

PARISH FINANCE

Gift Aid	£ 93.50
Loose	96.75
Total	£ 190.25

Clergy Training Funds £ 189.70
Many thanks for your contribution

Mass Attendance

Sat:59; Sun:80. Your weekly mass attendance is the greatest support to the parish.

Readers:

Sat 1 st May	D Butler
Sun 2 nd May	J Joseph
Sat 8 th May	P Ball
Sun 9 th May	P Brown

GIFT AID MATTERS

If you still pay TAX pick up your box of envelopes. If you no longer pay tax do not take the box but please let Peter Bradley know. We cannot claim back tax that you have not paid.

Why not donate monthly by Banker's Standing Order (S.O.)

If you would like to change from envelopes to S.O. please complete a form available at the back of church. Payment dated for about the tenth of the month is convenient for us. The forms should be given to Fr George or Peter Bradley

S.O.s, unlike Direct Debits, are managed by the donor. Once set up by the parish the donor can increase, decrease and even stop the agreed payments by instructing their Bank directly. It is possible to do this on the net.

Has your S.O. been unchanged for some time? If so, and you are able, please consider increasing the donation. As stated above, instruct your Bank directly.

Do you pay tax and yet not let the parish claim it back? Giving the parish permission to make a claim can recover 25 pence for every £1 donated. I.e. £25 per £100, £250 per £1,000. Choose envelopes or S.O. Fill in the form available at the back of church If you have changed address let Fr G. or Peter Bradley know in writing.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter are also providing online marriage preparation: on the these dates:

19th & 26th June; and

2nd & 9th October.

For booking link <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

Another option for couples is Smart Loving and the link to their marriage preparation is <https://smartloving.org/uk/>.

THIS WEEK

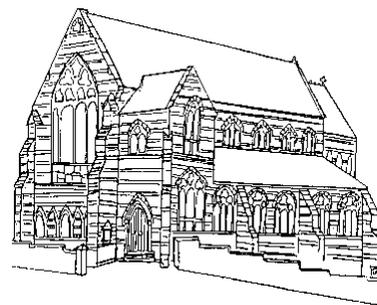
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NEXT WEEK

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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS & ST. PETER IN CHAINS, STOKE

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Parish Deacon: Rev Tony Bradshaw; Email: a.bradshaw555@ntlworld.com (Retired)

Sun 2nd May 2021 – **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome to all new comers. If you are visitors, I hope you have a good time staying in the area. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest.

Sat	1	Jn 15:1-8		5:45pm	John and Andrea Butler (RIP)
Sun	2	5th Sunday of Easter	Week 1	10:30am	People of the Parish
Mon	3	Ss Philip and James, Jn 14:6-14	Feast	-	No Mass
Tue	4	English Martyrs, Mt 10:17-22	Feast	-	No Mass
Wed	5	Jn 15:1-8		6:00pm	Deacon Tony 80 th Birthday
Thu	6	Jn 15:9-11		6:00pm	John & Mary Kate Synnott (RIP)
Fri	7	Jn 15:12-17		6:00pm	Joseph Narivelil (RIP)
Sat	8	Jn 15:9-17		5:45pm	People of the Parish
Sun	9	6th Sunday of Easter	Week 2	10:30am	Chito Amora (RIP)

Please pray for: Our sick and housebound: Robin Butler, Shiela Bunn, Firdela Aclan, Margaret Roberts, Michael Barlow, Ann Malanaphy, Jesse Adams, Dave Hilditch, Eliadora Mamaril, Audrey Weller, Virginia Arcebedo, Moses Soro, Esther Kojo, Mama Ching and Tony Brougham.

Those whose anniversaries occur during this time: Mary Wisilers, G H Butler, John Synnott, John Finney, Mary Kate Synnott, Cadence Salazar and John Joseph Jefferies.

PPE Donations: to all the donors, thank you for your continuous support.

Volunteer marshals and cleaners: Our Parish is so grateful to all volunteers for your continuous support and help to our Church. Thank you.

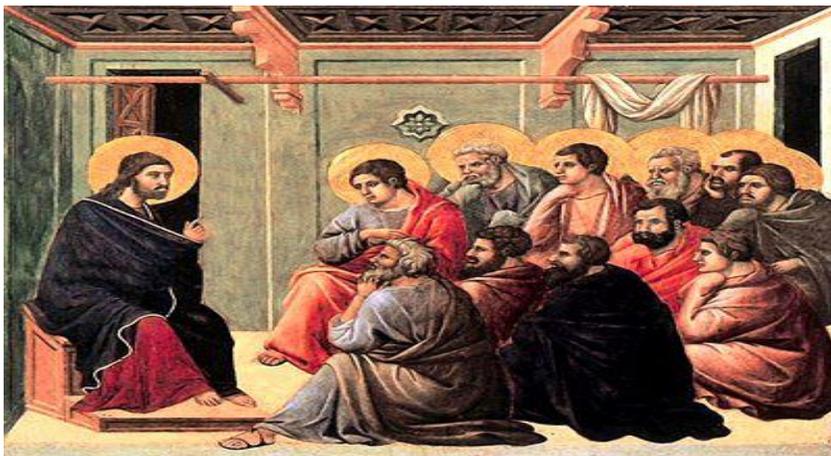
Confessions: Due to the current pandemic, confession is done by booking only. Please contact the church or email to book for confession.

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31 – Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 – His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel: John 15:1-8 – Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit plenty.

Sunday Reflection



Life messages

1) *We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling in our neighborhood and society with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations enables us to prune away our selfish, judgmental, prejudicial tendencies so that we can treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by enabling us to face with courage of our Christian convictions the pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties which He permits to enter our lives.*

2) *Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine and draw their life from the vine. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible, and selfless, loving acts of kindness, mercy and mutual loving forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.*

By: Fr Anthony Kadavil

Notices

Universal Daily Prayer: Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic during the month of May and that each day during the month will focus upon one of the international Marian Shrines. This includes Our Lady of Walsingham. We therefore invite all of you to pray the Rosary in spiritual unity with the Holy Father, particularly on 1 May through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please get a copy of Shrine list and daily prayer intentions provided at the back of the church or visit the website of Pontifical Council for the promotion of the New Evangelisation (pepne.va).

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation: as the covid lockdown is starting to ease, we can now start the session for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation in St Catherine by following the COVID guidance, i.e. wearing of face masks and with 2 meters social distancing.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for those children who do not attend a Catholic school, will begin soon. If you wish your child to receive any of these sacraments, then please message our Parish catechist, **Bev Alaimo** on **07708575713**.

Dates for the Sacraments:

Reconciliations:

- **FHC candidates and their parents/guardians - Tuesday 18th May at 3:45pm.**
- **Confirmandi and their parents/guardians – Thursday 17th June.**
- **FHC candidates and their parents/guardians – Tuesday 29th June.**

Confirmation Mass - Sunday 27th June 12.00pm

First Holy Communion (FHC) Mass - Sunday 4th July 12.00pm

Church readers: during the present Covid restrictions each reader for the Saturday and Sunday masses will do both readings until the **20th June** when hopefully we may be back to normal. If anyone would like to become a reader please contact Fr George or Peter Ball.

Kenelm Youth trust Events and Activities to help young people RECONNECT:

- Alton Towers + Mass + BBQ; £22 PP.
- Activity Day at Alton Castle: £12 PP.
- Mass and a Meal
- Social Action Project
- Team Challenges
- Outdoor Fun & Games
- Youth Group nights.

For more details read the poster at the back of the church or email Maria Bracken at maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or visit kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk.