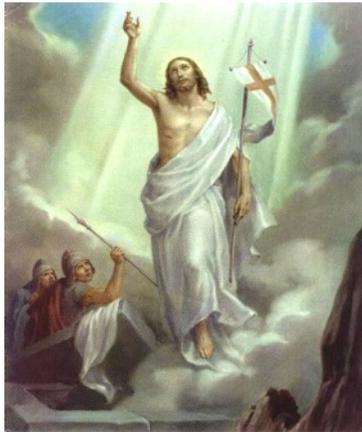


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FEAST DAYS

Monday 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena

(1380 - 1444) St Bernadine was born in the Republic of Siena (Italy). He entered the Franciscan Order and preached the name of Jesus to the people of Italy with great fervour. He won the conversion of many souls. He died during a preaching tour at Aquila, where he was buried.

Tuesday 21st May

Ss Christopher of Magallanes & Companions

This feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. These witnesses include St Christopher Magallanes (1869 - 1927) who, as a priest, founded a seminary in his home town of Totatiche and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. He was heard to shout from his cell, "I am innocent and I will die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico."

Wednesday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia

As a youngster, Rita showed great interest in Religious Life. However, her parents were not supportive and betrothed her in marriage at the age of 18. It was an unhappy, often abusive and violent marriage. After 18 years of marriage her husband was murdered and she was then able to enter the Augustinian convent at Cascia. She is the patron saint of lost causes, those in difficult marriages, and victims of domestic abuse.

Saturday 25th May

St. Bede the Venerable

(673 - 735) St Bede was born in England. As a Benedictine Monk, he was, "the most observant and the happiest of all monks: His writings were full of sound doctrine so he was called 'Venerable' while still alive. He wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture and treatises on theology and history. He died at Jarrow, England.

Sunday 26th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19th May, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 18th	5:30pm	Mass - Hannah Lowe RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 19th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Rosary & Benediction Mass (EF) - Frank Healy RIP	
Monday 20th	9:30am	Mass - Frank Healy RIP	
Tuesday 21st	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (A.M.)	
Wednesday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig)	
Thursday 23rd	8:00am	Mass - Frank Healy RIP	
Friday 24th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Frank Healy RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For all Prisoners & their Families	
Saturday 25th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Celebrant's Intention	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 26th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Celebrant's Intention Mass (EF) - Celebrant's Intention	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses
on request

- ❖ **THIS SUNDAY**, to mark Our Lady's month of May, there will be Rosary & Benediction in church at 5.15pm.
- ❖ **ANNUAL DAY OF EXPOSITION:** Any eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that Saturday May 25th is listed on the poster in the porch as our annual Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. However, as I am away that weekend, the Day will now take place on Saturday July 6th. Make a note of it, so that you can set aside a few minutes to come to church to spend a while in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEKEND** I shall be in York with the Oratorian Community there, in order to celebrate the Feast of St Philip Neri, the Founder of the Oratory, my own institute. Next Saturday's evening Mass and the Mass on Sunday morning will be celebrated by Fr Lee Kenyon, who is a member of the Ordinariate, the group set up by Pope Benedict XVI for convert Anglican clergymen. The Sunday evening Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Goodman from Wolverhampton.
- ❖ **THURSDAY MAY 30TH** is the Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension and is a Holyday of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th, and on the Feast itself there will be Mass at 9.30am and (in Latin) at 7pm.
- ❖ **OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM IN BIRMINGHAM:** The Statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the National Catholic Shrine in Walsingham is being taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day Triduum of Prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. The Statue is coming to our Cathedral of St Chad in Birmingham from Thursday June 20th until Saturday June 22nd. Full details of the visit have not yet been announced, but it has been proposed that we run a minibus from Swynnerton to Birmingham so that we can take part in this important event. Please let me know if you would be interested in going, so that I can gauge possible numbers.

Quotation

"St Rita offers her rose to each of you: in receiving it, spiritually strive to live as witnesses to a hope that never disappoints and as missionaries of a life that conquers death."

Pope St John Paul II speaking in 1981. St Rita of Cascia (died 1457) is honoured as the Patroness of lost and impossible causes, and, because of the difficulties she endured, of abused wives and heartbroken women. Her feast day is kept this Wednesday

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 233.00
	Loose	£ 220.00
		£ 453.00
Special	Priests' Training Fund	£ 326.20
Congregation:	95 Adults & 17 Young People	

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.