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Pentecost Sunday

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Year A

Psalter Week 1

Homily of Pope Francis for Pentecost Sunday 2020

At the end of his homily today for the Solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Francis said:

Brothers and sister, let us pray to him: Holy Spirit, memory of God, revive in us the memory of the gift received. Free us from the paralysis of selfishness and awaken in us the desire to serve, to do good. Even worse than this crisis is the tragedy of squandering it by closing in on ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family. Amen.

The full text of the Holy Father's homily is available to read on the Cathedral website.

From Fr. Daniel ...

Over the last few months, a team of people have been working hard to establish a more permanent solution to the live-streaming of events at the Cathedral. Until this weekend, everything which has been broadcast from the cathedral has been done with very minimal technical skills (from me!); this includes my mobile phone data and my iPad acting as a camera. There has been an ongoing issue with the quality of the broadband in Charles Street, which affects the upload speed. Thanks be to God, we now have the ability to begin the live-streaming of Masses and Services from the Cathedral's camera. This is available to watch - 24/7 - by visiting the Cathedral website. For the moment, the broadcasting will cease on Facebook. Thank you for your time and patience.



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 now broadcast through the Cathedral website. The Cathedral Camera can be viewed via the website's main page.

Sunday	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
<i>Pentecost</i>	12:00pm	Zoom Coffee Break (<i>login details in the newsletter</i>)
<i>Sunday</i>	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday	09:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	09:30am	Mass: Intentions of the Celebrant
<i>Ss</i>	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
<i>Marcellinus and Peter</i>	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday		
Thursday	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
<i>Our Lord</i>	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>	6:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday	09:30am	Mass: Intentions of the Holy Father
<i>St. Boniface</i>		<i>After Mass: First Friday Devotions, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday	09:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
<i>Our Lady</i>	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	12:00pm	Zoom Coffee Break (<i>login details in the newsletter</i>)
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

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Saints of the Week

This week we celebrate the following feast days and memorials:

After Pentecost Sunday, we return to the season of Ordinary Time, picking up at the ninth week of the year. The word 'ordinary' can be rather misleading, as it denotes *sameness* or *boring*, even. Yet this new season of Ordinary Time, which we are entering this week, is full of a unique richness, it is full of its own distinctive flavour. The colour green of the Sacred Vestments denotes the colour of nature, of new life blooming before us. Ordinary Time is an opportunity to

experience the riches of the Lord's grace in our lives.

Tuesday, 2nd June - Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Pope St Damasus I dedicated his life to establishing and strengthening the Church after the great persecutions, and took much care over the restoration of the Roman catacombs and the proper burial of the martyrs there, including Marcellinus and Peter. As a boy, Damasus had heard the story of these martyrs from their executioner. Marcellinus was a priest, Peter was not. They were beheaded during the emperor Diocletian's persecution, and buried on the Via Labicana outside Rome. After the persecutions, a basilica was built over the site of their tomb.

Thursday, 4th June - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

This is a relatively new solemnity in England and Wales. It is a feast instituted to honour Jesus Christ, who serves humankind as High Priest, mediator of God's saving graces.

Friday, 5th June - St. Boniface, Martyr

For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so,

at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface. Boniface left England, never to return, and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He himself was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and then, over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 5 June 754. He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany.

First Friday Devotions

On Friday the *'First Friday devotions'* takes place after the morning Mass. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 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."

When Will Our Churches be Open?

by Archbishop George Stack

With the gradual loosening of lockdown regulations and the opening of more and more amenities, the question is inevitably asked "*When will our churches be open?*". As with the many other challenges facing us in this pandemic, this is not an easy question to answer. The opening of parks and beaches, of garden centres and supermarkets car showrooms and other amenities is based on the concept of these being "open spaces" of one kind or another. Churches do not seem to be seen in the same category. I imagine this is because they are places where large groups of people come together, sit in close proximity to each other, often for one hour or more. Control of access, movement and social distancing will be part of the conditions laid down in the gradual return to our churches whether for private prayer and public worship.

The Archbishops of England and Wales have been engaged with the relevant authorities on the necessity of opening our churches in the first instance for private prayer. Public worship will begin later. The essence of our coming together for Mass is that it is a communal gathering. We are blessed to have large congregations in many of our churches who sit very closely together. Under social distancing regulations which will undoubtedly be imposed, this will not be allowed to happen. People will need to sit apart with the consequent significant

reduction in numbers being able to attend the same Mass together. Although the rate of infection has been reduced by between 60-70%, as a result of the lockdown restrictions, this does not mean it is completely eradicated. If the R number were to rise again there would likely be a second and equally dangerous wave of infection. Medical professionals are warning of this danger.

