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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

24th May 2020

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### *World Communications Day*

This weekend we celebrate the 54th World Communications Day. This year, World Communications Day takes on an additional poignancy as we reflect upon it within the context of the ongoing pandemic. Over the last couple of months, the Cathedral, like the rest of the Church, has sought to search for new ways of reaching out, of communicating the message of the Gospel. Doing nothing was not an option. We have seen how the various social media platforms, whether it be Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, have proved to be invaluable in not only proclaiming the Gospel to a wide audience, but also enabling all people an encounter with the risen Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the various devotions which take place. For everyone, these last few months have been quite the learning curve, building upon very little technical skills (in my case). I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding. I am sure that, as we slowly come out of this lockdown, and begin to tentatively move forward, opportunities will arise for everyone - clergy and laity alike - to reflect upon these experiences, good as well as bad, in a constructive way.

The proclamation of the Gospel is at the heart of the mission of the Church, which, at its core is the ability to communicate the Truth of the Gospel, to engage in discussion, as well as to dialogue and debate with those outside of the Church. The pandemic which we are still living through has given us a unique platform to be able to do this; to reach out to the lapsed and lost, to engage in dialogue with our separated brethren, to respond to those people who, although socially isolated, are still searching for answers to the most fundamental questions of life.

Please continue to pray for the invaluable work of communications in the Church; that, through the the Holy Spirit, we may have a renewed zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.



### *e-Newsletter Signup*

You can now signup to receive the Cathedral's *e-Newsletter*. Either scan the QR code adjacent, or visit the Cathedral website for the link.

## SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

*The Masses and other liturgies are broadcast via Facebook Live  
and can be viewed directly on the Cathedral website.*

<b>Sunday</b> <i>7th of Easter</i>	<b>11:00am</b> 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm	<b>Sung Mass:</b> the Cathedral Community The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Glorious Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
<b>Monday</b> <i>St. Bede the Venerable</i>	<b>09:30am</b> 12:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm	<b>Mass:</b> Eddie Doyle, <i>RIP</i> The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Joyful Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Philip Neri</i>	<b>09:30am</b> 12:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm	<b>Mass:</b> Holy Souls The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Sorrowful Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm <b>6:00pm</b>	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Luminous Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Mass:</b> Intentions of the Celebrant
<b>Friday</b> <i>St. Paul VI</i>	<b>09:30am</b> 12:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm	<b>Mass:</b> Holy Souls The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Sorrowful Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>  <i>from</i> 12:00pm	<b>Sung Mass:</b> Holy Souls  <i>Virtual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	<b>11:00am</b> 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm	<b>Sung Mass:</b> the Cathedral Community The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Glorious Mysteries</i> Divine Mercy Devotions Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

## INFORMATION

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Contact - (029) 20 74 32 30

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## Saints of the Week

*This week we celebrate the following feast days and memorials:*

### **Monday, 25th May - St. Bede the Venerable**

He was born in the north of England, near the monastery of Wearmouth. He joined that monastery, and spent all his life there or at Jarrow, teaching and writing. He was the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time. He wrote commentaries on Scripture; an ecclesiastical history of the English people, which is a unique and irreplaceable resource for much of

early English history; and the first martyrology (collection of saints' lives) to be compiled on historical principles. He was also the first known writer of English prose, though this has not survived. He died at Jarrow on 25 May 735: he taught and worked until the last moments of his life, which are narrated by Cuthbert in today's Office of Readings. He is venerated as the "light of the Church" in the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8th and 9th century renaissance of the Western Church.

### **Tuesday, 26th May - St. Philip Neri**

He was born in Florence in 1515. At the age of eighteen he went to Rome, and earned his living as a tutor. He undertook much-needed charitable work among the young men of the city, and started a brotherhood to help the sick poor and pilgrims.

He was advised that he could do more good as a priest, and was ordained in 1551. He built an oratory over the church of San Girolamo, where he invented services, consisting of spiritual readings and hymns, which were the origin of the oratorio (tradition is a good thing; but innovation also has its place). He continued to serve the young men of Rome, rich and poor alike, with religious discussions and by organising charitable enterprises. He had a particular care for the young students at the English College in Rome, studying for a missionary life and probable martyrdom in England.

He inspired other clergy to emulate him, and formed them into the Congregation of the Oratory. Oratorian foundations still flourish in many countries today. He died in Rome in 1595

### ***Friday, 29th May - St. Paul VI***

Giovanni Battista Montini was born on 26 September 1897 in the village of Concesio, in the province of Brescia, Lombardy. He was ordained priest on 29 May 1920 and worked in the Roman Curia, the Vatican civil service, until he was made Archbishop of Milan in 1954. He was elected Pope on 21 June 1963, successfully saw the Vatican Council through to its completion, promoted the renewal of the Church's life and especially of the liturgy. He also promoted ecumenical dialogue and the proclamation of the Gospel to the modern world. He died on 6 August 1978.

