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Pentecost Sunday 23.05.2021

Sat 22 May 6.00pm Elaine Barry LD
Sun 23 May 9.00am (**Bampton**)
Pentecost Sunday H el ene Mathieu LD
10.15am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Mon 24 May Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue 25 May **6.30pm** Jimmy & Kathleen GE
St Bede
Wed 26 May St Philip Neri
Thu 27 May Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri 28 May **6.00pm** Mass with reception into
St Joseph's of Elaine Barry
Sat 29 May **11.00am** Funeral of Elaine Barry
6.00pm
Sun 30 May 9.00am (**Carterton**)
Most Holy Trinity
10.15am People of Parish

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

Church now OPEN for Mass on Saturdays, 6.00pm (temporary); Sundays 9.00am and 10.15am; Tuesdays 6.30pm.

St Joseph's 6.00pm Saturday Mass From Saturday 26 June there will no longer be 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's. The Mass will transfer to Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Burford.

Sacramental Preparation

***Holy Communion** I will contact parents of the group whose preparation was interrupted in March 2020 so that final sessions be scheduled and First Holy Communion take place on **Saturday 17 July.**

Parents of baptised children aged seven or more, not part of the group mentioned above, wishing a child to be prepared for Holy Communion, please contact the parish priest.

Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Chris Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele, Marie Whelan, Isalina de Freitas, Elaine Barry
Anniversaries: Maria Teresa Pama, Gemma Blackman, Lubomyr Husar.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Dominic Martin, Santana Carrinchi, Baby Tommy Delaney.

In addition to the first tranche of ** 795.51** additional **Red Boxes** have been counted resulting in a further ** 205.00.**

***Confirmation** Parents of baptised children aged 10 and above wishing their child to be prepared for confirmation, please contact the parish priest. Preparation sessions will be on Sunday mornings in the church hall after 10.15am Sunday Mass **starting on Sunday 27 June** and will continue throughout the school summer holidays.

Pentecost 23.05.2021 Pastoral Letter from Bishops' Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything that exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of 'God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.' God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through his Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of his Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from creation. God's revelation of himself in creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and his desire to live in us through the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is always and everywhere 'the Lord, the giver of life', and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children. In this liberty as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and more especially in the poorest countries of the world. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care of God's gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must nonetheless be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that look beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the well-being and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to

make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, 'the Lord, the giver of life', whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.