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# Sunday 13th May 2018 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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**CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm**

### Entrance antiphon\*:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

### Psalm R/:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

### Acclamation:

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy.

### Communion antiphon\*:

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

\* Not said if sung Mass

## NOTICES

### Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to £242.93 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many thanks.

### Diocesan Prayer Link

Holy Rood, Swindon.

### Cleaning Rota

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### Adoration

Eucharistic: Tuesday 1pm-1.50pm and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm and Perpetual: Thursday 10am to Friday 7pm.

Newsletter items to [elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk](mailto:elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk) no later than 10am Wednesday mornings.

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## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: B (1) Liturgy of the hours: Proper of season

	Pentecost Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
StF	8pm (Sat, vigil) 11am 6pm	8-30pm	9am Morning Prayer 2pm Rosary	7pm	9-15am	9am Praying the Sunday Readings	-
StJ	6pm (Sat, vigil) 9am		8-30am	-	-	10am	No am Mass

## The Word this Week

On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, forty days after his resurrection at Easter, the day when Jesus returned to the Father and commissioned the disciples to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News. Today we hear of God's infinite love for us, a love that lets us share his Spirit – the Holy Spirit that will fall on those in the Upper Room at Pentecost to give them all they need to continue Jesus' mission. In the gospel today we hear Christ's prayer to the Father during the Last Supper, when he prays that his apostles will remain faithful to their mission and be protected from the evil one. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next weekend let us pray that we, too, will remain faithful and endeavour to live out our mission in a sometimes hostile world.

## PRAYER BOARD

### Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Nancy Evans and Josef Leduchowicz.

**Anniversaries:** 14th May, Arthur Clifford Shaw, Fred Hall, 1991. Sr Dolores, 2008; 15th May, Sheila Winifred Keeley, 1997; 16th May, William Ashbridge, 1975; 17th May, Leslie Dugdill, 1979, Reg Leversuch, 1986; 18th May, Douglas Edward Gilbert, 1999. Jill Yvonne Plevin, 1981. Michael Horton, 2006.

## Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Shirley McKiernan and Kathleen Hucker who died recently. Kathleen's funeral will take place at St Francis', Thursday 24th May at 12 noon and Shirley's on 6th June at 11-30am.

## Second Collection

This Sunday is for World Communications Sunday

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

This Communications Sunday offers us a clear and obvious reminder of all that we are called to be in this Year of Mission. We are to communicate the gospel to others. We do that, not simply by what we say or what we write, but by who we are and how we live. This last week has seen us celebrate the Ascension and hearing the call of Jesus to go out to the whole world and proclaim good news. Today's Gospel seems to pick up something of what we have already heard over Easter... 'as you sent me so I send them'. This is Jesus' mission living on in the disciple. That's us! We're in that time of praying, thirsting and waiting for the outpouring of the Spirit. This week, find yourself praying 'Come, Holy Spirit' and pray for the courage and the strength, the wisdom, the discernment and the understanding to be caught up in the mission Jesus to proclaim the Father's love and to touch the world with the power of Jesus' healing and compassion. That's a good news worth proclaiming!

## Drive a priest

Fr Stanislaw Cieslak SJ will be coming to our parishes this summer to celebrate the weekend Masses on 4/5 and 11/12 August but needs transport to get here from Weston-super-Mare where he is staying. If anyone would be willing to collect him from Weston or take him back after Mass or drive him between

the two parishes please let Fr Tom know.

## Teams of our Lady

We are planning to start a new Team in our parish. Teams of Our Lady is an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams provide a proven method of increasing and improving prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other. If you would be interested please contact Fr Tom.

## Parish Pilgrimage

We will be having a parish pilgrimage for the month of May to Our Lady of Ostrobama in Bristol on Saturday 26 May, with Mass at 11am, rosary and lunch with the Polish community. Walkers will depart at 7-00am and those using provided transport at 9-45am. We'll return to Nailsea early afternoon. The suggested contribution is £10 for adults to help cover the cost of the lunch. Sign up now and pay this weekend please.

Walkers- the NEW START TIME is 0700 from St Francis Church. If you intend to walk into Bristol, it would be helpful if you put your details on the relevant clipboard. If you want more details contact Clive Collins 01275851596.

## RIP

Wednesday 16th May, 7pm Mass to mark the 1st Anniversary of Patricia MacLachlan.

## Vigil for the Feast of Pentecost

This year we will once again be holding a Vigil Mass for the Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by Fr Tom. It will be on Saturday, 19th May 2018 at 8:00pm and will be a spirit-filled, joyful occasion to which we are inviting our neighbouring

parishes and many old friends, so do come along and join us if you can. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

## Thank you

On behalf of St Francis School I would like to say a big thank you to those who helped raised £44.40 at coffee after the school led mass. All the money raised goes directly towards the religious ethos of the school. The children were delighted to be a part of the mass and are looking forward to leading again later this year.

## Invitation

St Francis School would like to invite all parishioners to join us for Mass in the School hall followed by tea and cake on the following dates:

Friday 18th May at 10am - Pentecost Assembly (ie: not Mass)

Friday 29 June at 1-30pm - Feast of St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday 18th July at 10am - End of Year Mass

More details to follow closer to the dates. We are looking forward to welcoming you.

## Cafe Francis

Cafe Francis is open this Tuesday from 2 - 3.30pm. Come along to the Church Hall and enjoy a cuppa and cake. All are most welcome.

## Men's group

We are starting a new series of meetings for men, from 6 to 7.30am on Wednesday mornings starting this Wednesday 16 May, looking at Divine Mercy. Do come and join us for a fabulous breakfast and time of prayer and fellowship with other men from the parish.