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Mass from St Mary's
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Sunday at 11:00

The Parish Bulletin

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May: The Month of Mary

Mass Readings.

1stReading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm: 97: 1-4

2ndReading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Sunday 9 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection: Ordination Gifts	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 12.30 Polish Mass 17.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 10 May	6 th Week in Eastertide	Mass 10.00 Mass 18.00
Tuesday 11 May	6 th Week in Eastertide	Mass 10.00
Wednesday 12 May	Memorial of St Nereus and St Achilleus The Novena to St Ignatius Loyola	Mass 12.30 Ascension Vigil Mass 19.00
Thursday 13 May	The Ascension of the Lord	Mass 10.00 Mass 19.00
Friday 14 May	St Matthias	Mass 12.30
Saturday 15 May	6 th Week in Eastertide St Joseph's School First Holy Communion – P5	First Holy Communion Mass 10.00 First Holy Communion Mass 12.00 Vigil 18.00 Confessions 17.00
Sunday 16 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection: Communications	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 12.30 Polish Mass 17.00 Mass 18.30

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Farewell to Fr Balaraj: Fr Bala returns to India on Sunday. It was good to see him at St Mary's on Friday and Saturday when he was able to say farewell to his friends. He had a remarkable ministry of outreach, through pastoral visiting, cheerful encounters, and a dedicated on-line ministry during Lockdown. Many have appreciated the Livestream Masses from Kirkwall. Our continuing prayers will go with Fr Bala as he returns home in these difficult times. Our prayers are for him and the people of India in this time of pandemic : Jesus, Mercy : Mary, Pray.

ASCENSION DAY: Vigil Mass 1900 hrs Wed 12 May

School Mass 1000 hrs Thu 13 May [parishioners [particularly parents] may attend, but please let Carol know by Wed 12 May if attending the School Mass which will be in the Playground ; there may be a limitation on numbers]

Mass 1230 hrs Thu 13 May

Mass 1900 hrs Thu 13 May

The Holyday Obligation remains suspended, but for those who are able to attend this would be a devout act of Catholic communion with our brothers and sisters throughout the world, particularly as we continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS : Sat 15 May : 1000 hrs and 1200 hrs.

The Primary 5 First Holy Communion from St Joseph's Primary School were postponed last year due to the Coronavirus restrictions. Each child will have about five or six guests. There are about eight/nine children at each Mass. It is clear that with the restricted numbers we will not be able to have [m]any spare seats.

CONFESSIONS:

Those who normally attend for CONFESSIONS on a Saturday morning are reminded that on Sat 15 May Confessions will be heard from 1700 hrs to 1745 hrs [before the 1800 hrs Vigil Mass].

Stewart MacLennan [R.I.P.] Stewart a regular Mass-goer, a devout life-long Catholic and the widower of the late Margaret MacLennan, died on Thursday evening with his sons beside him.

Details of the funeral arrangements will be posted when known.

The Ignatian Year : Thu 20 May 21 until 31 July 22

Many who admire the life of St Ignatius Loyola, inspired by his example and assisted in their devotion by his contribution to the Spiritual life, will be following the Ignatian Year.

Thu 20 May 1521 is the date of the Siege/Battle of Pamplona in which Inigo Loyola was wounded- his leg was shattered by a cannon ball. After battle-field surgery, and subsequent surgery to realign his leg, the recovering soldier during his recovery began to read spiritual books a Life of Christ and saintly biographies. Leaving his home he made a pilgrimage to the Monastery at Montserrat [Shrine of the Black Madonna, where he handed over his sword and divested himself of his military accoutrements]. On 25 March 25 1522, he descended from Montserrat to Manresa. He settled and lived there for eleven months, much longer than he had anticipated. Ignatius always considered his stay in Manresa as very important. His life in the city had been for him a kind of novitiate in the things of the spirit. It was there while sitting by the River Cardoner that he had what he referred to as “illuminations”.

Saint Ignatius describes it in his autobiography: "And while sitting there, the eyes of understanding began to open for him. It was not that he saw a vision, but that he understood and knew many things with such great enlightenment that all things seemed new to him “.

