

**POPE FRANCIS HAS DEDICATED THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 TO A "MARATHON" OF PRAYER, AS PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD UNITE IN PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY TO ASK FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC.**

Last year he encouraged us all to add this beautiful prayer to Our Lady to the end of our rosary during the month of May, and we continue to share them as we seek Our Lady's protection during this special time of prayer.

O Mary,

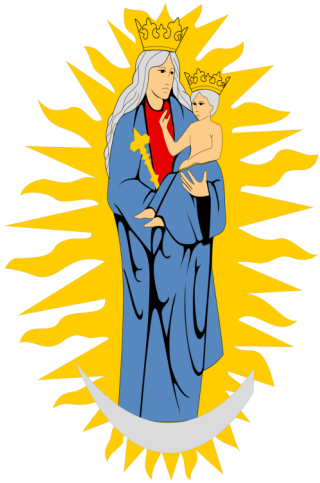
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.



Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**16TH MAY 2021**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Father I pray that they may be one  
as we are also one, alleluia.

**Today is World Communications Day**

Christ is our peace. In him we are one (cf. Ephesians 2:14). Let us together break down the dividing walls of hostility and build up the communion of love according to the designs of the Creator made known through his Son! (Pope Benedict xvi)



Easter (B1)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 15th/16th</b> <b>7th Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	Bill Penny People of the Parish Tom Murphy
Monday 17th		
Tuesday 18th	<b>10am Mass OH</b> <b>10.30am-11am OH</b>	Tom Murphy Adoration
Wednesday 19th	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am - 11am BH</b>	Fr David Lloyd Adoration
Thursday 20th		
Friday 21st	<b>9am Mass</b> <b>10.30am-11am KF</b> <b>11am Mass KF</b>	School Adoration Dec'd Fernandez Family
Saturday 22nd	<b>10am Mass BH</b>	First Holy Communion Children
<b>Sunday 22nd/23rd</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	Joan Jeavons People of the Parish Paul Bac

Please pray for all those who have died, especially Melvin Turner, Mary Edwards, Ann Geraghty, those on our May deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: BH GA £356.00, Loose £458.85, CTF £48.38, Rent £868.10, Hall hire £60.00, Donations £500.00.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Iona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people**

**Today there is a second collection for Catholic Communications, next week for Our Sisters**

**URGENT APPEAL BY CAFOD**

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**COVID updates from 17th May - the limit on services is changing from Monday.** Mass numbers are still dictated by the capacity of each building, funerals can have the maximum number the same as for Mass in each Church. So at KF it's 50 for Mass and 50 for a funeral. Reception of the Body into Church is limited to 30 however. Weddings and Baptisms can have 30 people in attendance from Monday.

**National Days of Prayer for Life** please see poster at the back of Church. Day of prayer and fasting on Friday 21st May for an end to abortion and euthanasia .

**Please pray for our children** who are receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd May. May God bless them, their families, teachers and friends.

**Right to Life** have launched a digital news platform so you can be updated with news on abortion issues [www.righttolife.org.uk/news](https://www.righttolife.org.uk/news)

**Pope's prayer intention for May:**

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