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SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER & OUR LADY'S MONTH OF MAY

PUBLIC MASS AND LITURGY TIMES

Friday	7th		10:30am	Mass	(Alan Sutton RIP)
Saturday	8th	Sixth Sunday	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	(Cynthia Longthorpe RIP)
Sunday	9th	of Easter	8:30am	Mass	(The Parish)
Sunday	9th		10:30am	Mass	(Veronica Nicholls RIP)
Wednesday	12th		10:30am	Requiem Mass	David Watson
Thursday	13th	Ascension of the Lord	12:00noon	Mass	(Rob Collar RIP)
Friday	14th	St Matthias	10:30am	Mass	(Cicely Runnalls RIP)
Saturday	15th	Seventh Sunday	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	(Paul Hyland RIP)
Sunday	16th	of Easter	8:30am	Mass	(Ken Walker RIP)
Sunday	16th		10:30am	Mass	(The Parish)

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS AT 5:15PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ST AUGUSTINE'S REPOSITORY & BOOKSHOP – in the Cuthbert Mayne Room. We are delighted to see so many parishioners visiting our repository after the weekly public Masses. Thank you for supporting our parish.

OUR LADY'S MONTH OF MAY – during the month of May the flower group will put vases of water in the Lady Chapel and would like to invite parishioners to place either a single flower stem or small bunch of flowers. The flower group will ensure that they are all looked after.

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS – We need to continue in our gratitude to our stewards who look after us during Mass and sanitise the church after Mass. In addition to this we also need to rebuild a team of people to undertake the more basic cleaning and care of our church building. If you think you could help then Kathryn Houlihan ([Tel:01726 252650](tel:01726252650)) would like to hear from you.

HELP LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES ACCESS COVID VACCINES - GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/1c7bfa9f>.

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

I must confess that I am very intrigued by the spiritual journey of one of my predecessors, indeed the predecessor who was instrumental, no less, in the designing, building and inaugurating of this amazing church building. I refer of course to Fr. Robert Plant who is now a priest of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople ministering in the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias in Devon.

I mention this in particular because this Sunday is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. If 1066 is the big date in English history then 1054 is the big date in church history. This was the fateful year when a formal schism emerged between the Church of Rome, and the Churches of Constantinople, Antioch, Alexandria and Jerusalem. As so often in these situations it was more to do with politics and power than with theology.

In his pastoral letter, *Oriente Lumen*, St John Paul II wrote this: "The venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition." A strong sense of liturgy, a deep spirituality, a love of icons and monasticism are just some of the gifts that are to be found within the Eastern Churches. Very often they have suffered great persecution, and most recently in Syria and Iraq. Today we pray with them and for them for true peace, understanding and unity. Fr. Robert now rejoices in the name of Fr. Porphyrios. I hope to meet him one day! Porphyrios was one of the Greek philosophers who had a profound effect upon a certain St Augustine of Hippo!!

ASCENSION DAY

This Thursday 13th May would, in the good old days, have been a Holy Day of Obligation. The bishops suspended the idea of obligation, for obvious reasons, at the beginning of the pandemic. Whether the idea of obligation is ever to be restored is an open question. Does it even matter? Hopefully we come to Mass because we want to, because we love God, because we want to build up the life of the church in our parishes, and because it makes us better human beings.

ASCENSION TO PENTECOST 13TH – 23RD MAY THY KINGDOM COME

This is an annual ecumenical initiative promoting a novena of prayer. Within this prayer, individuals are encouraged to pray for 5 people they know that they would wish to bring closer to Jesus. Bishop Mark has taken the lead on this evangelisation initiative and can be seen on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10P_Y-MDQ7E.

Thy Kingdom come with Churches Together in Cornwall – "Pray with us in our virtual prayer room **#The Upper Room** as we **#PrayFor5** every morning from Ascension to Pentecost, 7am to noon. Book your 1 hour slot on <http://bit.ly/CTCPrayerRoom>

Novena Prayer

Lord Jesus, We pray for the confidence to be missionary disciples, sharing your Good News of salvation with those we meet in our daily lives. We bring before you in prayer those who have never known you, that the light of your truth may penetrate their minds and hearts, and those who have grown lukewarm in their faith that they may be reawakened to your graces. We commend to you those in need of your mercy that they will know the joy of your forgiveness (name the five people you want to pray for). We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AUTUMN FAYRE – SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Please put this date in your diary, start collecting those bottles, there will be some stalls inside and some outside in the car park. Pray for good weather!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK and especially:- Helen Ledwidge, Yvonne Bradbury, Jesus Mauri-Oria, David Nugent, Angela Alderman, Joseph Poole, Pauline Pallet, Val Cain, Pauline Abdey, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Joanne Clarkson, Maureen Coles, Sue Dugmore, Elaine Gladwin, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June Parsons, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford and Sally Wilson.