

The Ascension of the Lord 28th May 2017

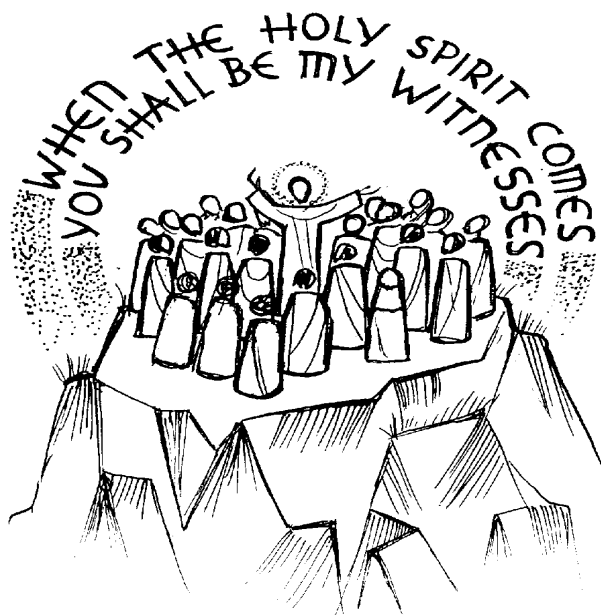
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All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me
Matthew 28:16-20



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 28th May – 4th June

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 28th May	The Ascension of the Lord	10.30am	Refugees of Syria
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 29 th May		10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tue 30 th May		10.00am	June Todd
Wed 31 st May	Visitation of the Virgin Mary	10.00am	No Mass
Thur 1 st June	St. Justin	10.00am	Intentions of Priest
Fri 2 nd June	SS Marcellinus & Peter	6.00pm	Exposition/Benediction
		7.00pm	Mass: Special Intention JBK
Sat 3 rd June	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	10.00am	Joseph & Maisie Banks
Sun 4th June	Pentecost Sunday	10.30am	Alan Archer [J&KK]
		5.30pm	People of the Parish

Confession after Saturday morning Mass (10.45am)
Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday
Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

Welcomers

28th May; Rose-Elaine; Elsie
4th June; Rose-Elaine; Ann

Mass Readers

28th May
10.30am Peter Hardesty
4th June
10.30am Karen Clark

Church Cleaners

Two weeks commence 28th May
Group {B}
Margaret & Alan Bayne;
Joan Stephenson

Sanctuary Candle: 28th May-3rd June

Church: Karen Clark
Private Intentions

Chapel: Pat Lewis

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Sanctuary Candle: 11th – 17th June

Church: Pat Lewis
Private Intentions

Chapel:

Communion Ministers

28th May

10.30am Christine Hodgkinson; John Kelly;
Nicola Cant;
5.30am Mary Stacey;

4th June

10.30am Kathleen Kelly; Joan Limer;
John Consterdine
5.30pm Margaret Davidson

200 Club Winner WK 20 No. 34/92

Offertory Coll. 21st May £332.21

1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
2nd Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

Second Collection Today 28th May for World Communications Day

Mon: 10.00am Eucharistic Service; Tues: 10.00am Mass; Weds: No Service; Thurs: 10.00am Mass; Fri: 6.00pm Exposition/Benediction; 7.00pm Mass; Sat: 10.00am Mass; Sun: Mass 10.,30am & 5.30pm

SICK CLERGY: Your prayers are asked for Fr. James Docherty who is quite ill at the moment and all our clergy who are suffering ill-health at this time.

LADIES' GUILD: 5th June Supper & Meeting, 12th June Bingo, 19th June Scattergories, 26th June Summer Supper. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAYS: It is with a heavy heart that Father K. is considering cancelling Exposition, Benediction and Mass on First Fridays. Until recently First Friday Exposition, Benediction and Mass was a popular tradition and did much for the spiritual life of the parish. Our current First Friday services are attended by five people if we are lucky, much less than the attendance at Eucharistic Services. Father K. asks are our comfort zones so protected at weekends that no time can be built in for monthly prayer, Benediction and Mass. Please can all reflect deeply on whether it is worth considering continuing with monthly Benediction and Mass. A sad question but realistic and relevant. Father K. welcomes advice. Cancelling it, we will never have Benediction celebrated again at St. Anne's.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: A retiring collection will be taken today at both Masses in aid of World Communications. We are asked to promote the very valuable work being done on behalf of the Church by the communications office of the Bishops' Conference. In a world steeped in violence and conflict, we have a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the person and the priorities of building peace and prosperity, in justice, for all.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We are asked to remember Fr. Paul McCourt's father, Bernard, who died peacefully on 20th May. Fr. Paul is an Army Chaplain in Sandhurst, who has celebrated Mass in both St. Anne's and Byermoor recently. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Leighton who died on 23rd May. Jim is father to Fr. Peter Leighton, parish priest at Lobley Hill. May their souls rest in peace.

HALF – DAY RETREAT: A half-day Retreat with Prayer and Reflection will be held in St. Anne's Church on Saturday 24th June. This will be led by Sister Michael, Sisters of Mercy from Seaham and will begin after 10.00am Mass at approx. 11.00am until 3.00pm. Please bring packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend.

PIETY SHOP: First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now on sale in the shop.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS: The new Partnerships will take effect from, Pentecost, next Sunday, 4th June, when the deaneries will cease to exist. Our Partnership has been named "John Ingram" (Blessed John Ingram, martyred in Gateshead in 1594) and our Dean will be Fr. Paul Zielinski. Our Partnership will consist of 13 parishes and 8 priests, stretching from Wardley to Whickham. Bishop Seamus has asked us all to pray for the success of this new venture.

GENERAL ELECTION 2017: The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a helpful leaflet on the thoughts that should guide us in deciding how to vote. Father K believes that the best thought that should guide us is "a deep desire to change the world and leave the earth a better place than we found it".

WALSINGHAM REUNION: Thank you to all who helped in any way with the "get together" last Thursday. This was a wonderful afternoon of sharing memories, photographs and reminiscences of Walsingham pilgrimages from the last forty or so years. Many thanks in particular to Joyce Birney who has been instrumental in the success of Walsingham pilgrimages from St. Anne's over the years.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL: Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th June 2017, Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. This year's theme is "Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship". Clare Dixon will speak about the life of Oscar Romero, whose centenary we celebrate this year. RISE Theatre will present a drama about this martyr of our own times. There will be talks from David Wells and Sr. Judith Russi. It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, mime, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith, offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. See notice at back of church for full details.

EVENTS AT USHAW 2017: Saturday 3rd June; Sung Evensong in St. Cuthbert's; 4.00pm; Saturday 10th June; National Garden Scheme Open Gardens; 11.00am-4.00pm ;£4; children free; Saturday 10th June; Reg Vardy Big Band; 7.30pm;£11/£5 Concessions. www.ushaw.org; Tel: 0191 373 8500.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 10th June at 11.00am, to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young and old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriages across the diocese and the wider North-East community.

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504, 487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES' GUILD meet every Monday 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meet every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome
THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St. Oswald's.
SARDINES AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month, Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit'

