

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

*“... he laid his right hand on me and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the living one.’”*

Revelation 1:17

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.

**PRAYERS** are asked for the repose of the soul of John Geoghegan (formally of Maltby) who recently lost his battle with cancer and we remember those whose anniversaries are at this time... Iris Cutler and Sarah Marshall... Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

**GOOD NEWS:** for those not aware of the late amendment to last week's bulletin, Maureen O'Connor had been released from hospital and Laura Latham returned home yesterday.

**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](mailto:stmmaltby@gmail.com) or 07926375497).

The list for the next few days is...

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Our priests, clergy and religious
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	The seriously ill especially those who've had their treatment delayed
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	The safety of key workers and volunteers
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Undertakers and those who minister to the bereaved
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	NHS staff, carers and their families
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Those suffering with mental illness at this time.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	The people who died on VE Day
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Our First Communion children and those waiting to be baptized.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Overseas charity workers who are trying to educate others about Covid-19
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Our children's psychological and emotional wellbeing and the strength and understanding of their parents/carers in supporting them.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Maltby and Tickhill Communities

**YEAR OF THE WORD:** this continues during the lockdown and I would welcome some suggestions for scripture verses for the top of this bulletin. They don't necessarily have to be favourite ones but those that will help us through this crisis. Email or text them to them to the same contact details as for the intentions.

**MALTBY FOODBANK:** As of last Friday (8<sup>th</sup> May), 101 families = 250 people were being fed and supported. From next week, deliveries will be going out on Tuesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. This decision has been made because of the physical work currently required on a Thursday to get 90+ parcels out the following day and hopefully it will cut down the amount of food that arrives early on in the week but doesn't keep until the Friday and so has to be binned.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal) or by phoning 0303 303 3030

**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 Robert Byrne CO... live streamed from the St Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle YouTube channel... I presume.

### **THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – Feast Day of St. Matthias**

(Thanks to Universalis)

He was not one of the Twelve; but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history.

Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office sounds strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, human beings decided which priests were eligible on which days – but a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God.

When we attain some high or responsible position, we may be tempted to congratulate ourselves on being the best candidate for the job. We would do well to remember that we have got there because of the people we have met and the things we have found ourselves doing, and, more fundamentally, because of the gifts and talents that God has given us. These things are essentially random: like Matthias, we have been chosen by lot.

His patronages include alcoholics, hope and perseverance... the last two we definitely need and I am not going to comment on the first!!

Fr. Andy has his jokes but I was sent this and thought it might just make someone smile.

(I hope neither of our 'Mrs Jones', take offence!!)



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.