

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 17th May

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:10

Please pray for our sick, especially Janet Ashburne, Susan Jepson, Christine Phinn, Winnie Westran, Ruth Campbell, Gerard Kelly, Jane Sexton, John & Eileen Hanton, Theresa Sadler, Laura Latham, Josie Thackery, Frank & Wendy Wolverson, Ciaran Scott, Jack & Theresa Gowans (Scotland), Jan Royan, Mary Cannon, Jim Quinn and those who have no-one to pray for them.

Please pray for our First Communion children... it is the Mass/prayer intention for today (Sunday 17th) because this morning they should have been receiving the Sacrament. Hopefully, things will be rearranged when Masses etc. resume.

We remember those whose anniversaries are at this time... Neil Joseph Cannon, David Ward and Maureen Coley.... Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

THURSDAY 21st - Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord. Under normal circumstances this would be a Holy Day of Obligation. What it means under self-isolation, I will leave each of you to decide.

MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS: Thank you for all the intentions that you’ve been sending to me. I am trying hard to include them and will keep doing so, until we are back to Mass in church. Should anyone have any suggestions for future intentions, please email or text them to Alison (stmmaltby@gmail.com or 07926375497).

The list for the next few days is...

Sunday 17 th	Our First Communion children and those waiting to be baptized.
Monday 18 th	Overseas charity workers who are trying to educate others about Covid-19
Tuesday 19 th	Our children’s psychological and emotional wellbeing and the strength and understanding of their parents/carers in supporting them.
Wednesday 20 th	Maltby and Tickhill Communities
Thursday 21 st	NHS Staff, all carers and their families
Friday 22 nd	Those unable to feed their families without the help of food parcels
Saturday 23 rd	Lockdown Heroes
Sunday 24 th	Those who’ve been bereaved during lockdown
Monday 25 th	The people working to make schools and churches safe to reopen.
Tuesday 26 th	Prayer warriors
Wednesday 27 th	Our emergency services

MESSAGE FROM DEACON GEOFF: As we prepare for a time when our church will be open for quiet prayer or Mass, all be it in restricted form following Governmental guidelines, we need to identify who will be available to carry out various functions. Two that seem to be almost certainly required are people who will act as stewards, ensuring safe distancing is maintained and others to sanitize benches, door handles etc. Although, all the functions and the appropriate procedures that will need to be followed have yet to be identified, it would be helpful to identify the human resources that are available. If you think you could help in any way, please let me know. Phone: 812147 or 07765 075702 or email, gbspark18@gmail.com thank you.

MALTBY FOODBANK: Last week, 96 parcels were delivered with 106 families (265 people) were being fed and supported. Some weeks there are families that do not want a delivery because other family members have helped or they have enough to keep them going and would prefer us to help others instead.

Doing the Tuesday deliveries made Thursday afternoon and Friday morning much more manageable for us and so for the time being, this arrangement will continue, especially since we are still getting more families in need of our support.

FR. CALLISTUS: He made contact with a parishioner last week and asked to be remembered to the parishioners in Maltby. He is currently helping out at St. Marie's.

FORGOTTEN PARISHIONERS: During this time of the church being closed, we have contact with many of the regular and some non-regular parishioners but I realise that there are some that, as we are not sure of their names, we still don't have any link with. If you are in contact with someone, who hasn't had any news from the parish, since the church was closed, please ask them to contact Alison or Geoff and we can ensure that they get news/information in some form or another.

OFFERTORY: Thank you to all those who have contacted concerned about their offertory contributions or who've put cheques through the presbytery letterbox. Thankfully, there is no urgent need for the money at the moment, so please continue to keep your offertory contributions safe until Masses resume. However, if anyone would like the bank account details to set up a standing order or to make a one-off payment, please contact Alison or Geoff who can provide the information required to organize it.

CAFOD: the charity launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or by phoning 0303 303 3030

CAFOD PETITION: Our sisters and brothers overseas do not have access to healthcare systems as brilliant as the NHS. Please consider signing the petition asking the Prime Minister to:

- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

The petition can be found at <https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>

MASS FOR THE SICK, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARE GIVERS: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved, each week a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place *every Thursday at 7pm*.

This week's Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies on his diocesan website... dioceseofshrewbury.org

If anyone has anything that they'd like to share via the bulletin, please send it to Alison for inclusion... email stmmaltby@gmail.com or text 07926375497. Thank you.