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<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B Psalter week 3</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday Year B Psalter week 4</b>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm <b>Sr. Theresa Umeani Birthday celebration</b>	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm <b>Pentecost Harvey Armstrong RIP</b>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am <b>John &amp; Anthony Offor RIP</b>	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am <b>Pentecost Marie Eastham RIP</b>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am <b>Pentecost</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Dunstan</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St John 1</b>	Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Bede the Venerable</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>Dedication of the Cathedral of St John Portsmouth</b>	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Philip Neri</b>
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am <b>St Bernardine of Siena</b>	Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> May. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</b>
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> May. No Mass	Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> May. No Mass

Please pray for the following members of our community who are ill or housebound: Bella Calder, Claire Sorrell, Tony Wright, John Tobin, Christopher Brown, Peggy Crooke, Greg Borkowski, Jay Dosanjh, Clara Nolan, Eve Barry, Mary Templeman, Chris Phelan, Miss Fahim, Alaric Rosman and Mary Taylor. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other

## **Catholic Communications Network – Obligatory Collection this week 16<sup>th</sup> May**

This Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, is World Communications Day. There is an Obligatory Second Collection for the Holy See to support this area of work.

In addition to the usual methods of giving, an online fundraising page has been set up to support the collection. If you would like to promote it in your parish, you can access it here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day>

The theme for this year is “Come and See” (John 1:46), for further information please visit: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210123\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

## **Pope’s Intentions May 2021**

### **The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Pope’s Tweets** Our lives and the history of the world are in God's hands. Let us entrust the Church, ourselves and the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray for peace, the end of the pandemic, a penitent spirit, and our conversion. [#OurLadyofFatima](#). Praying is not easy. Each time we want to pray, we think of many other activities that seem more important and urgent. Almost always, after putting off [#prayer](#), we realise that those things were not essential at all. This is how the Enemy deceives us.

## **Confirmations 2021**

In two weeks’ time, we have the great feast of Pentecost and I have prepared a Message to all the candidates who on that day are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be read at the Liturgy. Please pray for all our candidates. Confirmation is always a wonderful moment in the life of a young person and also a wonderful moment in the life of the Diocese. Last year, we had to postpone the usual arrangements for Confirmation and this year, things are still a bit different. Instead of inviting candidates here to the Cathedral, I have delegated all our parish priests across the Diocese to confer the Sacrament - in a Mass or non-Eucharistic liturgy - at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday. This will be simultaneously with me as the Bishop here in the Cathedral conferring the Sacrament on candidates from the Cathedral parish and Portsmouth Pastoral Area. I hope and pray we can return to a more normal situation next year, but for now, please say a special prayer for all those preparing and the catechists, family, sponsors and clergy supporting them.

## **Pentecost Novena begins Friday**

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales invites us all this year to undertake a Novena of prayer (prayers over nine days) in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. The prayers begin this Friday 14th May, the day after the Ascension. The Novena calls upon us to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face. The God Who Speaks team offers a Novena of readings and prayers drawn from the Bible and recent Papal teaching. Click [Pentecost Novena Creation 21.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#) here for a copy. Between Ascension and Pentecost, the Scriptures tell us: "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers..." (Acts 1:14) while they awaited to be "clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49). We are invited to pray these nine days reflecting on the account of creation in the book of Genesis. This Novena can be used on its own or to complement the prayers and reflections of the global prayer movement - 'Thy Kingdom Come' with the Care of Creation theme.

## **This Sunday's Liturgy – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Jesus' prayer to the Father reveals not only the closeness and intimacy between them, but also the love of Jesus for each of His disciples. In times of suffering and distress, we sometimes doubt the love of God, or fear that it is God who is forgetting us, rather than us forgetting him. The prayer of Jesus shows us that our doubts and fears are misplaced. As he gives his life for us, Jesus tells us, in his prayer to the Father, what is uppermost in his mind and heart: our salvation. You can find the Sunday readings [here](#) and read Scott Hahn's reflection [here](#).

## **News about the Pilgrimage**

The pandemic has brought in a number of uncertainties about our 2021 diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Here, Fr. PJ Smith, our Pilgrimage Director, has some news.

It is with sadness I must announce that today we have had to cancel this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The decision has been difficult to reach, but it has been taken in light of the announcement by the government last Friday regarding the status of France in the forthcoming travel corridors. The pilgrimage team will be contacting all our pilgrims over the next few days about this cancellation. However, we are also in the process now of exploring the feasibility of holding an alternative pilgrimage in the UK and I hope to share details about this with you in the next e-News. In the meantime, I call upon all pilgrims' past and present to join in the Rosary Marathon that Pope Francis has declared for the month of May, and especially join the broadcast that will be made on the 18th May from the grotto at Lourdes. More details including the prayers to be offered can be found [here](#).

## **Year of the Eucharist begins soon**

In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we will begin a Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021. As you know, in these years 2020 to 2022, I am inviting everyone in the Diocese to undertake by God's grace a period of intense, spiritual renewal. The purpose ultimately is to help us realise our diocesan ambition of Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. We are always totally dependent on God and His grace and on the gifts of the Holy Spirit He pours out upon us through the Holy Eucharist. In other words, we wish to be renewed in faith so that we will be better equipped for service and mission. The Year of the Eucharist, which will follow on from the Year of the Word, will be a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole, for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist and the Blessed Sacrament we adore outside of Mass: It is the Lord! (cf. John 21:7) By a happy coincidence, the Holy Father has made the year 2021 a Year of St. Joseph and so as we begin a Year of the Eucharist, I recommend prayerful reflection on the passages in the Gospels that speak of St. Joseph and which can draw us closer to the Child he loved and cared for. Over the next weeks in e-News, I will share with you some ideas about how we can keep the Year holy, including details of our three Shrine churches where you can obtain a special Plenary Indulgence. There is also a booklet, which you can download [here](#).