



**St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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May 21, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance, which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness--stillness, that greatest and most awful of all goods which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquility of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared”. **JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

READINGS

1st Reading **Acts 1:12-14**

2nd Reading **1 Pt 4:13-16**

Gospel **Jn 17:1-11a**

Introduction: Our central challenge from the Holy Spirit in today's readings is, with His grace, to rejoice in our sufferings for the Faith. For the more we suffer, the more we are identified with Jesus who has liberated us from the bondage of sin by his suffering and death.

Scripture readings summarized: Today's first reading tells us how the apostles waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit Who would enable them to preach and bear witness to Christ in spite of persecutions. In the second reading, Peter challenges his early Christian audience and us to view and accept

suffering as an opportunity to be more fully one with Jesus. The Gospel gives us the beginning of the **“High Priestly Prayer”** in which Jesus prays for himself and for protection and unity for his disciples. **In the first part of the section we hear today**, Jesus prays for himself and his chosen apostles. He prays for the protection and unity of his disciples. In the second part, Jesus commends his apostles to the Father and prays for them because they have accepted the word of God and acknowledged his Divine origin as the Messiah. They have put their trust in Jesus and His Father. Jesus prays that they may act as agents of truth and love in the world, that they may be protected from evil, and that they may be one.

Month of Mary-May Devotions

May 20- MARY: OUR HOPE

"Our Lady, a full participant in the work of our salvation, follows in the footsteps of her son: the poverty of Bethlehem, the everyday work of a hidden life in Nazareth, the manifestation of his divinity in Cana of Galilee, the tortures of his passion, the divine sacrifice on the cross, the eternal blessedness of paradise.

"All of this affects us directly, because this supernatural itinerary is the way we are to follow. Mary shows us that we can walk this path with confidence. She has preceded us on the way of imitating Christ; her glorification is the firm hope of our own salvation. For these reasons we call her ‘our hope, cause of our joy.’ " 26
Let us offer to our Mother today: *A smile when we do not feel like smiling.*

May 21- MARY'S PRAYER

"Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to make us contemplatives, to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now: Our Mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of our Father God. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the cares of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace." 27
Let us offer to our Mother today:

A visit to Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

May 22- MARY: EVER VIRGIN

"The purity, humility, and generosity of Mary are in sharp contrast to our wretchedness and selfishness. To the extent that we realize this, we should feel moved to imitate her. We too are creatures of God, and if we strive to imitate

her fidelity, God will surely do great things in us. Our small worth is no obstacle, because God chooses what is of little value so that the power of his love may be more manifest." 28

Let us offer to our Mother today: *The prayer "Blessed be your purity"*

May 23- MARY: QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

"If we take our Lady's hand, she will make us realize more fully that all men are our brothers -- because we are all sons of that God whose daughter, spouse, and mother she is. Our neighbors' problems must be our problems. Christian fraternity should be something very deep in the soul, so that we are indifferent to no one. Mary, who brought up Jesus and accompanied him through his life and is now beside him in heaven, will help us recognize Jesus as he crosses our path and makes himself present to us in the needs of others." 29

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A kind word, a friendly conversation, a helping hand to persons with whom we live or work.

May 24- MARY: HELP OF CHRISTIANS

"Yes, we are still pilgrims, but our Mother has gone on ahead, where she points to the reward for our efforts. She tells us that we can make it. If we are faithful, we will reach home. Not only is the Blessed Virgin our model, but she is also the Help of Christians. And as we besiege her with our petitions -- 'Show that you are our Mother' -- she cannot help but watch over her children with motherly care." 30

Let us offer to our Mother today: *In addition to the mysteries of the day, one more part (five decades) of the Holy Rosary.*

No Vigil Mass on Saturday-27th May 2023

There will not be Vigil Mass at 4.00 pm on 27th May, Saturday, due to the Anniversary Convention and Padre Pio Day.

MAY 13/14 COLLECTIONS

Loose cash	148.37
Gift Aid	181.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>329.37</u>

Anniversary Convention and Padre Pio Day

Date: May 27, Saturday- Time: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

Programme: Praise and Worship, preaching the Word of God, Healing Mass, Healing Adoration, Novena to Padre Pio, and veneration of the relic.

Complimentary lunch will be served. The presence and cooperation of the parishioners on the day will be highly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	DAY	Intentions
20/05/23-	Saturday	By the Parishioners for Sherley Fleming
21/05/23	Sunday	For the Parishioners
22/05/23	Monday	Kathrina Paddy and Children
23/05/23	Tuesday	Anna Maria & Marino Fides RIP
24/05/23	Wednesday	Caroline Doyel Family

Please Pray for our Sick

Ann Parry, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Anthony Parry

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277

ANNIVERSARIES (May-20-May-26)

Justin Oare '80, Colin Auld., Frank McInally '82:, Violet Armour '86:,
Bonnie Hughes '09, Mary Cullen, Sheila Griffiths., Terence Gorden
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