



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Many thanks to Anne Berry for this week's bulletin, also to Julie for last weeks. Thanks, too, to those who have been tending our flowers to provide us with a beautiful and worthy church. Ann C has done a sterling job on the annual accounts for all our parishes, and centres, and we cannot thank you all enough for your continued financial contributions that have been keeping us afloat during these times of restriction. If you need to see the accounts or an analysis of the effect of lockdown on the finances for the last 12 months please ask Fr Nick or Ann.



A couple of items that would not fit in this week's bulletin:

Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Family Life: Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to presiding at a live streamed Mass from St. Mary's Cathedral in celebration of Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12.00 noon. We look forward to as many as are possible to participate with us in our celebration of Spiritual Communion. If you have a special anniversary this year please consider attending. Booking is essential,(otherwise watch online) by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk . Booking is available now. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Rosary in the Month of Mary. The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle welcomes Pope Francis' invitation to Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The recitation of the Rosary will be live streamed from Walsingham to the Vatican Television Centre, this Saturday evening, so that Pope Francis can join in live. The Walsingham Intention is for those who have died from the pandemic across the world. The broadcast will be supported by EWTN and is best watched through the [Shrine's Facebook Page](#) or [YouTube Walsingham Catholic TV](#). [Read more here](#) about the Marathon of Prayer in our Diocese and the resources available. <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/pope-francis-to-join-walsingham-in-pandemic-prayers/>

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION
SHRINE LIST AND DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Day	Sanctuary	Daily Prayer Intention
	<i>Vatican Basilica</i>	For the entire world wounded by this pandemic
1	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham (England)</i>	For all the deceased
2	<i>Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary (Nigeria)</i>	For all those who have not been able to say goodbye to their deceased loved ones
3	<i>Our Lady of Czestochowa (Poland)</i>	For all those infected with the corona virus and all the sick
4	<i>Basilica of the Annunciation (Israel)</i>	For all expectant women and their unborn babies
5	<i>Blessed Virgen del Rosario (South Korea)</i>	For all children and adolescents
6	<i>Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil)</i>	For all young people
7	<i>Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage (Philippines)</i>	For all families
8	<i>Our Lady of Luján (Argentina)</i>	For all communication workers
9	<i>Holy house of Loreto (Italia)</i>	For all seniors
10	<i>Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)</i>	For all people with disabilities
11	<i>Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)</i>	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
12	<i>Our Lady of Africa (Algeria)</i>	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
13	<i>Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal)</i>	For all prisoners
14	<i>Our Lady of Health (India)</i>	For all scientists and medical research institutions

15	<i>Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)</i>	For all migrants
16	<i>St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)</i>	For all victims of violence and human trafficking
17	<i>Immaculate Conception (U.S.A.)</i>	For all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations
18	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes (France)</i>	For all doctors and nurses
19	<i>Mother Mary's House (Turkey)</i>	For all people at war and for world peace
20	<i>Our Lady of Charity of Copper (Cuba)</i>	For all pharmacists and health care personnel
21	<i>Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan)</i>	For all social workers
22	<i>Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain)</i>	For all volunteers
23	<i>Our Lady of Cap (Canada)</i>	For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters
24	<i>To be confirmed</i>	For all those who provide essential services
25	<i>Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta'Pinu (Malta)</i>	For all teachers, students and educators
26	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)</i>	For all workers and entrepreneurs
27	<i>Mother of God (Ukraine)</i>	For all the unemployed
28	<i>Black Madonna of Altötting (Germany)</i>	For the Holy Father, bishops, presbyters, and deacons
29	<i>Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon)</i>	For all consecrated men and women
30	<i>Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italia)</i>	For the Church
31	<i>Vatican Gardens</i>	For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life

St Thomas of Canterbury parishioners may be interested in the British Museum commemorations of the death of their Patron Saint in 1170

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/apr/25/beckets-brutal-reimagined-in-museum-with-his-skull-as-a-finale?fbclid=IwAR3ntgC_p9HHvBSY9UnOkYJM1VwbOvsBueXwkd_tuPtNebmy9o7HfrBoyA

Some may find this song helpful

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnXm7yKA_0c

Pruning, pruning, pruning, pruning
Pruning, pruning, pruning, pruning
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What are the fruits of the vine that we produce? How fruity are we?
Are we afraid of being pruned? Are we afraid of being cut off and thrown on the fire?



If you need to look up this week's readings

Universalis in English <https://universalis.com/20210502/mass.html>

or American with reflections

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/050221.html>

Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publication

<https://youtu.be/xtT-Yz3ngQA>

Information about Little Sister of the Poor, this week's second collection

<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/cause/newcastle/>

Wishing you a blessed week

Fr Nick