He was canonised by Pope Francis in 2018.

### **Of your charity...**

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Doyle, the Father of Fr. Michael Doyle, who died last week.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Angela, SSJ, who died yesterday at Llantarnam Abbey.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### **May ~ Month of Our Lady**

During the month of May, we will offer the Holy Rosary each day, except Wednesday, ***beginning at 12:00pm***, after the singing of the *Regina Caeli*. The Holy Rosary will be broadcast live. We are in the midst of an historic moment of our history. Let us, during this time, not fear to turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek her intercession and protection.

### **Virtual Pilgrimage to Penrhys**

The virtual pilgrimage takes place this Saturday, beginning at ***12:00pm***. The afternoon will be streamed from the cathedral's shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Penrhys, and will be broadcast through *Facebook Live*. This can be accessed either from Facebook itself, or through the homepage of the Cathedral website.

The structure of the afternoon is as follows:

***12:00pm - 12:30pm***

Regina Caeli & Midday Prayer to begin the Pilgrimage

***1:00pm - 1:30pm***

Meditation

***2:00pm - 2:45pm***

The Holy Rosary

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Evening Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The schedule is available on the pilgrimage page of the website: schedule of the afternoon, visit the Cathedral website at: [www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/penrhys](http://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/penrhys)

### **Pentecost Sunday's Rosary Rally**

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. These prayers available on the 'Virtual Cathedral' part of the website.

I invite you to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. The Archdiocese of Cardiff has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour at 12:00pm** and I warmly invite you to take part. This will be broadcast on Facebook Live.

### **First Friday Devotions**

The next '*First Friday*' takes place a week Friday, **5th June 2020**. There will

be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus following the morning Mass, and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary:

*"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment."*

### **Cathedral's St. Vincent de Paul Society**

We are privileged to have an SVP group in the Cathedral parish, newly formed last year. If you require the assistance of the SVP group, please contact Kevin directly on this designated phone number - **07933 720 845**.

### **Lighting a Candle**

You can now request candles to be lit at the various shrines in the Cathedral. If you would like more information, and to arrange for a candle to be lit, visit <https://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/light-a-votive-candle/>

## Cathedral Zoom Coffee Break

One of the most difficult parts of the lockdown has been not being able to gather together, whether for the celebration of Mass or the sacraments, or in a more social setting.

I thought that next Sunday, *Pentecost Sunday (31st May 2020)* would be a great opportunity for us to try and get together for a virtual coffee break, *beginning at 12:00pm* after Mass has been live-streamed. If it works, perhaps it could be a more regular occurrence in the virtual Cathedral schedule.

All you have to do is to sign-up to the website [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) to join in the coffee break, and then, after Mass, make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, log in to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), and use the meeting ID: **868-571-1627**. The password to enter is 'cathedral'.

I look forward to being able to catchup with you all at Pentecost!

## Feast of St. Philip Neri

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast day of St. Philip Neri. I would like to extend a very happy feast day to the Oratory-in-Formation at St. Alban's, Splott, and would like to thank them for their prayers and fraternal support over the last eight months.

## Communications Sunday, *continued*

While lots of the Cathedral outreach happens via the internet and via social media platforms during this time of pandemic, we are also conscious that there are many parishioners who do not have access to the internet. This week, thanks to an idea from the Cardiff oratory, we erected a newsletter dispenser outside the main doors of the Cathedral (on Charles Street). Copies of the most recent edition of the newsletter will be made available to take, should you find yourselves either on your daily exercise near the Cathedral, or perhaps on your way to an essential shop. Please pass on this information to those who have little or no access to the internet.

If you know someone who would like a copy of the newsletter to be posted to them, please pass on the Cathedral telephone number - (029) 20 23 14 07 - and ask them to get in touch with me.

## Words from Archbishop George

During Archbishop George's homily for the Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral yesterday, he reflected:

*"... And even though, at this painful time, we are separated from each other physically, yet we are united with each other in faith and Baptism. And one of the invitations made during this period of lockdown, that as the Mass is live-streamed and as you enter into the mystery of faith in the temple of your own being, you are invited to make a spiritual act of communion, remembering that the worship of God*

*transcends time, transcends space, spaces, transcends viruses. There's no barrier between us and the worship of God in which we participate personally and corporately..."*

The homily can be listened to by visiting the cathedral's *SoundCloud* page at: [www.soundcloud.com/cardiffcathedral](http://www.soundcloud.com/cardiffcathedral)

### ***Act of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.