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***Saturday/Sunday 5th / 6th May 2018***

***Sixth Sunday of Easter /Year B.***

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 5th 6.00 pm Catherine Hegarty

Sun 6th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mon 7th **10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

Tue 8th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wed 9th 9.00 am No morning Mass

 2.30 pm Holy Hour at the Convent

**The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord- Holy Day of Obligation**

Thur 10th **9.00am**  Pat Guven

**7.30 pm** Kathleen O’Connor

Fri 11th 9.00 am Lucie West

Sat 12th 9.00 am No morning Mass

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 12th 6.00pm **Parishioners**

Sun 13th 11.00am Johanna Groves

**Missionaries of Charity**, Seel Street Liverpool:

INVITATION to the Annual ‘May Procession’, which will take place on Saturday, 19th May at 2.00pm. The procession starts at St Peter’s Square (Off Seel Street) and processes, via Seel Street, Berry Street, Bold Street, Church Street, Whitechapel, to Queens Square, finishing at the ‘Shrine’.

 ***April 2018.***

***Fifth Sunday of Easter /Year B.***

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 28th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 29th 11.00 am Celia Smullen (Sick

**Third week of Easter**

Mon 30th 9.00 am

**May**

Tue 1st 9.00 am

Wed 2nd 9.00 am No morning Mass

 **2.30 pm Holy Hour at the Convent**

Thur 3rd  **7.30 pm** Mary Carroll

Fri 4th 9.00 am

Sat 5th 9.00 am No morning Mass

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** (Vocations Sunday)

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 5th 6.00 pm Catherine Hegarty

Sun 6th 11.00am **Parisshioners**

***This*** *Weekend is World Day of Prayer for the specific vocation of the* Priesthood and religious life, of orders and lay associations. The ‘Priest Training Fund’ special collection will **NOT** be taken next weekend,

as instead we have a Special Missionary Appeal for the

St Patrick’s Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) at both Masses next weekend. The collection for Vocation Sunday will be taken at some time in the future, as advertised on the newsletter.

**When Mass intentions are received by the Parish, the names will be put on the Newsletter the following week so that prayers can be said by everyone for those people and then Masses will be offered by a priest in the order that they are handed in & appear in the parish Mass book. When people’s anniversaries, or birthday remembrances fall in a given week, their names will also now be listed on the newsletter for that week.**

**At some point in the future, the individual’s name will also now be printed on the newsletter for a particular Mass, to show that the Priest is fulfilling his obligation to offer in his own prayers that named person during a particular Mass.**

**We cannot guarantee that any specific Mass intention will be possible at a particular Mass, on a particular day, but their name will now appear on the parish newsletter up to three times – the week it was handed in, the week of the actual anniversary/birthday and the day the Mass intention is being offered by the priest at Mass. Every Sunday and Holy Days the Parish Priest must also offer one of the Masses for all of his parishioners.**

**Every Mass is always celebrated for everyone. No-one is forgotten by God, on any day, whether their name is on the newsletter or not and each of us may also be praying for someone else at the same Mass we all attend.**

**Anniversary Remembrance intentions requested at this time:**

George Williams

**Birthday Remembrance intentions requested at this time:**

Maria Williams

**Mass Intentions received this week**: Robert Ledson, Winnie Castle, Davie Walker, Christine Rodrigues, Annie Gardiner, Alfie Evans, Maria Williams George Williams, Mary Jones, Karen Worthington, Teresa Murphy

- the sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed.

- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead.

- the empty place at the table; a candle light, prayer before our meals;

- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless.

**FINANCES: CATHOS £395.07 PTF £10.00**

**SAB £31.07 Church Repairs £14.50**

**Catholic Education Service £5.00, Lenten Alms £3.00**

 **Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers.**

**Holy Hour @ 2.30pm Wednesday @ Convent, THIS WEEK.**

***NEXT Weekend***

***1st Paula Hines Teresa Taylor***

***2nd Anthony Ely Barbara Lye***

***Int Luke Bennett Sr Eva***

***HL Joe Bennett Sr Jessie***

***CL Clare Tyrrell Pat Fleming
CL Gerard Riley Alex Fleming***

***HR Jane Hines Margaret Byrne
CR Tony Bennett Ellen Richards
CR Ray Hines Ann Conning***

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Our parish community will be giving extra support to our Catholic children in Year 4 and their families, so that together we will all deepen our faith and understanding about the Church. This will focus on the gift of God’s forgiveness in Reconciliation/Confession and on God’s gift of Jesus in Holy Communion- His Body & Blood seen at the altar, in the Tabernacle and at Holy Communion time during Mass. As part of family-preparation for receiving these gifts for the first time ALL Year 4 families, living in the parish, are especially invited to attend Sunday Masses WEEKLY, Saturday night/Sunday Masses, **every** week: Masses and prayers together prepare us all for the year ahead and beyond. Families NEED to be coming regularly to Mass if they are to be ready to receive the gifts, for the first time, so as to then LIVE-the-faith more fully in daily life. If they are not ready in 2018, they will celebrate later in their Year 5, during 2019

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*Please also use the Car Park at the BACK of the Presbytery and back of the Parish Centre at the weekends- the back gate and side doors to the ‘Collins Room’ will be open, to walk through to the back of the Church and into Masses*

 **ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH**

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A warm **WELCOME** to everyone at Masses this weekend and a particular welcome to some of our families whose children will receive the gift of Holy Communion for the first time at Mass, so as to be ready to receive it every time they come to Mass in future and throughout their lives!

Our celebrations of Mass, as members of the bigger family of the parish and the world-wide family of the Church, focus our minds and hearts on God and the gifts that God sends us.

We celebrate the gift of life in each one of us, who are the children of God.

We celebrate the gift of God’s Word, the bible stories and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate the gift of Jesus’ Body and Blood, at the altar, in the Tabernacle and at Holy Communion time.

The challenge of the Good News and Holy Communion is to become what we receive- to be the Word of God to other people in our lives, to be the Body, flesh and blood of Jesus, food and drink for our neighbours.

**FR SEAN**.

**Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage**, September 2018.

Meeting for all those traveling to Lourdes this year

-Thursday 10th May, 7.30pm Mass in Church,

Meeting from 8.00pm, in St Joseph Parish Centre in the Lounge

 There is also a ‘Lourdes Nomination’ box at the back of church, if you would like to nominate anyone for Lourdes in September for **FREE**

 -they must be mobile and able to get themselves around unaided.