



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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## LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th MAY 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

### TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th May	Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter	4.30pm	Carolyn Kearney ( <i>public Mass</i> )
Sun 9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Glennis Cutler (RIP) ( <i>public Mass</i> )
Mon 10th May	Easter Feria	<i>no Mass</i>	—————
Tues 11th May	Easter Feria	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed 12th May	St. Pancras	12 noon	Private Intention
Thu 13th May	Solemnity of the Ascension	12 noon	Madeline (RIP) ( <i>public Mass</i> ) *
Fri 14th May	St. Matthias Ap	12 noon	Private Intention
Sat 15th May	Easter Feria Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.00am 4.30pm	Private Intention Pro Populo ( <i>public Mass</i> )
Sun 16th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Patricia Watkins (R.I.P) ( <i>public Mass</i> )

### Ascension Thursday



This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is usually a Holyday of Obligation. As the Sunday

Obligation is suspended at this moment of time, so too are the holydays of obligation. Mass will take place on Thursday at 12 noon.

### MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

Note public Mass change, only the **Ascension Mass this week is open to the public** - and Saturday 4.30pm; Sunday 10am.

Live stream on YouTube

([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3\\_Ft\\_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3_Ft_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA))

will be available all day should people want to watch it at a later time.

If you have a problem finding the past live streams, please follow the link off the live stream option on the parish website.

#### Making a Spiritual Communion

- \* Make the sign of the cross
- \* Read the Gospel of the day
- \* Then share prayer intentions
- \* Say the Lord's Prayer
- \* Make an act of spiritual communion
- \* Close with the sign of the cross.

*My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

#### Christian Aid Week May 2021

Christian Aid Week is the UK's longest-running fundraising week and attempts to alleviate suffering for ordinary people around the world, no matter what their faith. The money collected by all local churches in CA Week is their main annual fundraiser and donations this year will, in particular, help to tackle the climate crisis that threatens the lives and livelihoods of communities living in Kenya. There will be a 'retiring' collection box as people leave after the Masses of **8th/9th May**. All donations gratefully accepted. For those who cannot attend Mass, or prefer to donate online, donations can be made at our OLSK Christian Aid Week link - [envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/olsk-halesowen](http://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/olsk-halesowen)



#### May Anniversaries

Remember in your prayers those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur during May:

Hugh Williams, Margaret Clarke, Edward Gill, James Ryan, Ivy Williams, Kenneth Short, Yvonne Lindsey, Jim Dempster, Jim Price, Bridie McAndrew, Lyn Welch, Michael Hubbard, George Barr, Peggy Harris, Leslie James, Winifred Price. *May they rest in peace.*

**Lately Dead** Please keep in your prayers the repose of the souls of Patricia Watkins, Gwyneth (Gwen) Neilly and Keneth Travers. *May they rest in peace.*

Patricia's funeral will take place at Stourbridge Crematorium on Friday 21st May at 1.30pm.

### Message from Father Stefan.

*My apologies that some masses were cancelled during the week. Before people get too worried about my health - I am fine. There is a family issue (on both sides of my family) with chest issues (Bronchitis, Asthma and Copd). I have been quite blessed by the Lord as, so far, I have missed this, but the usual simple things can go onto my chest and so due to catarrh I was coughing too much to celebrate Mass!*

*Monday morning, I am heading off for my second dose of the vaccination.*

### Ascension Thursday Reflection

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

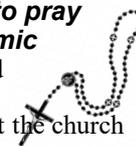
After giving his final instructions to his apostles, the risen Christ is taken from their sight – "taken up", "hidden by a cloud", "into heaven", "exalted" and "seated at God's right hand". The very multiplicity of the ways the sacred authors strive to describe the indescribable warns us that the way the mystery is too readily visualized – a rocket-like Jesus lifting off from a launching pad in the Holy Land, as the curtains come down on his earthly sojourn – is inadequate and fails to do justice to its rich content. The second reading already begins to spell out the early understanding of the Church, that will develop over time under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, of an event that is at once "historical and transcendent" (CCC 659).

*Stefan,*

*Fr Stefan*

### Pope's Prayer Marathon Pope Francis urges us to pray the Rosary in May for the end to Covid-19 pandemic

and will be taken up by different shrines around the world on each day in May. Visits this week include Italy, Ireland (Knock), Belgium, Algeria, Portugal & India. Visit the church website for more details.



### Confessions

Confessions, at this time, are by appointment only due to the procedures for COVID.

**Second Collection next week** for Catholic Communications.