

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



8 MAY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MARY'S MONTH

May is most well-known as 'Mary's Month,' a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. How did May become associated with our Blessed Mother? There are many different factors that contributed to this association.

First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May, a beautiful time of the year, as a month of life and motherhood.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15 May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th Century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, *'The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Fr Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome this practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.'*



Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn't a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called Tricesimum. May was also known as 'Lady Month' as it is the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the Raccolta (a collection of Indulged Prayers) in the mid-19th century.

In order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin (and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves) Pope Pius VII granted a Decree in 1815 to all the faithful of the Catholic world to honour the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices. **(Continues on page 3)**

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 May - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am - *Harold McMellon RIP*

11.00am

Tuesday 10 May – 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Wed 11 May – 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Thursday 12 May - 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Friday 13 May - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

6.00pm - Holy Hour

7.00pm - Mass

Sunday 15 May - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am - *Judy Coltman RIP*

11.00am

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.*

Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my
own know me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon

*The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

SECOND COLLECTION Today we will be holding a collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - 3 AND 4 JUNE 2022

Join 35,000 Christians in worship together in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world. Join parishioners and the CELEBRATE team for Mass at dawn and breakfast.

We don't want anyone to miss out on camping with CELEBRATE, so if you've not got your tickets yet, but would like to come, please don't delay! Booking with CELEBRATE means you'll get a discounted ticket price and all the details of the CELEBRATE campsite, Mass times, details of the Big Breakfast and an exclusive discount for a fish & chip supper on the Friday. You can also book day tickets. www.tickets.bigchurchdayout.com

VIVA VOCE The Easter edition of the Diocesan Newsletter is at the back of the church. This bumper edition has stories from various parishes and schools from across the Diocese. Please collect your copy today.

PARISH NEWS

MARY'S MONTH (continued) In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31 May. After Vatican II (1962 - 65) this feast was moved to 22 August, while 31 May became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

SAFEGUARDING Please be assured that we take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and adhere to Diocesan guidelines at all times. Our safeguarding representative has a special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk. Our safeguarding representative is Matthew French. He can be contacted at mail@matthewfrench.net. Ruth Attfield is our Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. She can be contacted by calling 023 9421 6486.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE PARTY Thank you to everyone who registered their interest in attending the Westbourne Rotary Club Queen's Jubilee street party to be held in Lansdseer Road from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 June. Suzanne in the office will be in contact once your tickets have arrived.

KEEPING SAFE Please continue to sanitise your hands and wear face coverings, if possible, at Mass. If you feel unwell, please refrain from attending Mass.



OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

I am delighted to announce that we have 10 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. To celebrate this, I have invited the candidates to take a trip together on a steam train to Swanage.

I am most grateful to The Catenian Association, Bournemouth Circle for their very generous donation to fund this exciting trip. With special thanks to Mr Ron Millington, secretary of the Bournemouth Circle.

THERE IS now a defibrillator located outside the Westbourne pub in Poole Road. This device gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. You don't have to be trained to use this as full instructions are included.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Teresa Wraith,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

I know my sheep & they follow me

Jesus said: *'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'*



TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY The National Office for Vocations has planned a number of events which will help celebrate people who are living out their vocation and also to encourage discerners as they listen to God's call. This year's theme is *'the Journey'*, chosen due to the paths we all take on the road to holiness. Find out more at www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday

MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Could you help Marriage Care in its work? The team are looking for volunteer **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to help prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage and **Trustees** to join the national board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families by clicking on www.marriagecare.org.uk or email the team at: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

ONLINE COURSES You will find a range of new courses being advertised on the noticeboard at regular intervals - do keep an eye on it. The majority of these courses are organised by the Diocesan Spiritual Formation Team. Recent courses have included: ***What is baptism and what does it do?*** ***Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?***

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY Let us pray for faith-filled young people! We pray for all young people, called to live life to the full; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children. Lord hear us.

BAPTISM Please keep Daniel Harmer in your prayers, as he is baptised on Sunday 15 May.

COURSE There is now an online course that helps people recover from relationship breakdown. It takes place across eight Monday evenings starting on 9 May 2022. When booking ask for the Bournemouth course led by Roger and Jackie Carr-Jones. Find out more at www.restoredlives.org

REFRESHMENTS Please speak to Suzanne in the office if you are able to join our hospitality team and support this important ministry. Many thanks in anticipation.