Seeing things afresh, with an Ignatian perspective is the opportunity the Ignatian Year gives all who take part. Every week there will be a short Ignatian reflection in the Bulletin.

From Wed 12 May there will be a Novena of St Ignatius, ending on Thu 20 May.

This will be posted on-line for your personal use. Printed copies will BE available.

Dear Friends

7 May 21

Slowly, ever so slowly we are opening -out into a new future. Life will not be the same again, as Covid 19 has been a 'game-changer' in which we have had to learn new skills, adapt and cope with the perplexing and sometimes harrowing circumstances. For most of us we have escaped disease, death and family disaster, yet we know that for some families these have been the sad realities. Yet, we have witnessed heroic and sacrificial work by all at the front-line of care, perseverance in scientific enquiry, helpful co-operation in public health and many others in a wide range of occupations working selflessly for the Common Good. Perhaps we have all learned a little more about the interdependence of all human life.

Now, emerging from the overshadowing gloom we are at least in these Islands aware of the recovery of auld acquaintances we have ne'er forgotten, delighting again in sharing the joys of eating with friends, even perhaps going to a restaurant. Some are even planning holidays- recalling some words of mine of earlier this year my own holidays will be within these British Isles, and that is despite getting a new passport (UK Blue, and for ten years, ever the optimist).

If there is anything to remember this week it is surely how resilient people have been, how innovative and how supportive of others. There are qualities that emerge in adversity, and it is good to consider them and to cherish the sheer goodness that lies within most people.

If we have opportunities to do a little more 'encouraging one another day by day' then learned lessons will be exemplary for others and good in themselves, for all of us.

In our Sunday Gospel reading from St John we find Jesus reminding his disciples that their knowledge of him is to be expressed in love.

Those who know Jesus well are taught by Jesus that Love is the sign of a true disciple. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of Love, sacrificial Love.

In the Greek, there are two words for Love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe Love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of Love a Love that is about caring for the ultimate good of another, . It can be sacrificial. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for Love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and re-defines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. These are interesting things to tease out in our minds and our prayerful living. We are called to unconditional caring Love, the sacrifice in which we share with Jesus our offering to God the Father- at Mass we live this out liturgically, and from Mass we live it out in loving-kindness. Yet there remains Friendship, this closely affectionate attraction which we share with others. Those who are close to Jesus feel this attraction, this persuasive goodness that urges us on: The Love of Christ urges us on.

Friendship is our gift to the world- we learn it from Jesus and each other and in 'being friends' we are poised to express the Love of God, the ultimate concern for each other's good, his or her dignity and welfare.

All good wishes and every Blessing,
Aye, Fr James

May – Mary’s Months New Schedule, Rosary on Zoom!



Beloved families and friends,
The Daughters are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pray the Holy Rosary together on Zoom

Time:

Every week on Fri, until May 28, 2021, 7 occurrence(s)

May 14, 2021 07:00 PM

May 21, 2021 07:00 PM

May 28, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77252503147?pwd=Q21IU3NnejJwR3p6UGpPQVAzNkNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 5250 3147

Passcode: c98ewe

See you all.

Daughters of Divine Love.

**“One of the Trinity was Crucified”:
On the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as Revelation of the Trinity**

**The 2021 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures
to be given by Fr Thomas Joseph White OP
Director of the Thomistic Institute and Professor of Systematic Theology
Pontifical University of St Thomas (Angelicum), Rome**

25th–27th May 2021 – possibly live streamed direct from Rome.

1. Tuesday 25th May at 3.00 pm
The Agony of Gethsemane and the Obedience of the Son
2. Wednesday 26th May at 10.30 am
Suffering and Crucifixion: Atonement as Trinitarian Revelation
3. Wednesday 26th May at 3.00 pm
Jesus’ Descent into Hell and the Mystery of Trinitarian Love
4. Thursday 27th May at 10.30 am
Bodily Resurrection and Exaltation: Cumulative Revelation of Jesus as Son and Lord

Each year the Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey sponsor a series of four lectures by an invited Theologian on an aspect of Catholic Theology. Previous Lecturers have included Fr Aidan Nichols OP, Fr Thomas Weinandy OFM Cap, Fr Anthony Meredith SJ, Fr Paul McPartlan, Prof. Carol Zaleski, and Dom Erik Varden. The Lectures are held on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Pentecost in St Scholastica’s Retreat House at the Abbey. They are open to all.

