

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

Parish Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday of Easter 29th April 2018



MAY IS MARY'S MONTH...

"May is Mary's month, and I muse at that and wonder why: her feasts follow reason, dated due to season – Candlemas, Lady Day; but the Lady Month, May..."

From *The May Magnificat* by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889),
a convert to Roman Catholicism and a Jesuit priest

Many of us would have grown up with so many traditions associated with the month of May. The 'May altar' in primary school: pupils bringing in bunches of tulips, daffodils, and sometimes later in May, early roses, to decorate it... The custom of saying a decade of the Rosary each day as part of our daily prayers at school, the crowning of the statue of Our Lady...

Many of us too would have attended May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady in the Church. On Wednesday at 7pm there will be traditional May Devotions: a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, with its beautiful titles of Our Lady, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the traditional hymns in honour of Our Lady. I hope very much that you will join us.

GROTTO SEASON 2018

The Grotto Season 2018 begins on Tuesday 1st May. This year's diary is as busy as ever, with parish groups, school groups, groups from other parts of the UK and abroad. As of the 1st of May Eucharistic Adoration will move from the Parish Church to the Glass Chapel, from 10.30am until 7pm each day. On Mondays and Tuesdays there will be a simple Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Glass Chapel at 7pm. On Wednesdays at 7pm we will have devotions in the Parish Church. On the other days Exposition will finish simply at 7pm.

Copies of the leaflet with dates of events in the Grotto are available in the porch.

A NEW PUBLICATION

For the past few years I have tried to bring out some new publications to coincide with the new Grotto Season. This year I have published a booklet entitled 'The Fatima Apparitions' - it gives a faithful account of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, which took place between May and October 1917, as well as the authentic 'Fatima Prayers' which the children were taught by Our Lady, and the Prayer for the Consecration of Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which was used during the National Mass last year in September. The booklets are 30 pages long and are modestly priced at £2.00 each. The proceeds from the sale of the booklets will go the Grotto. They can be found in the porch of the Church and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

ROSARY ON THE COAST OF THE BRITISH ISLES - the bus will leave the Church car park at 1pm today to travel to Prestwick. Please be prompt. There will be no Sunday Evening Devotions this week because of the Rosary on the Coast.

MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

On Wednesday evening at 7pm, with the Rosary, Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT SATURDAY IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - Fatima Prayers and Rosary 9.30am, Confessions 9.30am (note the change of time), Holy Mass 10am. 11.45am Confessions in the Parish Church; Rosary and Fatima Prayers at 12.15pm and Holy Mass at 1pm all in the Glass Chapel.

ANNUAL DEANERY MISSION APPEAL - will be given next Sunday by Father Matthew Fox of the Mill Hill Missionaries, with Special Collection to support their work. Please be generous.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Copies of the new rota can be found in the sacristy.

GROTTO CALENDAR - Copies for Grotto helpers are available in the sacristy.

CALENDAR - **Monday** is the memorial of **Pope St. Pius V**. Born in 1504, he joined the Dominicans at the age of fourteen, and was sixty-two when he was elected Pope. His papacy, though short, was one of the most fruitful of the sixteenth century. To the Reformers who had begun the Reformation, Pius replied by applying the decrees of the Council of Trent for the reform of the Church from within. Being a Dominican he wore a white habit, and after his election as Pope he continued to wear it - hence the reason today why the Pope wears a white cassock. **Tuesday** is the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker**, established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianise the concept of human labour and give to all worker a role model and protector. Joseph's work must have been arduous and unrewarding, but he offered it to God with patience, and no doubt with a cheerful heart. **Thursday** is the Feast of the **Apostles Sts. Philip and James**. Philip was one of the first disciples to be chosen soon after his Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. St. James the Lesser, a brother of the Apostle Jude, was from Cana in Galilee. He is the author of one of the Letters in the New Testament, and was favoured by an appearance of the Risen Christ, which we read about in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. After Pentecost he became Bishop of Jerusalem. His relics lie next to those of St. Philip in the Basilica of the Holy Twelve Apostles (*Santi Dodici Apostoli*) in Rome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Thursday 10th May** - Ascension Thursday - Holyday of Obligation - Masses 7pm, 10am and 1pm.
- ❖ **Saturdays 12th May and 19th May** - First Communions at 11am. No 10am Mass today.
- ❖ **Sunday 13th May** - HCPT Reunion Mass 3pm.
- ❖ **Sunday 13th May** - Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass at 7.30pm.
- ❖ **Monday 14th May** - Fatima Mass for Primary Schools 1pm. Celebrant Bishop Joseph Toal.
- ❖ **Sunday 20th May** - Pentecost Sunday - the anointing with the Oil of Gladness, will be offered at the end of the weekend Masses.
- ❖ **Sunday 20th May** - Legion of Mary Scotland 90th Anniversary Pilgrimage and Blessing of the new Shrine. Mass 3pm.

