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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Sunday 14th May, 2023

Acts 8.5–8,14–17 Psalm 65 1 Peter 3.15–18 John 14.15–21

From the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that Philip took the gospel to Samaria and the great success he had, which brought Peter and John from Jerusalem to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Samaritans. Furthermore, when Peter and John lay hands on them they received the Spirit who, in the account of Pentecost, was described as tongues of fire coming down from heaven.

In the Gospel, Jesus promises another Advocate. Although he will go away, his disciples will not be left as orphans because the life of Christ is shared with them. The great promise is always given to all those who 'receive his commandments and keep them'. The Gospels and narrative in Acts prepare the followers of Jesus for hostility and opposition in the world, the assurance of the presence of the Spirit is therefore essential to the believer.

Readers from Peter's passage are invited to prepare to be challenged, but their response is not to be hostile in return, but to respond with respect, trusting in their witness of life given with a clear conscience. In a culture where polarisation is so prevalent, Christians need to always remember and live out their faith.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Fr. Emile would like to thank everyone who attended his Coronation BBQ at the Presbytery on Monday 8th May. 20 people attended and it was a very nice social occasion despite the inclement weather! Please forward any pictures you may have to ongar@brcdt.org. Thank you.

PPC The AGM of the PPC will take place on Tuesday 13th June at 6.30pm in the Presbytery. This is an open meeting for those who would like to attend. Nomination forms for PPC membership and a copy of the constitution are available in both churches. Please kindly hand in your nominations to Anne Robertson, Bernie Wrobel or Pat Maher or Kelly Love at the parish office in the Presbytery. Thank you.

The Funeral for Margaret Mary ‘Marie’ Crehan, who was an Ongar parishioner for many years, will take place at 12.00pm on Friday 19th May at The Immaculate Conception Church, Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA followed by a cremation at Harlow Parndon Wood Cemetery followed by a celebration of Marie’s life at the Harlow Hotel by Accor, Southern Way, Harlow CM18 7BA. Please contact Deirdre Bond, her daughter, if you wish to attend. 07464 962900 bond22@btinternet.com. It is a celebration of Marie’s life - no need to wear black unless preferred. Donations will be appreciated for Cafod and flowers from close family only.

The Funeral for Gladys Skinner will take place at St. Helen’s, Ongar at 1.45pm on Wednesday 31st May, followed by a committal at Bentley Cemetery at 3.30pm. The funeral will be presided over by Fr. John McGrath, from Epping parish, and who was a close friend to Andrew Skinner and the family. Afterwards, there will be a celebration of Gladys life at The Woodman, 155 London Rd, Stanford Rivers, Ongar CM5 9QF, her favourite pub.

New Lectionary As many of you are aware, our mass books at both churches do not match with each other or the more up-to-date lectionary that Fr. Emile uses from online and it has been a source of concern among parishioners. A new bible was recently published, the ‘English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (2022)’. From this bible a new Lectionary is currently being worked on by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. CTS publishers have confirmed that when this is released there will also be People’s missal for the new translation. Once these have been published we will be able to update our books to the correct versions. For more details on this please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/> To purchase the new bible please go to <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/esv-ce-catholic-bible-standard-edition-esv-ce-english-standard-version-catholic-edition>

Ride London It now transpires that the roads in Ongar may not be open until at least 5pm on Sunday 28th May. Fr. Emile has a wedding vow renewal ceremony to preside at directly following the 5.30pm mass in Ongar on the Saturday evening so it will not be possible to come to Doddinghurst on Saturday evening unfortunately. Fr. Emile could do mass at a later time on Sunday evening if convenient for parishioners.

Mass for Altar Servers of Diocese of Brentwood

with Bishop Alan on Saturday 10 June 2023 at 2:00pm Please assemble in the Conference Hall by 1:15pm All clergy are welcome – Diocesan vestments Contact: Mr. John McCormack Tel.: 07952504071 Email: johnmccormack528@gmail.com (Chairman: Brentwood Guild of St. Stephen) Deadline for responses indicating attendance: 31 May 2023.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 15th July. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral hall. If any couples, perhaps celebrating a significant anniversary in recent years, recently married couples or couples preparing for marriage, who would like to attend please let either Fr. Emile or Kelly know at the parish office.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING for the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school on Thursday, 29th June 2023 from 4.30 pm to 7 pm. Talks from the Headteacher will be at 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm. Admissions forms, including The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

Musical Theatre Classes - Starting Tuesday 27th June, every Tuesday at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst with classes for 5-17 year olds. Learn techniques in singing and dancing for the stage. For more details please bearperformingarts.com, @bearperformingarts, please get in touch for more info or free trial bearperformingarts@gmail.com or 07951135357

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers:
Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Billy Nurse

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Mass Attendance: 6/7 May Sat 5:30pm: **15** Sun 8:45am: **18** Sun 10:30am: **29**

**Offertory Collection: £150**

**Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.**

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		
Sat 13th May, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Our Lady of Fatima Gladys Skinner RIP (Pat Scott)
Sun 14th May, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Maureen Kivineen RIP (Lauren Gardner)
	(St. M) 10.30am	Margaret Mary 'Marie' Crehan RIP (Pat Scott)
Mon 15th May, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	Josie & John Byrne & Family int. Joe O' Sullivan Get Well Leandra O' Sullivan GET Well Mary Gaffney Birthday 6 th May Mary Raftery 95 th Birthday Elaine & Jim Cleary RIP (37th Anniv.) Pat McGrath RIP
Tue 16th May 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Maureen Kivineen RIP (M. Dixon)
Wed 17th May, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Kate Merritt RIP
Thu 18th May, 2023	(St. H) 11.00am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity Maureen Kivineen RIP (M. Dixon)
	(St. M) 8.00pm	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity
Fri 19th May, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	St Dunstan, Bishop (E) John Buckley RIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		
Sat 20th May, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious, missionary Tom McManus RIP
Sun 21st May, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	Edward Fagan RIP (Robert Fagan)
	(St. M) 10.30am	People of our Parish

Fr. Emile would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after the 11am mass each week.