The Lecturer



Fr Thomas Joseph White is a Dominican priest, who lives and teaches at the Pontifical University of St Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome, where he is the Director of the Thomistic Institute. Originally a native of south-eastern Georgia (USA), Fr White studied at Brown University. He converted to Catholicism in his senior year, influenced by reading Flannery O’Connor, Aristotle, Newman, von Balthasar and John Paul II. He did his doctoral studies at Oxford University where his research focused on Aquinas’ metaphysics and arguments for the existence of God.

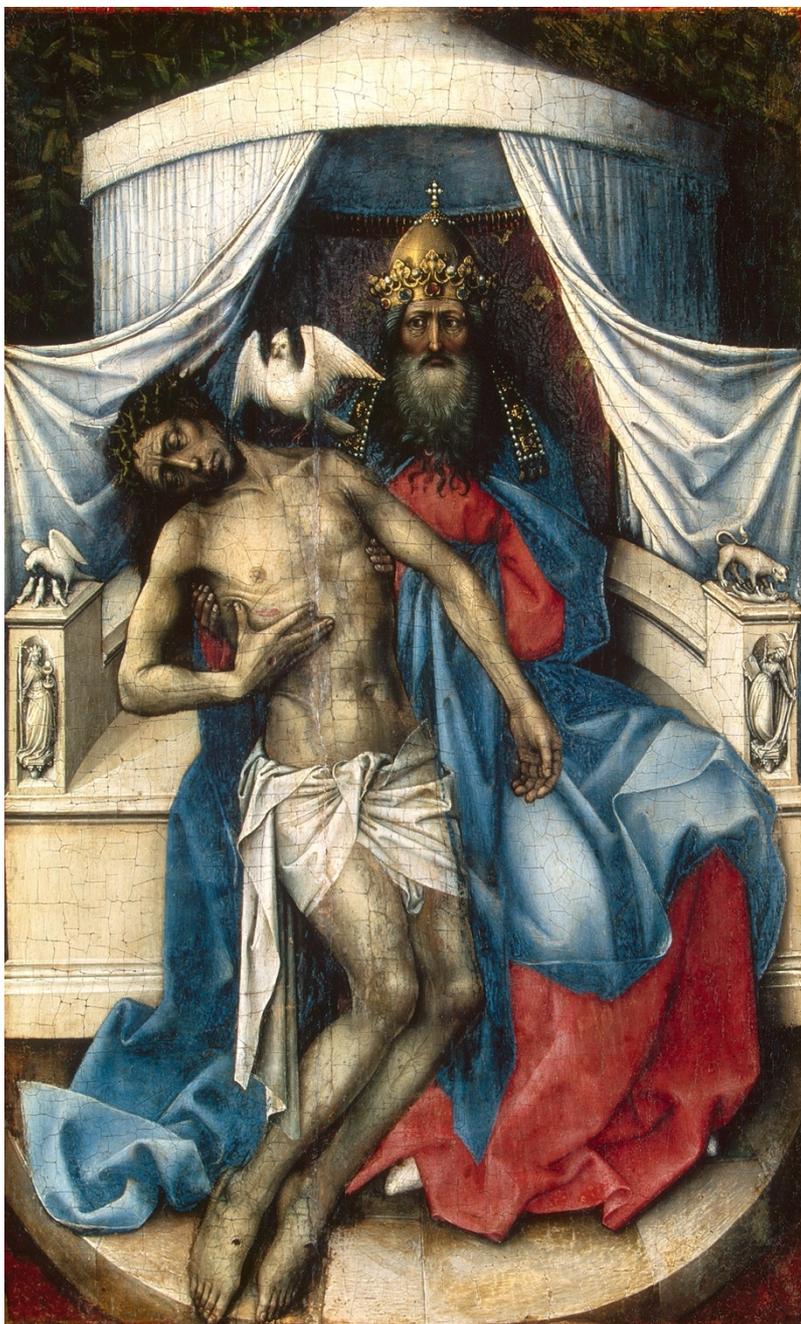
Fr White is the author of various books and articles including *Wisdom in the Face of Modernity*, *A Thomistic Study in Natural Theology* (Sapientia Press, 2009, second

