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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 08/05/21	12:30 CTK	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Denis & Lawrence Stapleton (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Yanis Erglis & Dipiro family (RIP)
Sun 09/05/21	10:00 CTK		Tembui Martha Etta (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		Hannah & Tony Whelton (RIP)
Mon 10/05/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Harry Worthington
	12:00 CTK		Marion Wanty (RIP)
Tue 11/05/21	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Mikula family (RIP)
	14:00 CTK		Alf Broth (RIP)
Wed 12/05/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Chris Kinsella (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Alan Rudd (RIP)
	19:00 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Thu 13/05/21	09:30 Mon.	Solemnity of Ascension <i>(Holyday of Obligation)</i>	Michael Greenan (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Tom Murphy and family
	19:00 CTK		Arthur & Gertie Treanor (JA)
Fri 14/05/21	10:30 Mon.	St Matthias, Feast	Archbishop Patrick Kelly
	12:00 CTK		Wesley Patrick Bye (RIP)
Sat 15/05/21	14:30 CTK	Pentecost Sunday	Children prepared for Sacraments
	18:00 OLAM		Bridget Clarke (RIP)
Sun 16/05/21	10:00 CTK		Joan & Allan Horton (Wed. Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)

Please pray for

- the children who are prepared for the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation in our two Primary Schools. May their faith be properly nurtured and fruitful.
- Those who are making important decisions in their life, especially Alice O'Toole.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, John Butler, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie.

RIP: Please pray for Doreen Davies, Grace Deane, and Kathleen Eustace (nee Ferris) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

DO NOT come if you are infected with the virus or are sick.
You must **SOCIALLY DISTANCE** (1m+) whilst in Church and wear a mask.
STEWARDS will welcome you, and give instructions.
The **TOILETS** will **NOT** be open for use.

How can you be *commanded* to love? Surely love has to be a free response, not an obligation. You can be commanded to obey, but how can you be commanded to love? How could Jesus say, "This is my commandment, that you love one another?"

Meister Eckhart threw a clear light on this conundrum. He said, "When I am thirsty, the drink commands me; when I am hungry, the food commands me. And God does the same [when he commands me to love]." In other words, the command to love is not a command that is laid on us from the outside; it is an inner command, an inner urgency placed in our very being by God – like hunger and thirst; or, you might say, like the urgency that an oak tree has to develop as an oak tree. It is not something alien, it is totally our own, and yet it is totally from God – because God is totally our own, "more ours," said Tauler, "than anything else we own." If God is totally ours, then God's commands are totally ours.

Most of us grew up with the belief that God was somewhere else, not here; that heaven was a place where God lived far away. Any communication from such a God would be an intrusion from the outside. Certainly we also said that God was everywhere, but these two thoughts may never have overlapped or touched each other at all. If we also had the wrong kind of fear of God, we may then have imagined him everywhere in the way that a controlling headmaster is 'everywhere' in the school – meaning that no matter what you did, you were found out.

Our thoughts and feelings about God are always in need of a great deal of healing (see May 6). This should be happening naturally, and through the grace of God, in the course of our daily life, but prayer and meditation are the favoured place for it to happen. There the experience of the day is sifted without interference and comes around slowly into the right perspective. We can confidently hope to be able to enjoy our faith. Meister Eckhart again: "If anyone commands me to do that which is pleasant, which avails me or on which my bliss depends, that is exceedingly sweet to me."

Joy is very close to the heart of our faith. Jesus "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Luke 10:21), and wants to draw us into his own joy (John 15:11). Paul mentions joy as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). St Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Since the enjoyment of God...surpasses the power of all creatures, it follows that this complete and perfect joy does not enter into us but rather we enter into it. 'Enter into the joy of your Lord' (Matthew 25:21)."

<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>

Prayer Intentions for the month of May

09/05/21 - *"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"*

16/05/21 - *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*

23/05/21 - *"As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us"*

30/05/21 - *"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"*

Pom Pom-A-Thon

New Heights needs volunteers to make Pom Poms and write message of hope and inspiration to be attached to them during the month of May. Pom Pom making kits and messages can be collected or returned completed on Mondays and Wednesdays during May, 8:30am - 11:30am, at St John's Centre (124 Warren Farm Road, B44 0QN).

St Edmund Campion Catholic School currently has vacancies for three Foundation Governors.

The core functions of the Governing Board are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organization, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Foundation Governor here at St Edmund Campion Catholic School, or would like further information, please email Mrs Ruth Houghton, Clerk to Governors, on houghtonr@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

Food Parcels: for those in need are available from The Active Well-Being Society on 0121 7287030. Helps with clothing and other supports are also available.