The government in Wales has devolved responsibility in matters of health and in the control of the pandemic in this country. It has not yet announced and relaxation of the many restrictions with which we have become so familiar in recent months. The Catholic Church in Wales, like other Christian bodies and members of the 'Faiths Forum', is working on a common approach to government on these matters. The next meeting of the 'Faiths Forum' is on 3rd June. If and when permission is given for our churches to open, they will be subject to strict health and safety conditions as are all public buildings. Amongst these will be the necessity to provide in churches:

1. Social distancing measures, seating arrangements, one way system, exits and entrances, clear signage, restricted times etc.
2. Attendance management, queuing, ticketing, online registration, stewarding etc.
3. Staggering of attendance by age or vulnerability

4. Infection control issues such as Holy Water stoups, leaflets, hymn books, Missals, newsletters, candles, all of which can harbour the virus.
5. PPE materials, sanitiser, deep cleaning materials, surface cleaning materials etc.,
6. Liturgical issues, distribution of Holy Communion, frequency of Mass, devotions, organisation of Memorial Masses, care of the bereaved.
7. Two or three volunteers (under the age of seventy) to implement these policies in order to keep churches open at specific times. The safeguarding of clergy over the age of 70 and those with underlying health issues will obviously be a priority.
8. In the first instance, large, strategically placed churches would be opened. Whether large or small, churches would need to ensure compliance with the above requisites.
9. The diocese is engaged with www.churchmarketplace.co.uk which is a central purchasing agency in order to acquire the necessary equipment outlined above at competitive prices. There are other agencies able to provide PPE materials also. These are:

1.BCB INTERNATIONAL LTD
Howell House

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10. Needless to say, all these arrangements will cost significant amounts of money at a time when parishes have been deprived of income for almost three months. Parishioners are encouraged to make a Standing Order for their offerings in order to maintain their churches during these difficult times recognising that this will not be possible for those who are struggling financially.

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

It was so lovely to see everyone at the Zoom Coffee break last week! I was such a joy to be able to see each other, and catch up. We had participants joining us from all over the Archdiocese.

I thought that we could make it a regular event in the Cathedral calendar during this 'lock down' period: **beginning at 12:00pm**, after the celebration of Mass.

All you have to do is to sign-up to the website 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, and use the meeting ID: **868-571-1627**. The password to enter the meeting is '**cathedral**'.

Holy Mass for Nursing Staff

Archbishop George Stack will celebrate Mass as part of the day of prayer for the nursing staff at our hospitals. Mass will be broadcast via the Cathedral's camera on **Wednesday, 10th June, beginning at 6:00pm**.

More information will be available next week.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is traditionally dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the heart of the month of the Sacred Heart is the feast day, this year being

celebrated on Friday, 19th June 2020. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is designated as *The Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests*.

The *Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests* is intended to foster opportunities for reflection and meditation on the priestly life and on the pastoral ministry which priests are called to carry out in a wide range of circumstances. This year, the celebration takes place with greater poignancy, as priests face new challenges to priestly life and ministry brought about through the Coronavirus pandemic.

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, there will be an extended time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity to pray for the priests of our Archdiocese.

The *Day of Prayer* will ***begin*** with Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at ***3:00pm***, including Prayer During the Day from the Divine Office, and will continue until 5:15pm, when the *Day of Prayer* will conclude with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please continue to pray for the priests of the Archdiocese.

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus ~
*Praying for our Priests***

During the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

each day before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we will pray for the priests of a particular deanery, mentioning the priests by name. This will go as follows:

Monday, 1st June 2020
the Cardiff Deanery

Monday, 8th June 2020
the Bridgend Deanery
&
the Newport Deanery

Monday, 1st June 2020
the Herefordshire Deanery

Monday, 1st June 2020
the North Gwent Deanery

Monday, 1st June 2020
the Pontypridd Deanery
(Our Lady of Penrhys)

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This week, we pray for the priests of the Cardiff Deanery:

- Rev. Agi Alphonse, IC
- Rev. Andrea Bord
- Rev. John Boye
- Mgr. Joseph Boardman, VG
- Rev. Peter Collins
- Rev. Peter Davies
- Rev. Michael Evans
- Rev. Christopher Fuse, IC
- Rev. Alexander Gee, CO
- Rev. Brian Gray
- Rev. David Hathaway
- Rev. William Isaac
- Rev. Matthew Jones

- Rev. Sebastian Jones, CO
- Rev. Michael McCarthy, IC
- Rev. David O'Donnell
- Rev. Pat O'Gorman
- Rev. Justus Okibo, IC
- Rev. David Pritchard
- Rev. Philip Scanlan, IC
- Rev. Daniel Stanton
- Rev. Nicholas Williams

*A Prayer to the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
for Priests*

O Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Face of Thy Christ, and for love of Him Who is the eternal High-priest, have pity on Thy priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands. Keep them close to Thee, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy sick priests; for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in Purgatory.

But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptised me; the priests at whose

Masses I assisted and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed or helped me and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, particularly (your priest's name here). O Jesus, keep them all close to Thy heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen. Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many and holy priests. Amen.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for joining me on the virtual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys. I was a time of grace for our Cathedral community.

You can view the report of the day here - <https://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/the-first-ever-virtual-pilgrimage-to-the-shrine-of-our-lady-of-penrhys/>

The report also contains links to the Facebook videos of the different parts of the Virtual Pilgrimage.

I pray that next May we will be able to make a physical pilgrimage up the mountain to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys. Let us continue to seek her intercession during this time.