edition 2016), *The Incarnate Lord, A Thomistic Study in Christology* (The Catholic University of America Press, 2015), *Exodus* (Brazos Press, 2016), *The Light of Christ: An Introduction to Catholicism* (The Catholic University of America Press, 2017), and *The Trinity: On the Nature and Mystery of the One God* (forthcoming from The Catholic University of America Press).

With Matthew Levering he is the co-editor of the academic journal *Nova et Vetera*. In 2011 he was appointed an ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and in 2019 was named a Distinguished Scholar of the McDonald Agape Foundation. He held the 2018-2019 McInnes Chair for theological inquiry at the Angelicum.

The Lectures

“One of the Trinity was Crucified”: On the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as Revelation of the Trinity



Modern Trinitarian theologians have commonly focused on a key question of the Christian faith. How do the passion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth reveal to us the mystery of God as Trinity?

In these lectures we will explore various ways of answering this question by considering facets of the Paschal Mystery. How do Christ's diverse actions and sufferings as man reveal to us the mystery of the Father, his own Lordship as Son, and the Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Taking inspiration from St Thomas Aquinas, we will treat the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus as a privileged locus of disclosure of the very mystery of God in himself.

Lecture 1: The Agony of Gethsemane and the Obedience of the Son

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus experiences intensive human agony in the face of his impending torture, crucifixion and death. He also freely embraces the mystery of the Cross in humble obedience to his Father's will. What is the Trinitarian dynamic disclosed in this event and how can it serve as a prelude to our understanding of the Passion in general?

Lecture 2: Suffering and Crucifixion: Atonement as Trinitarian Revelation

The voluntary suffering of Christ in his Passion is traditionally understood to stem from divine love. How is the love of the Trinity manifest in the voluntary abasement and death of Christ? What is the mechanism of the atonement, by which God reconciles us with himself in Christ, and how is it revelatory of the persons of the Trinity?

Lecture 3: Jesus' Descent into Hell and the Mystery of Trinitarian Love

Jesus' acceptance in his person of the consequences of death demonstrates his solidarity with the human race. It also manifests his Lordship, and his capacity to address even on Holy Saturday the universal effects of human death.

Lecture 4: Bodily Resurrection and Exaltation: Cumulative Revelation of Jesus as Son and Lord

The resurrection entails the glorification of the body and soul of Christ. It also manifests the Son as the only-begotten of the Father, who pours out his Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Church. Just as the Father is the Father of the creation and the re-creation through his Son and Word, so the Son is the only-begotten through whom God has made all things and is the final principle in whom the re-creation of all things is inaugurated.

If, as seems likely, it is not possible to host this year's Lectures at the Abbey, they will be live streamed, probably direct from Rome. Please check the website regularly for any updates. It is planned to have recordings available via the website for those who cannot tune in at the appropriate times.

For further information contact the Abbey at monks@pluscardenabbey.org

or check the website: www.pluscardenabbey.org

~PARISH FINANCES~

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

St Mary's no.1: £477

Second Collection:

Fabric : £140

Following the receipt of the March bank statement, we are now able to provide an update of our present financial situation for our No. 1 working account.

