



Saint Bernadette's Church
10th May – 16th May
Fifth Week of Easter (A)

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Easter 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reflection

Jesus begins to prepare his followers for his own departure from the world. There are two aspects of this. Firstly, Jesus speaks of the final purpose, union with the Father, and his preparation of a place for us there. "There is plenty of room", he says, suggesting not that there are plenty of cubicles for different sets of people (bishops, priests, babies, monks and maniacs etc.!) but there is no lack of space. No problem of "of only one wins the prize" in this case. The second aspect is preparation for the future of the Church on earth, and the almost shocking promise that in the absence of Jesus – but in the strength of his Spirit – his people will do "even greater works". Paul teaches that believers "make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ" for in every age the Church fills up the measure of Christ's sufferings; it is a Church which shares its Master's trials. In the same way in every age the Church must carry on the works of Christ. In John, the "works" of Jesus are the marvellous deeds, beyond human powers, which show who Jesus is. We too are called on to perform marvellous deeds, beyond human powers, works of grace and generosity. (HW)

Live Streaming of Masses and Devotions in the Nottingham Diocese

For details visit the St Bernadette's website at :

<https://www.stbernadettesashby.org/livestreamingofmasses>

For details of daily live streaming of masses by Canon Geoffrey and Fr Liam visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesashby/>

Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady Walsingham

Sycamore Film Series 'What Do You Believe?' (2019)

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/sycamore/>

Recordings from 29th April are available for a limited time at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB7HRatqrA24RDmLU4algs93vyHsKxiG5>

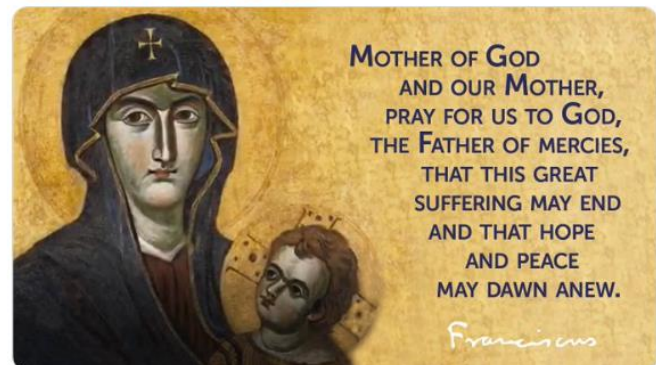
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Pope Francis
@Pontifex

Let us rediscover the beauty of praying the **#Rosary** at home during May! At the end of each Rosary, we can recite a prayer asking for Mary's intercession, that the Lord might free us from this pandemic and life might serenely resume its normal course.

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From Canon Geoffrey

To all Parishioners. I do hope you are all keeping well and safe. Please continue to remember in your daily prayers those who are working hard to keep us all safe and I think you would all agree with me that there is a lot of people to pray for and give thanks to God for!

Not least we remember those who gave their lives during WWII, especially this weekend as we acknowledge the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.



Perhaps over this weekend we could reflect on the following for those who have died and for those who have sacrificed so much during the current pandemic:

**'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.'**

Good comes out of everything, and in spite of the painful sense of separation from those whom we cannot live without, we know deep within us that we must, not least because of how devastated we would be to lose friends and relatives or to see them seriously ill.

I also hope that we will continue to take the opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer and contemplation. The morning chorus from my bedroom window seems clearer and louder (!) because there is less noise pollution to hide it; the waysides seem brighter because there is less traffic on the roads. I personally hope that some of the customs we have acquired during the emergency period will continue. Amidst this time of trial, we have all seen many acts of great courage and great kindness, but it's the little things that can make a big difference - a smile to someone who is in the queue in front of us or walking past our garden, a 'hello' to whoever is working in the bank, the Post Office or the supermarket, and I'm seeing more of those when I have to go out. Maybe our vulnerability to this virus will cause us to respect Creation a little more and have a more positive view of our brothers and sisters.

As time moves on, so, we must look forward with hope to when we can gather again at the Altar, our common table to which all are called and all are welcome to share even more fully in the deep and holy communion with God, with one another and within ourselves, so that we can go in peace to love and serve the Lord by being his real presence in the world in which we live, the world to which we are called as Christians to minister in love.

In the meantime, please continue to hold one another in prayer and love, and please remember those members of our community who are poorly at the moment; especially, Mary (Fran) Langley, and those who have died, Jean Jackson, Kathleen O'Brien, Mary Taylor, Raymond Blackburn, and Donald White – may they rest in peace!

To you all, please keep safe and well.

With every blessing to you all

Canon Geoffrey & Fr Liam

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Helpline: 01724 622021

Resources: <https://wellcommnl.co.uk/resources/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Well-being-and-Community-Aid-North-Lincs-101554284839328/>

North Lincolnshire Council Community Support Page:

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-community-support/>

We are able to offer households who are vulnerable or self-isolating due to the pandemic, a volunteer run service, which can assist them in obtaining essential groceries and medication whilst they can remain at home. We are working with North Lincolnshire Council to ensure that households are referred to appropriate avenues to receive the support they need at this time of crisis.

The website also has a resources and help page and a page with details of local business' delivery services. You can also register on the website as a volunteer. We are looking for volunteers who can drive and hold a DBS, who can spare a few hours a week to help vulnerable households with getting essential groceries.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYERS TO OUR LADY FOR MAY 2020

O Mary,
you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the Cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
Salus Populi Romani,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but
deliver us always
from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen!
Alleluia!



The image of Our Lady. *Salus Populi Romani*, 'Protectress of the Roman People', is normally kept in the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major, and is very dear to our Holy Father Pope Francis.

'We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.'
In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is
prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of
God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your
protection.
Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid
this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are
distracted and mourn their loved ones who have died,
and at times are buried in a way that grieves them
deeply.
Be close to those who are concerned for their loved
ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the
spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.
Fill with hope those who are troubled by the
uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the
economy and employment.
Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the
Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and
that hope and peace may dawn anew.
Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that
the families of the sick and the victims be comforted,
and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.
Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and
volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency,
and are risking their lives to save others. Support their
heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and
continued health.
Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and
to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to
the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.
Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women
engaged in scientific research, that they may find
effective solutions to overcome this virus.
Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude
and generosity they may come to the aid of those
lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise
social and economic solutions inspired by
farsightedness and solidarity.
Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the
enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling
arms will instead be spent on promoting effective
research on how to prevent similar tragedies from
occurring in the future.
Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all
members of one great family and to recognise the bond
that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and
solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations
of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith,
persevering in service, constant in prayer.
Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your
children in distress and pray that God will stretch out
his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible
pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal
course.
To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation
and hope, do we entrust ourselves,
O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen!
Alleluia!