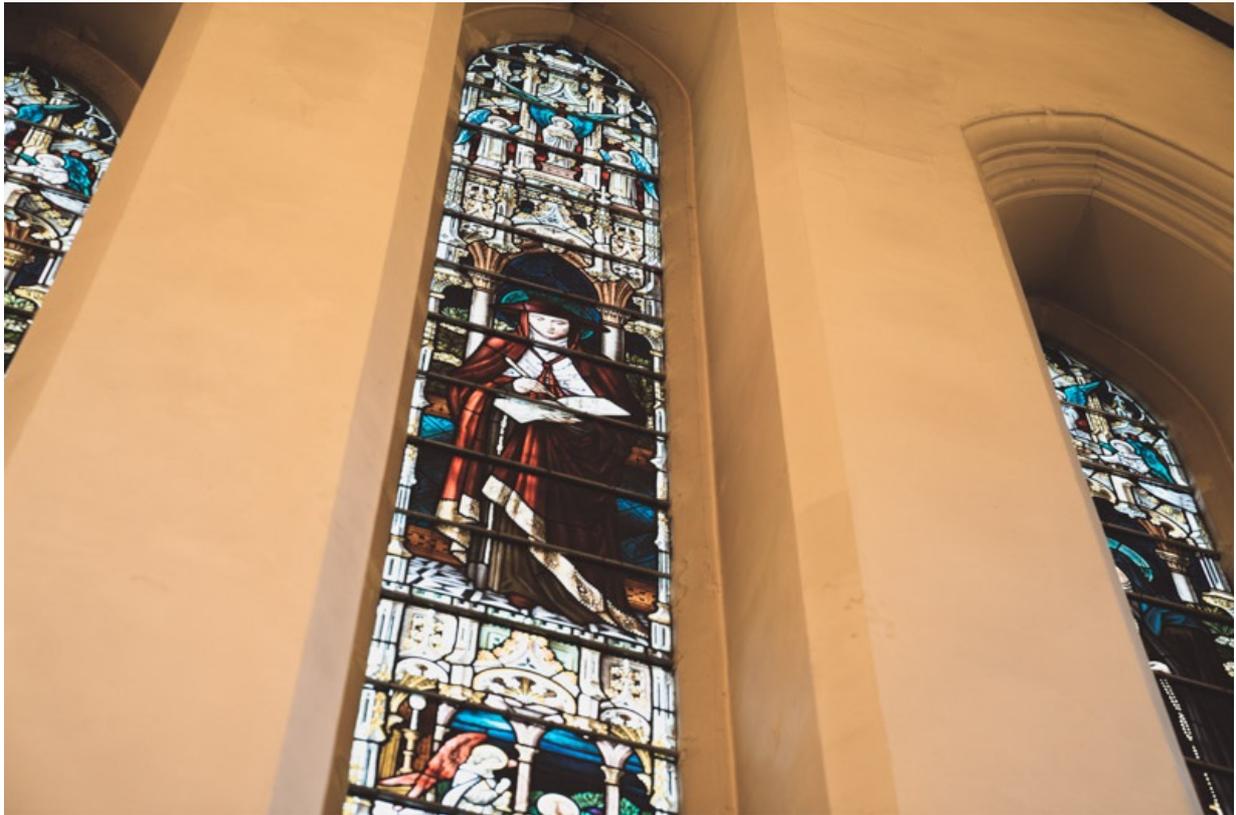


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St Bon's eNewsletter

6th May - 13th May 2018



A Message from Fr Tom

How is it that Eastertide flies by but Lent just seems to drag on? Here we are on the 6th Week of Easter and it only seems like yesterday that Easter started. If it were Lent, I would be crawling by now! With time flying, I realise that we are not far from June and June at St Bonaventure's means First Holy Communions! This year will see some exciting changes to how the FHC Masses will be celebrated so that the children can be more part of the Parish celebration and the Parish can share in this special moment with the children.

This year, the children have been invited to make their FHC in small groups of six or seven during the Parish Masses. All the families chose Sunday morning so that means during the month of June, there will be children making their FHC at each of the Sunday morning Masses. Rather than Parishioners feeling they should go to another Mass during June, the idea is that the Parish will be there in number to support the children...

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Saint of the Week

SAINT PANCRAS

Saint Pancras was a Roman citizen who was beheaded for his faith at the age of fourteen, around the year 304.

May 12 is St Pancras's Day. As the name of London's second busiest railway and underground station, the name 'St Pancras' is well known to many Londoners, as well as travellers from abroad, as the station is the terminus for Eurostar trains arriving from Europe. His name is Greek and means "the one that holds everything".

St. Pancras is popularly venerated as the Patron Saint of children, jobs and health.

