

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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12th APRIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

EASTER SATURDAY 5pm LEDBURY: Pro Popolo

2nd SUNDAY.OF EASTER 9am LEDBURY: Rachel Evans (ints)

2nd SUNDAY.OF EASTER 10.30am LITTLE MALVERN: Kris Davies (ints)

TUESDAY 10am LITTLE MALVERN: Chris Bennet (ints)

WEDNESDAY 10am LEDBURY: Brigid Malnati RIP

THURSDAY 10am LITTLE MALVERN: Vera Huhtala RIP

FRIDAY 10am LEDBURY: Kevin Dacey (ints)

SATURDAY 5pm LEDBURY: Vocations

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 9am LEDBURY: Archbishop Mark O'Toole (ints)

3rd SUNDAY. of EASTER 10.30am LITTLE MALVERN: Archbp. Bernard Longley (ints)

CONFESSIONS: just ask Fr.T who is in Church half an hour before Masses.

Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

'All who believed were together and had all things in common.'

Psalm Ps 22(21):118(117):2-4,13-15b,22-24

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Second Reading; 1 Peter 1:3-9

'He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

Gospel: John 20:19-31

'Eight days later, Jesus came.

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND ALSO THE SICK

We pray for the repose of the souls of loved ones and friends. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray also: for all the sick and housebound including Rosemarie Kay, Pat Sweetman, Jennifer Bush, Collette Spencer, Patricia Soper, Lea Maloney and Bernadette Mulholland.

WELCOME to God's Family, The Church, ELIOR MBAH son of Fred and Juliet, who was Baptized at Holy Trinity on Easter Wednesday. Deo gratias!

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

SUNDAY COFFEE There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please from 6th to 26th April send any items for inclusion to June Stallard. Her email address is: junestallard@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

Apologies for the delay but I can now confirm that proceeds of the Christmas Crib collection, which amounted to £94, have been forwarded to the prison charity, PACT. The money will be used to provide toys and colouring books for the benefit of children visiting loved ones at Long Lartin prison.

Michael Seales

JUNE STALLARD'S CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that from hereon in, should you wish to contact me by email, please use junestallard@gmail.com. Thank you.

'HEART SPEAKS TO HEART' Archbishop Mark O'Toole (Cardiff-Menevia) has initiated a programme of prayer and reflection to consider the implications of a very real situation (parishioners at St. Wulstan's would also benefit from taking part) which is that: in South Wales, baptized Catholics number 131,000 (9%) of the population. Practicing Catholics numbered only 14,000 in 2019, and now: LESS THAN 10,000!!! (Birmingham archdiocese has dropped from 65,000 to just 42,000 practicing in the same decade). Abp. O'Toole calls us all to be missionary in every way. A training day has taken place at Belmont Abbey, for facilitators to co-ordinate & lead considerations in parishes & schools. You will hear more of this in coming weeks. For now, reflect on the words of Pope Benedict XVI:

'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. St. John's Gospel describes that event in these words: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should...have eternal life". (Deus caritas est,1.)

HOMEWORK: texts will be made available in due course. As a start, read and consider today's Scripture text: ACTS 2:42-47: (The fellowship of the believers) ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe^[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

QUESTIONS: 1) what can we do as a parish community to make sure prayer is indeed the 'foundation' of all we are, rather than being just 'one of the things we do???' 2)'having favour with all people the lord added to their number'. Why were they so captivating? What can we learn from all this? (just two of various Q's posed)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY (one decade before Mass today)

On the Our Father Bead of your Rosary pray:

LEADER: Eternal Father I offer you the Body & Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world

On the 10 Hail Mary beads

LEADER: for the sake of His sorrowful Passion

ALL: have mercy on us and on the whole world

CONCLUSION (three times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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