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Sunday
8th May
2016



The
Ascension
of the Lord
(Year C)

Liturgy of the week

Sat 7th May	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish
Sun 8th May Ascension of the Lord	10.00am	First Communion Children
Mon 9th May	9.30am	
Tues 10th May	9.30am	
Wed 11th May No Morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 12th May	9.30am	
Fri 13th May	There will be no Mass this Friday	
Sat 14th May	6.00pm	May Fuller (K Whiting)

First Holy Communion

Today, eight children of the Parish will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers and celebrate this wonderful occasion with them.

Congratulations to Michael, Rafael, Bertie, Isabel, Scarlett, Maximillian, Jeremy and Bobby. We hope you have a wonderful day.



Following today's First Communion Mass everyone is invited to the parish centre for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits with the First Communion Children and their families.

Confirmations

Please continue to pray for those members of our parish who are due to be confirmed next Sunday **15th May**.

First Communion and Confirmation cards

Please remember to visit the Repository in the church porch where there are plenty of lovely First Communion cards, Confirmation cards and many other types of cards and gifts. If you know of anyone who will be making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, then why not come and have a look.

Summer Concert



The Stansted U3A Singers will be back again this year to sing for you in a charity concert with all proceeds going to Christian Aid.

The concert will be held on Saturday **4th June** in St. Theresa's Parish Centre.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May after each Mass at £5 per adult and £3 under 16s, including a drink and

nibbles.

We sincerely ask for your support in this worthy cause. (See posters in the church porch and in the Parish Centre).

Collections for 30th April/1st May. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £535.34 (Gift Aid £331.20).

This week's second collection

The second collection this week is for World Communications.

“Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society.”

Pope Francis

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week will be on 16th -20th May. We are in need of more door-to-door collectors for this week. If you feel you can offer a few hours for this worthy cause please ring Helen 814865.



Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. They work tirelessly for change to eradicate the causes of poverty and strive to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. They provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.

There will be an act of worship at the Friends Meeting House on 15th May at the start of Christian Aid week.

Food Bank

It is the turn of our church to provide some food for the food bank. We are in need of tin vegetables & beans in particular. Please bring any donations into the box in the church foyer. Many thanks.

2017 diaries

For those super organised people in the parish who wish to plan ahead, we have acquired some diaries for 2017. If you would like one, please take one. You can leave a donation if you like. All donations are always gratefully received.

Local News & Events

St. Joseph's school May Fayre

Please come along to support the St. Joseph's Catholic primary school May Fayre on Saturday **21st May** from 12pm – 4pm.

There will be lots to do for all the family. Go-karting, miniature train rides, gladiator challenge, face painting, crockery smash, photo booth, Pimms tent and much, much more. £1 entry for adults. Children go free. At St. Joseph's School, Great Hadham Road, Bishops Stortford. All welcome.

The Coffee Pot

The Coffee Pot is open in St John's Church every Thursday from 10.30am to noon. We are aware that there are some people in our community who occasionally feel isolated and would welcome the chance to sit and relax with a cuppa and a slice of cake in the company of others. Maybe you are one of those people, or perhaps you know someone who might like to come along? There is no charge and everyone is welcome. St John's Parochial Church Council is very pleased to offer this gift to our community. Please pray for its success, and spread the word. Contact kewest@btinternet.com or 01279 816293.

Diocesan News & Events



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This will take place on Saturday **28th May**. The parishes of our Deanery Group are running a coach to Walsingham and we need to know how many people would be interested in coming. If you would like to go, please put your name and contact phone number on the list at the back of the church this week. We do not yet know how much it will cost.

Exploring faith through film at Clare Priory

And He spoke to them in parables: A completely new venture!

We will be using films that you have probably not seen; films that have depth behind the story. There will be two start times, 9.30am for those who wish to go to Mass and 10.30am for those who wish to come later. The films will be shown in the Parish room. The day will conclude by 3.30pm. Please book with Kathy 01787 277326

For day events it is possible to book overnight accommodation if you book early enough with Kathy.

Films will be on Wednesday **1st June**, Tuesday **27th September**, Tuesday **25th October**, Tuesday **22nd November** and Tuesday **6th December**.

Relationship Counselling

Marriage Care, Chelmsford Centre is looking for skilled counsellors to help and support couples and individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships. If you are a qualified counsellor (relationship or otherwise, for training will be given) and would like to volunteer your skills and 2 hours a week in making a tremendous difference to the lives of couples and individuals in our community, please contact Fiona Bellamy on 01245 31251 or fionabellamy@hotmail.com for more information.

Until the problem with the Diocesan email has been resolved, please send any requests to annanoelw@yahoo.com