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29th March Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Timetable of Masses and Services.

*As it is not possible to to celebrate public Masses or Services, you can join us online at the following times
 on www.rcwlvwest.com*

Saturday 28th March Feria 7.00pm Mass online *Gabriel Langan RIP*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 29th March 11.00am Mass online *Chris Walsh RIP*

Monday 30th March Feria 12.00pm Mass online *Christy Morris*

Tuesday 31st March Feria 12.00pm Mass online *Ayla Foster (ill)*

Wednesday 1st April Feria 7.00pm Mass online *Mary & Denise Tunley RIP*

Thursday 2nd April Feria 7.00pm Mass online *Jim Hearne RIP*

Friday 3rd April Feria 12.00pm Mass online *William & Bill Kelly RIP*

Saturday 4th April Feria *No Mass online*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 5th April 11.00am Mass online *Florence & Jean Kelly RIP*

Mass at the Carmelite Convent will be celebrated in private until further notice. The sisters continue to pray for us day and night.

Mass online For those of you who have been able to access Mass online, thank you for all your feedback. We are literally just using a mobile phone which limits what we can do. Up till now therefore, we have been recording Mass and then broadcasting afterwards. From Monday we are going to try live streaming. This might mean the quality is affected but it will mean we are all celebrating Mass together at the same time. For those of you who do not have the internet, it would be lovely if you could pray the Rosary at the time of these Masses.

Volunteering Might you be able help in some way? Some examples are: keeping touch with people by phone, doing shopping for those who are isolated, being on a rota to open your church for prayer or being on a rota to clean the church. If you are interested in any of these and any other ideas you may have, please follow the directions on our website.

Mass intentions if you would like a Mass offered for someone, please fill in the form on our website or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341 343.

The Life Charity Shop has closed for the time being, so we can't accept donations of goods at present. If you have any items to give to the shop we ask you to please store them in your home until restrictions to control spread of the coronavirus can be eased. We will still try to support local families in URGENT need of baby clothes or equipment, contact Rosalie on 330553.

Essential Life services, the **Life National Helpline** tel: 0808 8025 433 and **text-to-talk service** sms: 0786 007 7339 continue to offer a listening ear and support to anyone troubled by a pregnancy related matter. For more details please see <https://lifecharity.org.uk/>

Financial Contributions This is going to be a difficult time for many people but if you are able to continue giving an offering to the church, please consider paying directly into the parish account. Please follow the directions on our website.

The prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady for the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure that you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen
We flee to your protection, Holy Mother of God. Do not ignore our prayers in our time of need, but from every danger free us always, O glorious, O blessed Virgin.

Spiritual Communion

As it is not possible to receive Holy Communion at this time, it is important to remember the tradition of Spiritual Communion. This is a special prayer to recite at the moment of Holy Communion in the Mass. An example of this prayer is as follows:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: June Abbiss, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, Ann Lewis, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Fr David Duggan, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Mary Lawley, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Claire Hallett, Mike Huntbatch, Celia Saddler, Susie Andrews, Noreen James.

May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775,
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The appendix below gives the prayers for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary.

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Here are the prayers for the act of dedication to take place after Mass this Sunday

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to “share in the joy of the Annunciation” by following Mary’s openness to God’s call, through her faith-filled “yes”. Through your own faith-filled “yes”, the Lord will work wonders in your life.

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word

Mary’s response to her invitation, “let it be done to me according to your Word”, opened her heart to God’s grace and all things became possible. Let my “yes” today take away fear, as I embrace God’s Will, and like Mary “ponder these things in my heart”. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect) V: And dwelt among us

At a moment in history, Mary’s faith-filled “yes” conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that “the Word was made flesh and lived among us.” May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANGELUS PROMISE

Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin’s Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy “Dowry” and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Response Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick,

consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

THE ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO MARY

May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of God's generous love.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.