

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 22 May 2011

Congratulations

Today we celebrate the 88th birthday of **Grace May**. Grace, as you well know, is very much part of the fabric of this parish. We congratulate her and wish her many, many more years in our midst.

'Go Forth Mass'

At the 10.30 Mass today we share our joy with the newly confirmed members of our Community and send them forth to invigorate the parish with their newly found enthusiasm. We hope that they will be the nucleus of a thriving youth movement in our midst. We thank Cecilia, Kate and Julie for giving them a wonderful experience last weekend at Sister Anne's family home in Alverstoke. The Confirmation ceremony at Our Lady and St Dominic on Tuesday was special. Monsignor Tom McGrath was very friendly.

Baptism

Today we welcome **Vidal Isaac Pinto** into the family of God and this community through the Sacrament of Baptism. We invoke God's blessing on him and on his parents Joseph and Vanessa.

Clergy Training Fund

The Collection last weekend for Clergy Training Fund amounted to **£474.38**. Thank you for your generosity.

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, our Patroness. St John Bosco encouraged devotion to Our Lady under the title Help of Christians. Christians have always felt the help of Mary during difficult times. St John Bosco saw in the invocation "*Help of Christians*" a wonderful summary of the mystery of the Blessed Virgin in the Church's plan of salvation. The date chosen for the Feast was May 24 because it was on that day that Pope Pius VII returned to Rome after his miraculous liberation from prison in 1814. Earlier in 1571 the Christians defeated the Turks at Lepanto when they invoked Mary under this title. St John Bosco spread devotion to Mary and built and dedicated the Basilica in Turin to Mary Help of Christians.

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 22 May

Sat'day	6.00pm	Marian Dearlove RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Grace May (88 th Birthday).
	10.30	Julie Hall RIP. (Req. by SVP)
Monday	9.30	Anne Marie Murphy RIP
Tuesday	9.30	Bettie Kelly RIP
Thu'day	9.30	Dec. of Dawson/Doherty Fam.
Friday	9.30	Julie Hall RIP.
Sat'day	9.30	Brother John RIP.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Reakes family (Intention)
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish.
	10.30am	Michael Forrest RIP

Fifth Week of Easter

Prayer of the Church – Psalms week 1

Monday	Mass of the Fifth Week of Easter.
Tuesday	Feast of our Patroness. Mary Help of Christians.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.
Thursday	Mass of st Philip Neri, Priest and Founder.
Friday	Mass of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.
Saturday	Mass of the Fifth Week of Easter

10 – 4 Marriage Refresher Day at Our Lady Fleet.

Services on Saturday Mornings

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Mass
10.00 – 10.45	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Mass
10.00 – 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dates for your Diary

June

- 5** Feast of the Ascension (Transferred)
- 4** Meeting of Young people before/after 6.00pm Mass.
- 10-12** Marriage encounter Weekend at Wokefield Park, Reading
- 12** **Pentecost.** Family Lunch in Hall after 10.30 Mass. Pilgrimage to Aylesford. (Sign up in the Narthex).
- 16** **2.30** Summer Mass for Senior Parishioners.
- 18** Initial Meeting of Young People after the 6.00pm Mass.
- 18/19** Mission Appeal at all Masses for the SMA's.
- 22-24** Clergy Diocesan Meeting on the New Missal.
- 25** **10.00:** Safeguarding Meeting at Our Lady and St Dominic
- 26** **First Communion Day.** Services at 10.30 and 2.30.

July

- 2** 2 – 5pm Vocations event at Savio Centre, Chertsey
- 3** **'Going Forth'** First Communion Mass
- 21** 10.00 St Patrick's Leavers' Mass in Parish Church.

Pentecost - 12th June

Similar to last year we will have a Family Lunch in the hall after the 10.30 Mass. You are invited to bring along food and drink you like and share it with others.

GIFTED BY GOD

The Theme for Thursday 26th May at 8.00pm is *'The Gift of time'*. **VENUE:** Our Lady's Hall, junction of Kings Road and Connaught Road, Fleet, GU51 3RA. All Welcome.

My Day by Day

We have received some FREE copies of this very useful little booklet. Please take one and read it. Would anyone like to organize a group of at least 10 people to receive a copy each month. You could put a 'SIGN-UP' list in the Narthex and take it from there. This would be a very useful apostolate for a parishioner. Anyone like to take it on? Let me know if you do. **£1 a copy for 10 copies or more.**

Salesian Cooperators Meeting at Chertsey on 16 June

This Meeting has been postponed.

Let us pray for the Sick

Maria Fraser, Nick Mills, Mary Mulligan, Debbie de Bono, Elizabeth Pearce, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Anne Marie Murphy, Frances Sullivan, Brigid Press, Alan Beard, Walter Reeder, Margaret Hamilton, Mary Ward, Stella Cockrem.

May they Rest in Peace.