

Fr Rafal is saying Mass in our Church every morning at 8.00am. The Holy Hour takes place at 7.00pm on *Thursdays*; *The Rosary is being said at 7.40pm on Thursdays*. These are streamed live on our Parish Facebook page. Parishioners wishing to take part should go onto the website, www.sbek.org and click on the Facebook tab.

Collections: During the time that our Church is to remain closed, weekly offerings cheques can be posted to the Church or cheques and Gift Aid envelopes can be posted through the door of the Chapel House. Alternatively, offerings can be made by bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. Thank you for any support and generosity during this difficult time. During the period between 13 April and 3 May 2020 the collections/donations (cash, gift aid envelopes, cheques) amounted £2,186.00, of which £1,846.00 was gift-aided. Donations to SCIAF amounted £241.00.

Any Parishioners who may be in need of help during this difficult time are asked to contact Fr Rafal who will be happy to provide the help where possible. Any Parishioners who may be able to help others should contact Fr Rafal.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Childrens' Liturgy: <https://youtu.be/dK3wSdrs1s>

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Theresa Murray**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

Please pray for those affected by **Covid 19**, who ask for your prayers: Gillian Jamieson.

Anniversaries: Bonnie McMenamin, Philip McAinsh, Tommy Burns (Glasgow), Annie McShane.

Recently dead: William Carlin, Jack Pennie, Margaret Marsella, Cathy McCormack.

Funeral arrangements:

- (1) **R.I.P. Catherine McSorley** – Service in Ayrshire Crematorium on Monday 18 May (will be streamed online on Parish Facebook Account at 2.30pm)
- (2) **R.I.P. Margaret Harkins** – Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Saturday 23 May

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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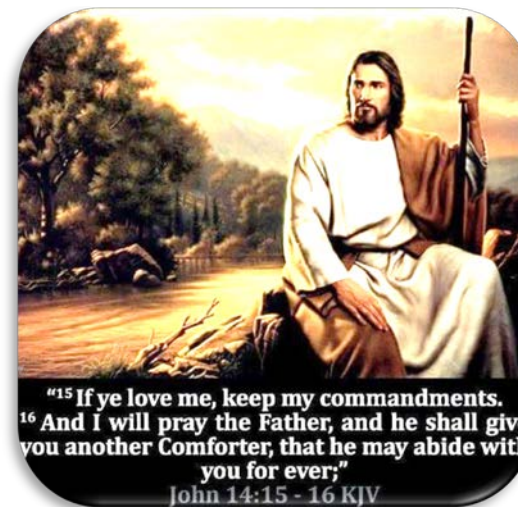
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Sunday 17 May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A



***Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am
Holy Hour and Rosary are being streamed live on Thursday at
7.00-8.00pm***

Thursday 21 May is the solemnity of **the Ascension of the Lord** and a Holyday of Obligation.

On Friday 22nd May **the Novena to the Holy Spirit** begins.

Next Sunday is **World Communications Day**.

This Thursday, we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: *He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father*. We believe that Jesus' earthly life reached its culmination when He passed from this world to the Father. He no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our earthly life. He passed into the glorified state in God. It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. Otherwise, after the Ascension, the disciples would not have returned to Jerusalem *with great joy*, as Saint Luke tells us (24:52). He is close to each one of us forever. Recall the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel: *And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age* (Matthew 28:20).

Pope Francis' Letter on the Month of May: Pope Francis sent a letter encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope said that contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. He urged families and individuals to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May, which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his letter, Pope Francis said people can pray the rosary as a group or individually, whatever fits their situation best. "The key to doing this is always simplicity," he underlined, adding that the internet is a good resource for finding prayers to follow. During May, it is a tradition to pray the rosary "at home within the family," he said, noting that the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic "have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. With his letter, the Pope included two prayers to Our Lady to recite at the end of the rosary, which he said he would also pray throughout May "in spiritual union with all of you."

Please see below the Decree on the Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current Pandemic: "The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and everyone to Divine Mercy by virtue of the Communion of Saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence, the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended."

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society: Joanna Hearl, Training and Fundraising Coordinator with St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society, has asked that the following message be passed to parishes. As I'm sure you can imagine this is a really worrying time for many charities. We are fortunate that we can still support most of our families remotely at this time. We are just having to be a little bit more creative in how we do this. However, our biggest challenge throughout this crisis, is going to be the recruitment of prospective adopters. We are working hard to ensure that when this is over, and it will be over at some point god willing, we have enough new adopters to continue to deliver our services. Put simply, if we don't, we will find ourselves in a really difficult position financially. To this end we are trying to utilise the fact that many people are at home with time on their hands and perhaps getting round to looking into adoption if they have thought about it previously. I am happy to provide more information to anyone who requires it. Our Facebook page can be found at the following link: www.facebook.com/stmargaretsadoptionssociety. Our Twitter page can be found at this link twitter.com/stmgtadoption. Our Instagram page can be found at this link www.instagram.com/stmgtadoption/. Our website www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk can also be shared. Joanna Hearl is also available on 07986887798.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year were delivered to some of our Parishioners recently. Please do not feel under any pressure when making donations and contributions for the Church during this difficult time.

SCIAF Lent Campaign: This coming Wednesday, the 20th of May, marks the end of our campaign. Donations or pledges have to be in for this date if we are to ask the UK Government to double them as part of our aid match agreement with them. While we imagine demands on your time at the moment will be great, we would appreciate if you were able to transfer over any donations or submit any pledges you have not had the chance to pass on to us ahead of this date. Our bank account details are (sort code) **83-21-08** (account no) **16021287**. Alternatively we can be contacted on 0141 354 5555.