

THIS WEEK
Mon 22 May

Mass 10 am

Tue 23 May

Eucharistic Service 10 am

Wed 24 May

Saint Aldhelm
Eucharistic Service 10 am

Thur 25 May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Mass 10 am
Mass 6 pm

Fri 26 May

Saint Philip Neri
Mass 10 am

Sat 27 May

Saint Augustine of Canterbury
Mass 10 am
Confessions 10.30-11 am, 5-5.30 pm.

Please pray for:

➤ those who are sick, including Paula Manning, Dr O'Donovan, Mrs Osiak, Charlotte Bartlett, Deacon John, Mrs McSherry, Sheila McKeown, Colin Farmer, Katherine Felix, Margaret Porter, Gordon King, Lucy Telling, Terry Whiteman, Di Adams, Gwen Murphy, Tony Barry, Dorothy Godleman, Cesira Franco, Tom Tooley, Mrs Gatehouse, Clive Owlett, Mary Kinson,, Bethany Mickleburgh, Anna Peake, Angela Pilkington

those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including James Grantham, Martin Searle, Mary Wilmington

MAY is the MONTH OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast, known as the GREAT EASTER. During the Great Easter we are asked to pray especially for: new members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church, human work.

ST PETER'S BOOK...

...for your prayers and intercessions, can be found at the back of the church.

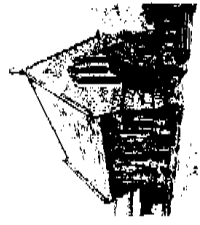
HOLY COMMUNION

All those at Mass who are not in Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and those Catholics not receiving Holy Communion, are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. When approaching the celebrant, please fold your arms across your chest so he will know that you wish to receive a blessing.

**ST PETER'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Permanent Deacon: *Rev. J Fothergill*
Fr. Roger Whitton
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalter week 2.
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Sunday 21 May

First Mass of Sunday:
Sunday Mass:

First Reading:

PSALM RESPONSE:

Second Reading:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Saturday 6 pm (Wojciech Kural R.I.P.).
9.30 am
11 am

Acts 10/25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
Pagans receive the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1 John 4/7-10.
God is love.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

John 15/9-17.
Love one another as I have loved you.

If you love me, keep my commandments, say the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has met four times during the past year. During that time we were very pleased to welcome two new members: John Dorling and Peter Wallis. Both bring much expertise to our table and the latter is shadowing Lina Watts, the current Treasurer, with a view to taking on her responsibilities later this summer. They join Father Michael, David Groom, who is the Gift Aid Secretary, Mary Dunthorn, myself and Eric Golding, who does such sterling work in organising and overseeing all the necessary repairs and renovations.

During the last year nearly £10,000 has been spent, much on the Hall but some on decoration in the Presbytery and the Church, together with the new sound system. We have every right to be proud of our buildings, but your Committee is very worried that the total Parish funds are gradually diminishing. To keep the current account in funds, £15,000 has recently had to be transferred from the deposit account and during 2005 total Parish funds slunk by £20,000. This continues the slow erosion since we received the generous bequest from Ken Vose in 2002.

Mr. Micawber would be made miserable by the way our expenditure annually exceeds our income, and the time has come to do something about this situation. We are a wealthy Parish, certainly by comparison with many others, and the plain fact is that we are not paying our way. Unless this trend can be reversed, we are in danger of finding ourselves, within five years, with no reserves at all.

The Committee highlights ways in which The Parish can start to live within its income:

- The weekly plate offerings *must* increase.
- More parishioners need to make their offerings using Gift Aid.
- To have a Maintenance Week in November, when impending projects will be listed and special collections and events organised to implement them.
- Parishioners should be encouraged to give random donations
- And, finally, asked to remember St. Peter's in their wills.

Let us all start by considering what we give each week in the plate. Could you increase it? Is what you currently give less than you could afford? Could you actually double it? Why not give the children more than just a token coin to drop into the bag? It might imbue them with a realisation that things have to be paid for! Currently £400 in the Collection counts as a 'good' week. Let's see if we can't increase this to £600 or even £700.

And, finally, please, don't forget to ask about Gift Aid. The thirty nine who use Gift Aid netted the Parish an extra £3,000 last year. Join them! It's really quite painless!
Call David Groom on 656 725.

Geoffrey Adams - Chairman of F. & G.P. Committee - May 2006

HOLY ECHO HOLY

Holy Holy Holy holy is the Lord God of power
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God of might Heav'n and earth are filled with glory
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Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest
filled with glory Hosanna Hosanna in the highest

Blessed Blessed Blest is he who comes in God's name
highest Blessed Blessed Blest is he who comes

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest
In God's Name Hosanna Hosanna in the highest

Highest

FINANCE

Weekend 13/14 May 2006:
Collection £448-98(!).

Second Collection next weekend, 27/28 May (World Communications Day).

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 18 June. Please see the poster in the church porch.

PASTORAL TEAM

Next meeting Monday 12 June, 7 pm in the Presbytery.

MOTHERS UNION

An invitation has been received for our parishioners to attend the Mothers Union Quiet Day at Cotswold Farm, Dumtisbury Abbots, on Wednesday 7 June. Details from Father Michael. Also, you are invited to their *summer* service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 5 July, to be followed by tea in the hall.

OZLEWORTH PARK

Gardens open, 21 May, 2-4 pm. Poster in church porch.