Holy Cross Catholic Community

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5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 2

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention	Recently Died All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen
Saturday 4th May First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Joe Moruzzi RIP Ashraf Shehata RIP	
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday Eastertide	10.30 am	Shirly Cagi B Blessings Rose & Tony Panganiban Wedding Anniversary Blessings	
Monday 6th May 6th week Eastertide	9.30am	Howard Griffiths RIP Albert Johnson B Blessings	
Wednesday 8th May Vigil Ascension of the Lord	7.00 pm	Biya Biju B Blessings	
Thursday 9th May Ascension of the Lord	10.00 am	Mass in St. Peter's Landore	
Friday 10th May 6th week Eastertide	9.30 am	Pro Populo	Pray for the Sick of the Parish Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Saturday 11th May 6th week Eastertide	12.00 noon	Ausie & Rosa Thanksgiving	
Saturday 11th May First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Des Thomas RIP	
Sacrament of Confession on Saturdays 11am to 11.50 am. Eucharistic Adoration 30 minutes before on all weekdays Masses.			something ready made; it comes from your own actions" Dalai Lama

Dates for your Diary

First Holy Communion Saturday 1st June 11am and Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday 2nd June

Vocations Prayer Lord, make me a better person, More considerate towards others, More honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may find it. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Gendros Parish Name : A/C NO: 90264630 Sort Code 55 -61 -20 Last weekend offering: £ 463 Priest's T Fund £ 457 Many Thanks

Gift Aid Forms

A big thank you to all who signed the Gift Aid forms. Those who signed the forms please pay your Sunday Offerings either online to our parish account weekly - monthly or take our Sunday offering envelop box and kindly let us know the number. If you don't do this we cannot claim your Gift Aid. Once again many thanks for your support, understanding and co operation. God bless.

Love one another as I love you.

They were his close friends. He had chosen them. So, sad were they. And sad was he that he must leave the earth. Yet he loved them so much he could not lose them from his life. He would place his Spirit deep within them. And within the rest of us. Soul of Jesus, constant companion, teacher of all good, remind us what Jesus said and did, and who he is; how he loves us and makes his home within us. And the thing that he asks is that we love one another.





_____ Ministers of the Word

Week beginning 11th / 12th May

Saturday

First Reading Second Reading **Bidding Prayers**

Sunday

First Reading Second Reading Bidding Prayers

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Church Cleaning Week beginning : 6th—11th May 13th—18th May 20th May—25th May

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Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)



Are you in years 9-13?

Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young Catholics?

The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together.

July $24^{\text{th}} - 28^{\text{th}}$. The cost £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses, including coach travel and all meals.

Wear your crazy hat at the 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' Fundraiser

Saturday 18th May at Holy Cross Church Hall 1pm—4pm Tickets £7.50 (Contact Paola / Karen on 07527727754 Proceeds to Old Mill Foundation providing physical and emotional support to those on a cancer journey.

Love is very often understood as a strong feeling or emotion toward another. When someone is strongly attracted to someone or something, they "love it." But is this love? Is this love in the truest sense? Not really. Love certainly will have an emotional element to it but it will not be based on emotions or feelings. So what is love? Love is a choice. Specifically, as Jesus identifies in the Gospel passage , love is a choice to "lay down one's life for one's friends." Laying down our lives indicates a number of things. First, it shows that the nature of love is a total self gift. Laying down your life cannot be done half way. Either your life is laid down or not. This reveals that love, in order for it to be love in the truest sense, is a total commitment of 100% of your life. Laying down your life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. This requires true sacrifice and selflessness.

We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. When we do turn our eyes and hearts toward others, we will begin to discover countless ways to lay our lives down for them.

Reflect, today, upon how well you lay down your life for others, holding nothing back. Do not hesitate to commit yourself to this depth of love. By giving yourself completely away you find yourself and discover the presence of our Divine Lord.

My sacrificial Lord, help me to put others first. Help me to love until it hurts. And in that loving sacrifice, help me to discover the love in Your own divine heart. Jesus, I trust in You.