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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 4th/5th 2024
International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Responsorial Psalm 97:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Dalton and Lakshmi Wijeratne RIP
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Mary and Oliver Pike RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Angelo Menezes RIP

Saints of the Week

Monday	6 th	May:	Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno, Religious
Tuesday	7 th	May:	St. Rose Venerini, Religious
Wednesday	8 th	May:	St. Boniface IV, Pope
Thursday	9 th	May:	The Ascension of the Lord
Friday	10 th	May:	St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday	11 th	May:	St. Ignatius of Laconi, Monk

EVENTS

The Ascension of the Lord



The *Mass of the Ascension of the Lord*, will take place next **Thursday, May 9th**, at either **10:00 a.m.** or **7:00 p.m.** in the main Church. This day is considered a day of obligation, where we are reminded of the powerful message of hope, love, and grace that Jesus imparted upon us before his departure to the Father. We also celebrate the joy and peace that comes from being part of a loving and supportive Community.

Baroque Brilliance: Music Evening

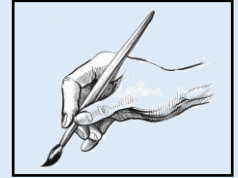
Embark on a musical journey with us as we celebrate the grand finale of our fundraising efforts for the Nekemte School Project! Join us on **Saturday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m.** for an unforgettable evening immersed in Baroque musical splendor.

Tickets are priced at £20 (£10 for children) get yours from any of our Pastoral Team Members. Following the performance, please join us in the Church Hall for wine and nibbles. Again, this event marks the culmination of our endeavors for the Nekemte School Project, and we invite you to be part of this special occasion. Let us come together for an evening filled with joy, harmony and food for the spirit, as we share in the commitment to transforming lives through education.



Art Exhibit – Showcasing Works by Harvey Martin

Next weekend, **May 11th and 12th**, the Church Hall will host an art exhibit showcasing original paintings by Harvey Martin of captivating landscapes, seascapes and enjoy his interpretations of masterpieces by renowned artists like Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Gauguin and more! A portion of all sales will be given to help support our Nekemte School Project.



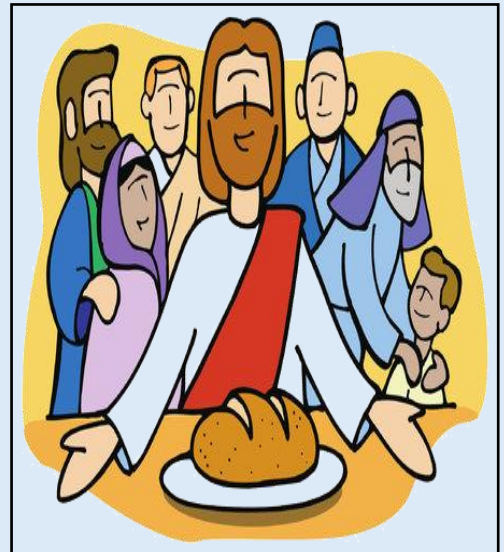
Disco Fever Fundraiser 'Boogie Nights' Postponed

Our Disco Fever Fundraiser 'Boogie Nights' has been postponed. But fret not, while we hit the pause button, rest assured that the disco ball will spin at a later date. Expect some exciting changes and surprises as we revamp and refine our plans to make this night truly unforgettable.



YOUTH CORNER

As we come closer to Pentecost and the end of the Easter season, the Church brings us back to the Last Supper with today's Gospel passage. Jesus is at table with his intimate collaborators, the Twelve Apostles. He knows that this is the last time they will be gathered in this way until they meet again in eternity. Nothing is carelessly said. Jesus explains that he has loved us, and that he longs for us to remain in his love, to stay in his friendship, so that we may experience the indescribable joy that flows from true love. And then he lays down his New Commandment, the summary of all his teaching and of his entire life: "love one another as I love you." This is the Christian battle plan. At the Last Supper, Jesus was on the verge of his final battle against evil and all the forces of darkness. And the Church he is forming through his Apostles will take that same battle to the ends of the earth and to every corner of human history and culture.



Sometimes when we see the opposite of something, we appreciate it better. The opposite of Christ's battle plan is the devil's battle plan. And the devil's battle plan is symbolised in literature by a mythological beast that we are all familiar with: the dragon. Dragons are present in the literature of almost every major culture group in history. Dragons go around breathing fire and causing massive death and destruction, they have only one desire: to hoard as much treasure as they possibly can. Wherever they go, they gather gold, silver, valuable jewels, anything of value. But then what do they do with it? They put it in a big pile somewhere in an inaccessible cave, and they sit on it. It's of no use to them, or to anyone else. They don't buy things with the gold or silver; they just sit on top of their hoard and keep it all to themselves. That's exactly what the devil wants each one of us to do. He wants us to be more and more self-absorbed and self-centred. He wants us to use our God-given talents, strengths, and interests just for ourselves (if we use them at all), just to make ourselves rich, powerful, comfortable, or popular. That's the opposite of Christ's battle plan! Just as God poured out his generous love by creating the universe and giving us existence, so Jesus invites us to pour out our talents and energies in building up society and doing good for those around us. We are not created to be dragons; we are created to be children of a creative, redeeming God.

Meditative Melodies - Taizé Every Friday

While rooted in the contemplative traditions of Taizé, our prayer time has a wider focus. **Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.** we gather in the meeting room of the Father's House for a half-hour journey of prayer, reflection, and renewal. You don't have to sing if you're not inclined; Taizé is ultimately about centring ourselves in the Lord's presence. Many choose to combine this with the evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., a wonderful start to the weekend! If you need a moment for your soul to find rest, this moment of prayer is for you; come and join us!



THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Take a moment to reflect on those cherished individuals and significant moments that have deeply touched your soul. Think of those you hold in your thoughts and prayers, or those you wish to express profound gratitude towards.

Participating in a Mass is a profoundly reverent act of prayer, one that not only nourishes the spiritual well-being of its intended recipients but also offers invaluable support to our Fathers and the entire Faith Community. As Saint Teresa of Ávila once said, "Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." The Mass stands as the ultimate expression of prayer, the cornerstone of our faith-filled lives, and the primary way we gather as a community to honor and worship God.

If you would like to request a Mass, please fill out an envelope available at the rear of the Church, and then either place it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it in the letterbox at the Fathers' House.



SACRED HEART WEBSITE

Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.



To receive our newsletter via email every Saturday morning, simply notify one of the Fathers, and we'll ensure you're added to the list. If you know someone who would like to stay informed, please let us know, and we'll include them on our mailing list with their consent.

For those without computer or internet access, we're delighted to send a paper copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post. Kindly provide your/their name and address, and if necessary, obtain the person's consent. Thank you for staying connected with Sacred Heart Sunningdale!

Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Moment of Prayer:** We hold a prayer service every Friday following the spirituality of *Taizé* which is characterised by silent contemplation of the Word of God and inspired by *Music*. The Prayer will take place after the 6:00 p.m. Mass and will last approximately 30 minutes in the meeting room of the Father's house. All Are Welcome!
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning. If you would like to receive it, simply give one of the Father's your email address.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** in person in the Father's house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be **6th June** and we will begin at: **7:30 p.m.** You will be able to connect via Zoom beginning at 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will be on **Thursday 16th May**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will cover the last chapter of our book: *God's Big Picture, A Bible Overview* by Vaughan Roberts.
- **Confessions:** Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on call. *Just ring the bell at the main door to the House.*
- **Daily Mass:** From Monday through Friday daily Mass is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Father's House. Mass is preceded by Evening Prayer beginning at 5:45 p.m.

SERVICES TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Church Cleaning Roster:

May 4th

Noelle McNelis and Christopher Wood

Next Week:

May 11th

Sheba Johnson, Zalmon Johnson and Valerie Pike

Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or by mobile telephone on 07973 724404.

Readers:

May 4th 6:00 p.m.: **Vittoria Baruchello**

May 5th 10:00 a.m.: **Sue Douet**

May 5th 11:30 a.m.: **Siobhan Burn**

Next week:

May 11th 6:00 p.m.: **Jeanie Lewis**

May 12th 10:00 a.m.: **Peter Wills**

May 12th 11:30 a.m.: **Daniel, James & Miguel**

Flower Rota:

May 5th

Nicky Pardo

Next week:

May 12th

Siobhan Burn

Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

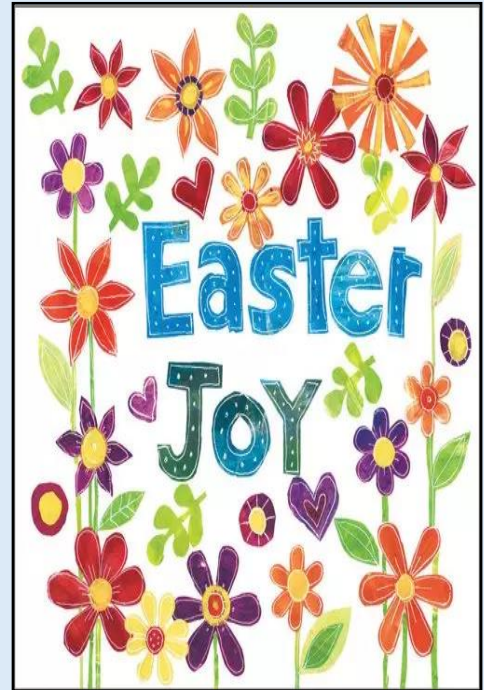
May 5th

Sonia, Trudy and Oscar

Next week:

May 12th

Sonia, Nicky and Hilary



Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£832.88p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, during the week. We warmly thank all those who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through the Sunday Collection and/or a regular **Bankers/Standing Order**.

NOTICE:

Fr. David will be away next week for a meeting with the Comboni Missionaries in Camarate, Portugal, returning 11th May. During his absence, any concerns can be directed to either Fr. John or Fr. Martin. Additionally, Fr. Gordon will be back with us during this time, offering his support to our parish community.

Prayer Requests for this Week

For the eternal rest of **Nora Teresa (Noni) Annen**, who died on 12th April with her family in Cheshire. Her funeral will be Tuesday, 14th May at St. Francis, Ascot.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **John McKenna**, brother-in-law of Pauline McKenna who died on 14th April 2024 at the age of 71.

For continued good health & well-being of **Christopher Rowbotham**, recovering from a fall.

For the good health and well-being of Pastoral Team Member **Anne Colquhoun**.

For the good health and recovery of **Julie Mallinson**, who is in hospital with pneumonia.

For the eternal rest of **Richard Mitura**, uncle of Tom Chekiewicz, who died 31st March 2024.

For the good health and well-being of **Kathleen Berry** who is now home from hospital.

For continued good health & well-being of **Jill McPhillips**, we pray for her strength and healing.

For the continued good health and recovery of **Terence Pike** who is now home from hospital.

We would like to encourage you not to hesitate to ring or send a message if the Fathers are able to assist you in any way.