Picture of the Week



Bishop Declan giving an address to European and African Bishops about the Mission of the Church in context with the challenges of Globalisation last month. Read full article [here](#).

Tweet of the Week

 **Catholic News Service** 
@CatholicNewsSvc Following

#PopeFrancis especially asked for prayers for **#Syria**

 **The Pilot** @TheBostonPilot
Pope asks Catholics to pray the rosary for peace each day in May
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9:15 pm - 1 May 2018

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YEAR OF MISSION SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What better mission could we have or want? To love! But do you notice how we have been loved? The love that Jesus offers his disciples has been the love that he himself has known and experienced from the Father. The Father has shown love to the Son, the Son shown the Father's love to the disciples and now, having been loved ourselves, we are sent to bring that love, to be that love to others. There is our mission... to be love, to be the love of Christ for others. We do that by being the friends of Jesus, by remaining close to him and bringing others into something of that

friendship. Pope Benedict reminded of this: there is nothing more beautiful than to know this friendship and to speak to others of our friendship with Christ. This is the fruit we can bear...being love, knowing ourselves loved, living in the knowledge of that love and allowing that love to be attractive. What a mission!

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Novena for Pentecost begins on Ascension Thursday, please pray on the 9 days leading up to Pentecost:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise & ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

News and Events

PARISH MATTERS

Baptisms: Our Congratulations go to Isabelle, Ava, Isla, Cali and Asha who were baptised and brought into God's family at St Bon's last week. Please pray for them.

Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday 10th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be held at 9:15am and 7pm.

Special Collection 13th May: World Communications Sunday – leaflets and envelopes are at the back of Church.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Celebration: There will be a First Year celebratory get-together and thank-you on Sunday 13th May for all Adorers and other Parishioners who may be interested in joining the Adoration group. A short adoration from 4.00pm until 4.30pm will be followed by tea and cake in the presbytery.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: We are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during the February 2019 half term (16th—23rd February 2019). Cost will be approximately £1,500 per person, including flights, accommodation, meals on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner), a professional English speaking guide, transport in the Holy Land and all entrance fees. Fr Paul from Pilgrimage People will be coming on Wednesday 16th May at 7pm to give a talk about the itinerary and take questions in the Dining Room of the Presbytery.

St Bon's Fundraising Charity Gig: Ad Hoc will be playing a gig to raise funds for the Church on Saturday 12th May from 7.30pm until 11.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door. The 4 piece band will play covers from Stevie Wonder to The Jam, including Van Morrison and Bruce Springsteen etc. Venue is the Church Hall and please feel free to bring your own drinks.

Open Gardens: Several gardens in Bishopston will be inviting visitors on Sunday June 10th 2-5pm. St Bon's is involved and we will be serving afternoon tea and cakes in the garden. This is usually a very popular event. Money raised will go to CAFOD, upgrading the play facilities for visitors to Horfield Prison, and plants for the Bishopston Library roof garden. We need volunteers to make cakes and serve teas, please contact Hilary Farey by e-mail hilary@farey.org or phone 9409725.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mass for the Newly Baptised and Received: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass on Sat 19 May at 10.30am in our Cathedral with those who were baptised this Easter or received into full Communion with the Church plus sponsors & godparents. Refreshments in Apostle Room after.

Malnutrition in Zimbabwe & Zambia: Thank you for supporting the CAFOD Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations until 12 May will be

doubled by the UK Govt. We have planned a £5m programme to combat malnutrition & reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount to make it happen. To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent.

Live Simply Thought for the Week: Pope Francis calls on us all to make simple daily gestures to care for people living in poverty, for future generations and for the earth, our common home. A good place to start is to work out your carbon footprint – there is a simple questionnaire on the WWF website (<http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>) which also gives lots of ideas for reducing your environmental impact.

Mass Times

Sunday 6th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass *Ciss Honeyfield R.I.P.*

7.00pm Mass Pro Pop

Monday 7th May

Weekday of Easter

12.00pm Mass

Tuesday 8th May

Weekday of Easter

12.00pm Mass *Joan Craig R.I.P.*

Wednesday 9th May

Weekday of Easter

12.00pm Mass *Rev. Brother C Kiernan OFM R.I.P.*

Thursday 10th May

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9.15am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Friday 11th May

Weekday of Easter - Novena for Pentecost

7.00pm Mass *Mary Taylor R.I.P.*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 12th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7.00pm (Vigil) *Tim & Mary Henley R.I.P.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm-6.40pm

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am

Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Please Pray For: Geoff Barrett, Anita Bridges, Christopher Browne, Monica Fletcher, Sheelagh Gaines, Pat Parry, Nedra Paynter, Roger Paynter, Zygmunt Sawko, Bernard Seward, Ivy Sewell, Martin Sewell, Peter Sewell, Kathleen Ward and Maria Wysocka.

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