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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 3

Sat 3rd 6:00pm Michael Diskin RIP

Sun 4th 9:15am David Vernau RIP

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 4th 11:00am Pro Populo

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 5th 10:00am Michael Diskin RIP

Tue 6th 9:30am Annamma Varghese RIP

6th 5:00pm Reception of Theresa Devaney

Wed 7th 10:00am Requiem for Theresa Devaney

Thu 8th 9:30am Pat & Gerry McGoldrick RIP

8th 1:00pm Requiem for Joseph McGee

Fri 9th 9:30am Carmel Cauchi RIP

Sat 10th 9:30am Mick Diskin RIP

Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

For the sick:

Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmore, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Jim Jarvis, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Mick Broadaway, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For the recently departed:

Anniversaries week beginning : 4th May 2025

James Fenton, Denis Smith, Joan Stringer, Kevin Clews, Lauretta Genders, Wah-ting Chan, Margeret Griffith, Maria Foster, Jean Smith, Brian Sheridon, Ruth Arnold & Sandra O'Brien.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Rev David Duggan, Rev Michael Byrne, Cannon Bernard Hirrill, Rev James Dutton, Rev Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray, Rev Francis Carr, Rev Walter Joret, Rev Patrick Cocklin & Deacon James Duffy.

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BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES REFLECTION ON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Soon after celebrating our Easter morning Masses, we saw the courage of Pope Francis in taking his usual place on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica in Rome on this day to greet the City of Rome and the World. His breathing and his speech appeared so laboured, but he greeted us with the words: Dear brothers and sisters: Happy Easter! And he gave the world his blessing. Little did we know that this would be his last. Even in his frail state on Easter Day, Pope Francis recognised the desire of the people to see the Holy Father and he travelled around St Peter's Square blessing the people and some young children.

Only days before, on Holy Thursday, again defying the odds and insistent on keeping an annual appointment that he established during his papacy - the Mass of the Lord's Supper surrounded by prison inmates - who were so delighted to welcome him. The relative shock of the timing of Pope Francis' death, despite his recent period of serious illness and evident decline, reminds us all that the timing of our return 'to the House of the Father' is not a time of our choosing but as and when the giver of the gift calls us back into his loving embrace.

When faced with the death of a Pope during the Octave of Easter Day, which the Church asks us to keep with the same joy as Easter Day, how should we respond in terms of Masses and liturgical celebrations? Actually, our faith informs us: that the Easter Octave is a highpoint of the year which continues, and what better way could there be to commend somebody to the love and mercy of God than in the light of the Resurrection?

As we reflect on the many aspects of Pope Francis' almost 12 years as the successor of St Peter, we acknowledge his focus on the Joy of the Gospel, on Care for Creation, on the dignity of human person, on the Church being a prophetic voice at the service of the world, on the importance of young people as the 'now' of the Church and as a compassionate voice for refugees, we can call to mind that most evocative image of his solitary figure standing in a rain-soaked St Peter's Square at the height of the first Covid-19 lockdown, 27th March 2020, blessing the frightened world.

Later in 2020, he urged us to see the pandemic as a moment in time to look at the world differently, overcoming division and seeking unity:

All too quickly, however, we forget the lessons of history, "the teacher of life". Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of "them" and "those", but only "us". If only this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing. (Fratelli Tutti 35)

As the Church marks the Second Sunday of Eastertide, appropriately in respect of Pope Francis - Divine Mercy Sunday - and the same weekend in the Church's calendar that St John Paul II died, 20 years ago, we pray: May Pope Francis, Jorge Bergoglio, rest in peace and awaken to his resurrection on the Last Day. Amen. Alleluia!

Bishop Timothy Menezes

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.

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FINANCE: Second Collection: 11th May Clergy Training Fund

Parish Finances week beginning 27/4/24

COLLECTION: £1064.14 of which Gift Aid £524.47
FABRIC FUND: £ 616.77 of which Gift Aid: £410.49
APRIL Tap & Go: £ 754.40 of which Gift Aid: £473.40
APRIL STANDING ORDER: £2776.67

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Sunday 26/27th April Mass attendance 662

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunn - May 11th	Cakes for CAFOD after 9:15am Mass
Mon - May 12/19th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - May 6/13/20th	4-5pm Holy Communion class
Tue - May 13/27th	Seniors after Mass
Wed - May 21st	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed - May 7/14/28th	Bible Class after morning Mass
Wed - May 7/14/21/28th	Bible Study 7:30pm
Thu - May 16th	Craft Group 12:30pm
Sat—Jun 21st	7:30-9:30pm CAFOD Fundraiser with John Hart

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

Thank you: Easter celebration was overshadowed by the death of Pope Francis such that I did not have much time to express my gratitude to you all for the good preparations you made for Easter. I thank everyone for the generous contribution you made through your hard work to make Holy Week and Easter exceptionally a prayerful event. It is very difficult to thank individuals because every contribution brings the parish to life. Now that we have come through Holy Week and Easter let us use the 50 days to Pentecost to spread the joy and hope of the risen lord to others since Christ is at work in us.

Annual May Procession will take place on Sunday 11th at 4:00pm. Please come along and together honour our Lady. There will be cake and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Vocations Jubilee will be celebrated on May 11th. I will ask young people who admire a life of calling to serve as priests and religious to stand up. It is not those who want to become priests or religious, but those who admire a vocation.

Blessed Carlo Acutis - Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm. You are warmly invited to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic secondary school, Leasowe's Ave, Coventry CV3 6BH on Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm. We will be joined by Jackie Stacey who will share her wealth of knowledge of Carlo's story. There will be a time of Adoration and the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will become the first millennial saint. The relic, a section of his hair, offers the faithful a unique opportunity to venerate this inspiring young figure who has been hailed as a patron saint for the digital age.

Thanks for the 24 priests vestments that have been sponsored out of 32 members of AJ who will be ordained to the priesthood by December. I thank you all for your generosity. Cheques can be made payable to "Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK" Reg. Charity 1205905, or to the give by contact Dona Machine at the back to *Train a Missionary Priest*.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has inscribed in the General Roman Calendar, with the rank of Optional Memorial Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin. This will be celebrated as an Optional Memorial on 5 September each year. This is a very important development.

Jubilees ahead of us: Please note that in the near future we shall celebrate the following jubilees

11th May Jubilee for vocations and May Procession

8th June Pentecost and shared table

6th July Jubilee for Youth Other Jubilees will be communicated later or can be found in the newsletter of 6th April 2025.

Thanksgiving for Fr Jimmy, Deacon Michael, altar servers, organist and all who attended the Requiem Mass for Michael Diskin, and the doctors and nurses who cared for him. Thank you all—June Diskin

'Thank you to everyone who donated through the Red Box or directly to Mill Hill Missionaries, Missio. Our Lady of the Angels donations last year totalled **£1,212.86.**

CAKES FOR CAFOD in the hall after 9.15am mass Sunday 11th May. Please support by baking/buying cakes. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. (Please label any cakes donated for May Procession in the afternoon.)