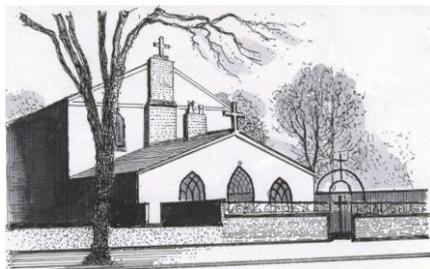


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PENTECOST SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Michael Dance
Sunday	9.00am	George Hanson
	10.30am	Robert Griffin
Monday	7.30pm	Denis Frodsham
Tuesday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	9.00am	Special Intention (JC)
Thursday	9.00am	Dcn Fred Warriner
Friday	8.30am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Jean Hall
Sunday	9.00am	Albert Jones
	10.30am	Jaya Wylie

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team A

Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick

SILENCE BEFORE MASS

Pope Francis recently said that the Eucharist is 'the highest, most sublime' way of encountering God's love. He said that Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing to "meet Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". He said that silence is so important and that it prepares us and accompanies us. I was so pleased to read that. It reassured me that what I have often said is not just Melly 'going off on one'. So I appeal to you once more to give it some thought. I still think that it is very important to meet and greet but think that there comes a time when we need to focus on Jesus who wants to lead us to his Father. Just remember too that even if you do not think it important, the person you are talking to may be too shy to ask you to stop. Please remember too that I also need to be focused more than any of you.

LITTLE CHAPEL

I feel that not having the little chapel in use yet has been a real blessing in that we are all together around the table of the lord and that no one is separated. This is how it should be if at all possible. I strongly feel that the little chapel should only be used if there is no room in the main body of the church and that it should be reserved for parents who have little ones who are having a blip.

CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop Tom Williams will visit our parish on the weekend of 26/27 May. If anyone wishes to be confirmed that weekend please let Dave know. If anyone would like to meet the bishop please come to the hall at 1.00pm on Sunday. However please put your name on the sheet in the porch so that I can organise light refreshments.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's liturgy of the Word has resumed. Those who lead this have 'Awoken from your slumber' after almost 12 months break. If anyone else can help with this wonderful work and help relieve the pressure on the few willing volunteers please have a word with Dave

YOGA

Deacon Jim is a great believer in yoga. He says that the main purpose of yoga is to relax the body and the mind so as to bring us into silence which is important for our wellbeing. By becoming still we can experience the love within and all around us. At the moment he has classes on Mondays at 3.00 to 4.15pm and on a Saturday from 10.30 to 11.45am. He now wants to offer an evening class on a Thursday from 7.00 to 8.15pm. If you would like to give it a try please come to the hall this coming Thursday evening.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the gardeners who have come out of hibernation. The garden is stunning and we all appreciate your efforts.. It's the garden in God's House so I'm sure he is pleased and grateful. Thanks too to whoever tidied the church car park. It has never looked so good. Thanks also to all who have filled in a standing order form. It has made the counting and taking of money to the bank much easier. If you have filled in a form just check that it has been activated. Some found that they filled in the form and nothing happened.

J&P GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm in St. Luke's Presbytery. Join us to find out more.