May

7.30am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
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Saturday 22nd May

Bl. John Forest, Memorial

8.00am	Pious Union of the Holy Spirit
6.30pm	Herlander Pereira R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.