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**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

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| Sunday, 24th May<br>Pentecost Sunday                      | 6:00 p.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m. | Parish<br>+ Angela Lane nee Gaffney<br>+ Maureen Wheatly        | Pat Gaffney<br>Pat Crook |
| Monday, 25th May  | 9:30 a.m.                            | + Joy   | Anne Cunningham          |
| Tuesday, 26th May<br>St Philip Neri                       | 7:00 p.m.                            | Holy Souls  | E. Roberts               |
| Wednesday, 27th May                                       | 9:30 a.m.                            | + Francisco   |                          |
| Thursday, 28th May  | 9:30 a.m.                            | Thanksgiving of Dorothy Mmuo                                    |                          |
| Friday, 29th May  | 9:30 a.m.<br>1:15 p.m.               | + Joan Mary Burgess   |                          |
| Saturday, 30th May  | 9:30 a.m.                            | + John Howard   | R. Jenkins               |
| Sunday, 31st May<br>Solemnity of the Most Holy<br>Trinity | 6:00 p.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m. | + Patrick & Susanna O'Connors<br>Parish<br>Intentions of Jomaru | E. Roberts               |

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays after the morning mass and before the evening mass or by appointment.

**MORNING PRAISE:** 15 minutes before the weekday morning mass.

**MARIAN DEVOTION:** 15 minutes before the Tuesday evening mass.

**BENEDICTION:** after the Friday morning mass.

**GOSPEL SHARING:** after the Thursday morning mass

**SICK LIST:** Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Fr Eric Wastell, Muriel Donald, Michael O'Kane, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ron Gaffney, Ciaran Jones, Jim Morrissey, Jean Fonseka, Eileen Kelly, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Cobby, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, John Blackey, Moira Gwalchmai, Iorwerth Gwalchmai, Thressiana George, Rita Simons, Veronica Macari, Kacia Evans, Eddie Campbell, Maria Daniel, Rosemary lloyd, Vera Blewett, Arthur Meredith, Eileen Roberts, Patrick Walsh, Mrs Dangerfield, Mary Rabaiotti, Iris Govier, Joan Walters, Phil Spencer, Frank Gillespie, Sean Gillespie, Kathleen Cassidy, John Fane, Joyce Wertune, May Crouche, Agnes Donovan, Beryl Walsh, Hilda Beynon, Carol Williams, Patrick Gill and all other members of the parish who are unwell at this time.

Hospital? Are you, someone in your family, or a Catholic friend, in hospital or going in soon? Please let us know. We have no other way of learning who is in hospital, to be able to offer them the pastoral care of the of the hospital visitor, or to bring the spiritual healing of the Sacraments.

**MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND (30/31 May)**

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| <b>READERS</b> | 6:00 p.m.  | Nick Potter     | Paddy Tribe | Helen Williams |
|                | 8:30 a.m.  | Elaine Clement  | Theo Cox    | Angelo Sidoli  |
|                | 11:00 a.m. | Children's Mass |             |                |

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| <b>COMMUNION</b> | 6:00 p.m.  | John Morse       | Maureen Davies     | Mary Wilson     |
|                  | 8:30 a.m.  | Robin Baragry    | Maureen Watkins    | Sr Bridget Carr |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Sr Bridget Leamy | Sr Bridget Guidera | Connie Warren   |

**COLLECTION.** The mass offerings last weekend raised £ 812.75. Thank you for your generosity. Counters for this week will be Dorothy and Zofia.

**RETREAT.** Please pray for our parish sisters and the Ursuline sisters who are making their retreat this week.

**RECENTLY DEAD.** Please pray for the eternal repose of Joan Mary Burgess who passed away last 13 May comforted by the sacraments of the church and surrounded by the love of her family. The funeral service is scheduled on 28 May at 11:00 a.m. After the service she will be cremated at Margam Crematorium at 12:30 p.m.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. Celibacy and Chastity.** “There needs to be greater clarity over the meaning of the words ‘celibate’ and ‘chaste’. The former is a word used to speak of unmarried person, who does not have a regular and established sexual relationship with a husband or a wife (*The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*: ‘unmarried, single, bound not to marry’). The latter word says nothing about one’s sexual situation in life. Chastity refers to the *manner in which* one lives one’s sexuality. A chaste person is one who has a healthy, holy, loving and God-directed attitude to the gift of his own and others’ sexuality. It indicates a person whose sexual life is blameless, be he or she married or celibate (*The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*: ‘pure from unlawful sexual intercourse, continent, virtuous’). Thus, ‘celibacy’ is a physical state; it is not, in itself, a Christian virtue. One can only speak of virtue when one refers to ‘chastity’.” Francis J. Moloney, *A Life of Promise: Poverty, Chastity, Obedience* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1984. p 76.

**FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING.** Dr Mario and Fr Carlito will lead parishioners in a series of study and reflection on matters concerning our faith. One of the goals is to help parishioners to be literate in their faith. The first session is scheduled on 26 May, Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. at the parish hall. The schedule will be renegotiated according to the convenience of the interested parishioners and non-parishioners on the first meeting. The first topic is entitled “How to Read the Bible.” The second session is entitled “Catholicism and Other Religion.” The session is expected to last for an hour. Please come to enrich your faith.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.** Please pray for the eight candidates for First Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday, 31 May. Simple table fellowship will follow after the mass at the parish hall.

**THEOLOGY PUBLIC LECTURE.** The last Theology Public Lecture for the current academic year will be on 02 June. The lecture is entitled “The History of the Church.” The lecture will be delivered by the Reverend Dr Miranda Threfall-Holmes, Vicar of Belmont and Pittington; former Chaplain and Research Fellow at University College, Durham University. The lecture will be held at James Callaghan Lecture Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

**NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will begin on 04 June and ends on 12 June.

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.** Please be reminded that there will be election of new committee members for the new academic year on Sunday, 31 May, after lunch. Please participate seriously in this year’s election.