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There is also a [YouTube](#) channel; **St Mary of the Angels & Holy Family, Cardiff.**

Prayers for Fr Chris Delaney

I ask your prayers for the health and wellbeing of Fr Christopher, who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. He is having to be cared for in the isolation of his room. He is, of course, continuing to receive the very best of care at Nazareth house and I will keep you apprised of any developments. A great number of people contact him daily, so he is not without friendly contacts. The situation will, however, weigh heavily on his physical and mental wellbeing and he will therefore benefit from knowing that he is cradled by our prayerful support.

Sacramental Preparations.

If we were not confined by our present circumstances, we would this week be celebrating a number of baptisms and a wedding. Some seven summer weddings are potentially subject to delay as are many more baptisms. Our celebration of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation have all been postponed. Subject to prevailing conditions, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments at some stage in the autumn. I ask that all candidates and their parents do all that they can to foster shared family prayer and reflection. Faith is meant for and enhanced by the sharing!

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From the 4th Sunday of Easter until Pentecost, the Paschal candle for Holy Family will be lit during all Masses and Liturgies.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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17th—24th May 2020 - 6th Sunday of Easter Cycle A

St Mary's Masses

Sixth Sunday of Easter (17th May)

10.00am Joan Skinner

12.00am Roma Wheeler & Baby Isabella White

Monday of the 6th week of Easter(18th May)

9.30am DWA & DR Utley

12.15am Betty Walsh

Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter(19th May)

9.30am Mary & Michael Walsh

12.15am Mary Malcolm

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday. of the 6th week of Easter (20th May)

9.30am Theresa Hobman

12.15am Anthony Portelli

Thursday. The Ascension of the Lord (21st May)

9.30am Michael & Sandra Parsons

12.15am John Jakeway

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday. of the 6th week of Easter(22nd May)

9.30am Sister Bridget Macken

12.15am Ronald Williams

Saturday. Dedication of the Cathedral (23rd May)

9.30am Bernard O'Hanlon

12.15am Monica Brown

Seventh Sunday of Easter (24th May)

10.00am Frederick Haines

12.00am Patrick Morris

Evening Prayer (Vespers) live-streamed 7pm daily. Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer)

Mass intentions

Although we have some ongoing commitments for the rest of the year. there are now certain weekdays where there are no specific intentions allocated for Mass. If you would like Mass to be offered for a particular intention, kindly submit your request by envelope.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF OUR EASTER PILGRIMAGE.

In the Acts of the Apostles we rejoice to hear how the Good News was being spread to Samaria and other Pagan Lands. There is rejoicing and a determination that the Holy Spirit is imparted to all who have been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

In the First Letter of St.Peter we are instructed to "revere the Lord Christ in our your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have." How eager we should be to share our faith and explain its foundations. If we are to undertake this task effectively then we need to be properly equipped. Each of us should ask whether we have done enough to inform ourselves regarding the content of our faith. Have we done enough to expand our understanding of the faith we profess, integrating that faith into every dimension of our lives.

As Jesus addresses his disciples at the end of the Last Supper, we hear him directing the Church throughout the ages to keep the commandments. We hear of how the Holy Spirit will descend upon the Church to nourish and sustain us today, tomorrow and until the Lord Jesus return in his glory. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, the Paraclete, who carries us into the intimacy that is shared between the Father and the Son.

During this Sixth Week of our Easter Pilgrimage we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. We will miss not being able to congregate for this great feast. We also acknowledge that our hunger for the Holy Eucharist becomes ever more acute. Let us embrace one another in prayer, always conscious of the most vulnerable of our fellow parishioners.

LONGING FOR ACCESS TO MY BARBER.

For many years my hair has been cut by one or other of the two elderly Lazarou Brothers at their shop on Churchill Way. I usually visited every three weeks or so, as I like my hair short. You will have witnessed, via the webcam, how my hair has become ever more undisciplined. I simply wish to give you warning that I will be tackling the problem on Monday. As I do not trust Fr. Nicholas with a pair of scissors, I will be undertaking my own attack. It will undoubtedly be disastrous. Pray that I don't cut off an ear!

Editorial note: Fr Nicholas had no intention of going anywhere near it anyway

Recently died

Mrs Monica Brown- The funeral will be celebrated on Monday 18th May at 12.30pm

Mr John Crowley The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th May at 11.45pm

Mr Bernard O'Hanlon- The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 21st May at 1.30pm

Please also keep Fr Nicholas' late uncle, **Mr Ronald Williams** in your prayers as he is laid to rest in the Midlands on Friday 22nd May. Some of our parishioners would remember Ron from his days at St Illtyds school. in the 1950s

Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers at this particularly distressing time.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Susanna, Chris Collins, Hanna Marengi, May Dalet, Linda Mantle, John Maher, Josephine Morris.

St. Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jean Hayman, Will Johnson, Ivan Sadka, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward. Doreen Utey Maria Sullivan, Corina Foster, Thomas Hyde (now living in Canada)

FINANCE AND BUILDINGS.

We were visited recently by an assessor from our insurance company to examine the condition of the drainage system along the rear of St. Mary's Hall. Having received assurance that the damage was covered by our policy, we were then visited by a surveyor who undertook a more detailed examination of the area. The collapse of the drain has inflicted damage on the east wall of the Hall. The likely cause is the root system of a tree which is located in the next property. We await a detailed report. We are also investigating the possibility of upgrading the Kitchen and toilet facilities at the Hall. Deacon Maurice has contact with a charitable organisation that might contribute to such a project, especially in relation to providing shower facilities for the homeless. This project is at an early stage of exploration.

I mention the above to highlight the fact that the parish finances have been starved of a majority of regular income as a result of the pandemic. I am most conscious of the situation being faced by many households where there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding security of employment and the associated financial concerns. Both parishes hold significant reserve funds and there is no immediate difficulty, however, the outgoings for utilities and other necessities will inevitably drain resources.

I ask those parishioners who can to maintain their weekly donations, even if you cannot directly deliver your contributions at the moment. I am most grateful to those who have established standing orders for their weekly offerings as this mechanism has ensured a regular monthly income for both parishes.

The Month of May (A month of special devotion to the Rosary)

PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS REGARDING THE PANDEMIC TO ACCOMPANY THE ROSARY.

First Prayer.

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the Cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. Protectress of the People of God, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our mother, pray for us to God, the Father of Mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests, who, in their pastoral concern are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the Afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



WHEN WILL OUR CHURCHES REOPEN?

This is a question posed by many across the country. The circumstances we inhabit inevitably create a rising level of frustration, however, we must remain patient and adhere to the guidelines set by the Government. We have all witnessed the tentative steps being taken to facilitate some alleviation of the restrictions. It would seem that the earliest we could expect any opening of church premises will be in July. Nothing is certain and all will be dependent upon the continuing suppression of virus spread. The Metropolitan Archbishops, including Archbishop George, have had a number of 'virtual' meetings with politicians and government officials to discuss matters. Whilst we hunger for the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Sacrifice of the Mass and the reception of the Holy Eucharist, we must be guided by prudence and solidarity. None of us can risk squandering the fruits of the sacrifices already made. Let us continue to pray for progress in the search for an effective vaccine. Let us do what we can to support the national effort in caring for the health and wellbeing of the sick and vulnerable coupled with the effort to sustain our ailing economy, conscious of the deepening financial impact on the livelihoods of so many.