THE FIFTH WEEK OF THE EASTER SEASON

TUESDAY 1ST MAY OLSF FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT	9.00am The Parish Church opens, and each day at the same time 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Traditional May Devotions in honour of Our Lady
THURSDAY 3RD MAY PILGRIMS FROM NEW YORK, USA	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.00am Mass for the Pilgrims from the USA in the Glass Chapel 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church
FRIDAY 4TH MAY	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel
SATURDAY 5TH MAY FIRST SATURDAY TENT OF THE DIVINE MERCY	9.30am Confessions 9.30am Rosary and Fatima Prayers for the First Saturday 10.00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions 11.45am Confessions 12.15pm Rosary and Fatima Prayers for the First Saturday 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Glass Chapel 2.00pm Tent of the Divine Mercy 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 6TH MAY	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 11am The Shrines and the Chapels in the Grotto open NO EVENING DEVOTIONS TODAY

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THE SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of the year, except during Lent and on Easter Sunday, at 12.30pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry.

*Please telephone or email Father McGachey to make an appointment,
or speak to Father McGachey or Deacon Jim after Mass at the weekend*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Jacob Canning, Mary Hart, Aqueel Naseem, Susan Inayat, John Brady, Teresa Cochrane, Eileen Knowles, Michael Miller, Elenor Giuberelli, Margaret Curran, Michael Gaynor, John McKeown, Peter McKenna, Nancy Buggie (Cullen), Ella Kearney, Francey Connelly, John Cook, Matt Lees, Mary Doyle, John Reilly, Gill Dobbie, Father Kamran, Yousaf Inayat, Margaret Feeney, Catherine Strain (Watson), James McCluskey, Eva McCluskey, Lorraine Williamson, Mamie Entrican, Jimmy Mays, Robert Higgins, Elizabeth Sawyer, Bernard Donnelly.

RECENTLY DEAD - John Reilly (Reception: Sunday 7pm; Funeral Monday 10am), Therese McCool, Len Smith, Lizzie McCarroll, Marie Lewis, Hazel Hughes, Morag Loughrie, Scott Baird, Iain Armstrong, Walter Kirk, John hook, Bridie Linehan, George Johnson, Renee McLean, Nicola MacAnulty, John Gary, Gerald McMorro, Vicky Hughes, Tommy Smith, Donald Keane, Jim Roy, Marie Therese Lewis, Margaret Leslie, Barry Anderson, Betty Fawcett, Elizabeth Pemberton, Ellen Canning, George Johnstone, Paul O'Neil, Margaret McBride, Sarah Attracta Sudiskas, Margaret McBride, Gerard McPeake, Jane McPeake, Maureen Airlie, Robert Orr, Iain Armstrong, Jim Roy, Jacqui Higgins.

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES — John Sweeney, Martin Gaughan, Bridget Hughes, Mary Frances Ward, Peter Dean, Cathie Hughes, Dick O'Dowd, Marie McGahan Murray, John Murray, Catherine, Charles and Tracy Devine, Ann T. Devine, Joseph Devine, Liz Allan, Frankie Roy, Martin Roy, Paul Todd, Edward and Hannah O'Neill. Elizabeth O'Neill. O'Neill Family, Frank and Margaret Roy, James, Esther and Mary Roy, Winifred Naughton, Partrick Naughton, James Naughton, Trevor Horton, Alex Graham, Irene Timmons, Patrick and Ellen Napier, Agnes Riordan, Gerald and John Riordan, Mary Ellis, Michael Quinn, Michael Desmond Dowdican.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 22ND APRIL - £1878

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