



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Seventh Sunday of Easter"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 24th May 2020	Seventh Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Monday 25th	St Bede The Venerable	All Masses Suspended		
Tuesday 26th	St Philip Neri	All Masses Suspended		
Wednesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury	All Masses Suspended		
Thursday 28th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Friday 29th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Saturday 30th May	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Sunday 31st May 2020	Pentecost Sunday	All Masses Suspended		

Please see below **web address** which contains posters in 34 different languages containing relevant information regarding Coronavirus aka COVID-19.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#>

## Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'This life is the gift that God has given us. It is too short to be spent in sadness. Let us praise God, content simply to exist. We are children of the great King, capable of reading His signature in all Creation.'

## Please pray for:

all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2020.

Prayer intention for evangelisation - For Deacons . We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Reflection: Acts 1:12-14

There is a sort of dazed feeling about this reading, a sort of suspended animation. Jesus has left his disciples, telling them just to go back into the city and wait for the coming of the Spirit. It was a definitive parting, described in the terms of the prophet Elijah going up to heaven in a fiery chariot, leaving his cloak to Elisha as a guarantee of his continued presence and influence. But by contrast Jesus left his disciples nothing, not even a cloak, and they can only wait in a sort of limbo of hope, surely puzzling what on earth could be this promised coming of the Spirit. In the gospels, especially that of Matthew, the Risen Christ had told them to go out and proclaim the Good News to all people, but here they are left without any further instructions and obviously nonplussed about how to do this. From time to time we find ourselves in the same situation, not knowing how we should proceed, even if we are searching and determined to do the will of God. We can only wait, perhaps with the comfort of the company of others who cannot see their way forward, until the Lord sends his Spirit to direct us and make clear the way forward. (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

## Pope Francis' Prayers to Our Lady for May 2020

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.

*Salus Populi Romani*, 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.

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. Amen! Alleluia!



The image of Our Lady, *Salus Populi Romani*, 'Protectress of the Roman People', is normally kept in the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major, and is very dear to our Holy Father Pope Francis.

"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 towards us amid this coronavirus 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 who are 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, as you did at Cana, 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 and fidelity to the Gospel, 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 far-sightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research 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 recognise 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! Alleluia!

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul, Since I now cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace you and unite myself to you; Permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

## Lockdown – Brother Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap

(Abridged – GH)

Yes, there is fear. Yes, there is isolation. Yes, there is panic buying. Yes, there is sickness. Yes, there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes

But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other

across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland

Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number

through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So, we pray, and we remember that

Yes, there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes, there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes, there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes, there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes, there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square, Sing.