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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

13th – 14th May 2023

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Jn 14:23

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference of Our Lady and Saint Anne invites our senior parishioners to join us in the Cenacle on **Saturday 20 May** from 3 – 5pm for a Spring Afternoon Tea. Numbers are limited so *please sign up at the back of church.*

A suggested donation of £5 per person would be gratefully received, with all funds going to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

The St Vincent de Paul society would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support with food bank donations to the Weller Centre. So far, we have donated over 150 bags of food items and 75 Easter eggs. The food items are distributed to referred families identified from agencies and charities in our local community. Some of items form part of a community kitchen area. Where families who are struggling can select food items for a meal. The Easter eggs were given to children who would normally go without. The Weller Centre sends a heartfelt thank you for your generous support.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS – 2nd COLLECTION

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023 with a theme from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

LOST AND FOUND

A plain gold ring found in the church car park last Saturday. Contact the parish office for details.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

16/04/23	23/04/23
C'tless: £ 73.00	C'less: £115.00
Loose plate £257.02	Loose plate £318.68
Holy Places £447.00	Candles £ 62.89
Our Ladys Lamp £10	Cotham total £ 527.70
Weekly S Orders:£600	Weekly S Orders: £600

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
❖ Una Whitbread - funeral in church on Friday 19th May @10.30am.

TRAVELLING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM The statue will be in the parish the week beginning 22nd May. There will be an evening Mass in honour of Our Lady at 7.30pm on 24th May.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

We are setting up a Youth Group! This will be a social space for children from Year 7 upwards. Our confirmation candidates will also be invited to join after their confirmation, even if they have a few months of Year 6 left!

It will run on the 3rd Sunday of every month, in the cenacle. We also hope to arrange trips once we get up and running.

If you are an adult able to *help* us, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Clare after mass or contact her on 07900 582247. You will have to complete a safeguarding DBS check.

If you would like to *attend* our Youth group then watch this space. Details on how to register will be published soon!

VACANCY AT ST ANNES SCHOOL

The school seeks to appoint an assistant head with responsibility for teaching and learning. Full details on noticeboard. Closing date 4pm 17th May.

MUSIC GROUP

If you would like to get involved please speak to somebody in the current group after Mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th June – First Holy Communion at 10am Mass

Fri 16th June – Confirmation Mass @ 7pm

18th June Glass Ensemble Concert [choir]



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Rita Wilcox

Please keep her in your prayers.

Background on the Sunday Readings

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another". Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate". Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Taken from: Loyola press Sunday connection

Mass intentions for Sixth Week of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Saturday	13th May	5.30pm	Peter Commons
Sunday	14th May	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	15 th May	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Monday of the sixth week of Easter</i>			
Tuesday	16 th May	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday of the sixth week of Easter</i>			
Wednesday	17 th May	7.30pm	Philip Potton RIP
<i>Wednesday of the sixth week of Easter [vigil Mass of Ascension – said Mass]</i>			
Thursday	18 th May	9.15am	Th'g'v'g Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>		<i>[school Mass]</i>	
		7.30pm	Nelson Carwana RIP
		<i>[sung Mass]</i>	<i>5th Anniversary</i>
Friday	19 th May	10.30am	Requiem – Una Whitbread
<i>Memorial of St Dunstan</i>			

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year A

Saturday	20th May	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	21st May	10.00am	Terry Colehan RIP

No Rosary this weekend. It will start again 20th May.