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5th Sunday of Easter

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Sat 14th May 7.00pm Mass

Sun 15th May 9.30am Mass

Tues 17th May 6.00pm Mass of Eastertide

Thurs 19th May 6.00pm Mass of Eastertide

Fri 20th May 9.30am Mass

Sat 21st May 7.00pm Mass

Sun 22nd May 9.30am Mass

Primary School: St Mary & St Joseph, Maxwell Road, Pocklington, YO42 2JN

tel: 01759 303287. **Secondary School:** All Saints, Mill Mount, York. Tel: 01904

647877. **Hospitals:** If you go into hospital and would like a priest to visit some useful numbers are: York Hospitals 07748108253 or 01904 725579, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763.

Confessions Anytime in the Hall – a good time would be before or after any Mass – not necessary to make an appointment in advance.

Cafod Cake Stall is available again in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass

Masses Received Holy Souls



A Prayer for Ukraine is available in the Church Porch if you wish to pick one up.

An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to return to Mass at Pentecost on 5th June 2022

The Bishops say that a beautiful hallmark of the Catholic Faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. It enables us to worship God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. Our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of the Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic until now, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the past 2 years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may however be a source of continuing comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick for whom the obligation does not apply.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom the attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost on 5th June, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

With prayers and best wishes to all Parishioners, Fr James