Balance as of 26/02/21	£1,004.59	Expenditure	
<u>Income</u>		Diocesan Expenses	2,390
Offertory	1,507	Power Costs	1,097.59
Direct Debit & Standing Orders	1,980	Council Tax	74
Cash donations	680	Office Expenses	729
Clergy Support	495	Insurance	170.43
Clergy support for Stratherrick Masses	1,815	Church expense (Catholic directory, Gift aid envelopes and Cleaning materials)	249.36
Bible Alive	16	House expense	
Piety Stall	10	(Cleaning materials, TVLicence)	39.46
Payment from DDL for Convent rent	2,000	Provisions	546.86
Payment from DDL for Convent Gas Bill	131.10	Hospitality	30.92
Reimbursement from Fr. Bell	12	Salaries	3,658.63
HMRC furlough payments	1,781.32		
Total Income	£10,427.42	Total Expenditure	£8,986.25
		Balance as of 31/03/21	£2,445.76

As of 31/03/21 our No.2 Account for Fabric has a balance of £5,435.28, along with a small balance of £580.43 for General expenses.

We are extremely grateful for the many who have maintained their offertory contributions and those who have sent in cash donations over the last few difficult months to enable us to maintain a working balance in both our No. 1 and No. 2 Accounts.

Please consider creating a Regular Standing Order or Direct Debit. This is the easiest way of maintaining your regular contributions. Information can be obtained from Carol MacLean, or leave a message with your contact details by phoning or emailing the Parish office. Telephone 01463 233519.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet considered helping the Parish by signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme, we ask that you think about this. It costs you nothing, but the parish receives 25p for every £1 you contribute, no matter how small your contribution. Details can be obtained from Carol MacLean, the Gift Aid Organiser or the Parish office.

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+ Christopher Brown + Mary Cumming + Kate Fraser + George Taylor + Maureen Rattray + Florian Alvaran +
 + Ian Cameron + Leslie Allan + Evelyn Farry + Catherine Stewart + Louise Hendry + Hilary Smith + Mary Grant +
 + Leslie Murray + Sabrina MacAllen + James Connelly + Ruth & John Huggett + Louise Bestau + Emmy MacNicol +
 + Claude & Hilary Hayward + Patrick Daniel Finnerty + Joyce Connelly + Margaret Carr +
 + Ann Cameron + Alexandra (Sandra) MacDonald + Isobel Kelly + Winifred Kelly +
 + Roddy Corbett + Tommy Robertson + Hazel Collins + Lynne Williams + Tom Gillan +
 + Marjory Trace + Ian Mackenzie + Rena Mackintosh + Mary Macdonald +
 + Dale Swanson + Mary Mackinnon + Eilidh Gillespie + John and Mary Bell + Mary Fraser + Helen Mulgrew +
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+ John Smith + Margaret Baird + Margaret Conaghan + Isabella Sheilds + Everard Martin +
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 + Roberta O'Donnell + Barbara Gentles + Edward Grant + Rosalind Wallace + Alexander Donald +
 + Andrew Gordon + James Paterson + James Anthony Kennedy + Dorothy Blair + Kathleen Graves +

+ R.I.P. +

+ Stewart MacLennan + Robert McKinley +

~~FOR YOUR PRAYERS~~

Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood; Deacons Christopher and Malachy, and for our Seminarian Aidan Matheson and for the students from Vietnam Anh & Quynh.

~~SICK OR HOSPITAL VISITS~~

Please contact the Parish Office if you require a visit or know of anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital and wishes a visit and or Holy Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Baptism

Weddings

We are now able to participate in these Sacraments: please contact the Clergy for Detail

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**God saves with love, not with force;
offering Himself, not imposing Himself.**

Pope Francis – Pontifex Twitter

ST. FAUSTINA'S DIARY.

Why are You sad today, Jesus ? Tell me, who is the cause of Your sadness? And Jesus answered me. **Chosen souls who do not have My spirit, who live according to the letter [cf.2 Cor:3:6] and have placed the letter above My spirit, above the spirit of love.**

I have founded My whole law on love, and yet I do not see love, even in religious orders. This is why sadness fills My Heart.

DIARY:- 1478

INDULGENCE PRAYER BY ST. POPE PIUS X

O Joseph, virgin father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that, armed with the weapons of His grace, we may fight as we ought during life, and be crowned by Him at the moment of our death. Amen.