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**5th Sunday of Easter** May 15th, 2022

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Saturday 6.00pm St. Patrick’s church

9.30am Christ the King church

11.00am St. Patrick’s church

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

 Tuesday 10.00am Christ the King

 Wednesday 10.00am St. Patrick’s

 Thursday 10.00am Christ the King

 Friday 10.00am St. Patrick’s

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** any time on request

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED**: Special Intention, Jennifer Marie Barber (Birthday May 17th), Tony Porch, David Devlin (3rd Anni.), Michael Hobson (Anni.), Audrey Devlin (Anni.), Polly Devlin (Anni.), Diane Drewery,

John Reilly (Anni.), Bridget Reilly,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May 15th – 21st:

Audrey Devlin, Polly Devlin, Alice Bryan, Betty Burke, Ann Wesson, Peter Hughes, Minnie Donoghue, David Devlin,

Alwin Smithson, Fr. John Ryan, Annette McGregor, Catherine Ward, Frederick McReddie, Karen Jackson.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters.

**The word this week**

Acts 14:21–27 The missionaries Paul and Barnabas complete their journey.

Psalm 145 ***‘I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.’***

Revelation 21:1–5 Like bride and groom, God pledges everlasting love.

John 13:31–35 Jesus’ followers live by a new commandment: Love one another.

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e are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure. He does this by giving them a rule to live by – a new commandment. This commandment, “love one another”, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost.

The first reading may read like a travelogue of the ancient Gentile world, but in between all the place names we hear the care Paul and Barnabas took in calling disciples and building up the early church. Listening to God’s word, let us appreciate how God’s grace makes all things new.

**AT MASS TODAY WE PRAY** Eucharistic Prayer 2 and Preface 4 for Easter

Upon this holy table God gives us the gift of Jesus Christ. Our hearts filled with Easter joy, and united with all the saints, we offer our thanks and praise.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please remember in your prayers **Mr. Anthony (Tony) Porch,** aged 71, from Thornaby, who died recently. His Funeral Service will take place at St. Patrick’s church this Friday, May 20th, at 12.45pm

May he rest in peace.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Congratulations to all who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at The Cathedral last Wednesday evening: from Thornaby we had – Christina Darragh, Alice Hodgers, Philippa Newton, Maisie Kirtley, Joel Crossan, Maciej Racis, Jakub Racis, Olivia Rose Manners, Issabella Waldby, Millie-Jae Robson, Braidee Darragh, Ruby Ferguson. Big “Thank you” to Alison Fisk and Lynne Roberts at St. Patrick’s College for doing a wonderful job in preparing the candidates attending the College.

**TEA/COFFEE ETC** after Sunday morning Mass at Christ the King and St. Patrick’s

**‘CONTACTLESS IS HERE!** In both St. Patrick’s and Christ the King churches you will see a Digital Collection Plate which will enable us to take donations by card for the first time ever. We will also have a dedicated webpage for online donations. It should make supporting our churches more accessible to all.

**“MAY PROCESSION”** **on Sunday next, May 22nd, during 11.00am Mass**

**CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN’S JUBILEE** in Christ the King Parish hall on Thursday, June 2nd, 7.00pm – 10.30pm

Tickets £6. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Entertainment by Marty Q. Bingo, Raffle, Jubilee Quiz. Proceeds to go to

Ukraine and Francis Hannaway.

**“THANK YOU to The National Lottery for a recent grant of £10,000 towards equipment and improved facilities in St Patrick’s Parish Hall. This will be implemented over the coming months.”**

**READINGS FOR 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER {C}**

**May 15th, 2022**

**First reading** Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

 They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

 On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Second reading**  Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’

 Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I am making the whole of creation new.’

 **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another just as I have loved you,

says the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**  John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,

and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

‘My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.’