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| **Sixth Sunday of Easter Time, Year B – Sunday 5th May 2024** |

*We celebrate the coming of the Spirit of God’s love on the Church*

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| **GOSH News & Updates** |

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| **Date** | **Secular / Community Events** |
| **Tuesday 21st May 1:00-2:30**  **Saturday 11th May**  **2 – 4.30**  **Sunday**  **5th May 4.00 pm**  **Saturday 29th  June from 10.00** | **Churches Together** would like to welcome people living with dementia to a new monthly group: Dementia Empowerment and Engagement. If you have dementia and would like to meet with other people with dementia, please join us in St Gregory’s church hall. For more information or a chat, please contact Maria Scurfield 07890910488 [maria@ctst-nurturingdementia.org.uk](mailto:maria@ctst-nurturingdementia.org.uk)  **Booking is open** for next year’s Flame event, **Unstoppable: Fan the Flame of Hope**, which will be held at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on 15 March 2025, and is being sponsored by the Catenians, Salesians of Don Bosco, and Cymfed. Early booking discount available.  **LET’S END POVERTY** - our three parishes will be taking part in this ecumenical national campaign next week by hosting a portrait exhibition and writing post cards to our MP There’s also a regional event at Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle  (next to Fenwick’s) – poetry, stories and Pedalers Band (Maria & Jim) will be playing.  **Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw –**, parishioners are invited to take part in Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert’s Chapel at Ushaw College, Durham.  Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As the format of this Service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service.  No ticket is required.  **Significance Festival –**All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10.  All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.  **Rest in Peace** – Please keep in your prayers Anne Gallagher.  **Thursday is Ascension Thursday.** Please make a note of the mass times. Thank you. |
| **St Oswald’s**  **St Oswald’s Finance Meeting** – Sunday 12th May at Noon. | |
| **Sacred Heart**  **A big thank you** to all the Stamp Fairies who leave the used postage stamps in the box, at the back of the church – much appreciated. Please continue to support the Canine Partners charity, providing disabled adults with assistance dogs. | |

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| **St Gregory’s**  **St Gregory First Communion Group** – St Gregory’s First Reconciliation will be rescheduled for some time in either May or June  **100 Club** – Annual subs are due to be renewed in May. See Kath Softly after Sunday Masses. Thank you for your support April 100 Club winners: 1st - Melanie Peel (72) 2nd - Jim Grant (7)  **Anniversaries** – Please let us know if you wish names to be included on the anniversary list.  **Churches Together** would like to invite you to join us to share information and get your advice on how we progress our Churches to become more Older Person and Dementia Friendly. Please join us after Mass on Thursday 9th May. | |
| **Please pray for the sick** | |
| ***St Oswald’s*** | *Vincent Burke, Linda Thorpe, Harrison Clarke, Rosemary Cox, Richard Cook, Lynne Inkster, Harry Miller, Audrey Sutcliffe, Fr Ronnie Brown, Elaine Brown & Duncan Slater,* Vincent Jefferson. |
| ***Sacred Heart*** | *Charlie Alerston; Caroline Bennett; Margo Davies; June Green; Paul Green; Vanessa Green; Rita Lewins; Patricia McKeag; Kurt Patterson; Bill Paxton; John Shone; Ian Smith; John Wood* |
| ***St Gregory’s*** | *Sonia Sultman, Bernadette Rodgers, Benedict O’Donohoe, Geraldine McGlasham , Anne Scott, Alan Gibson, Pat Gibson, Ann Slowil, Fr Ronnie Brown, Hilary de Birch, Sheila McBride.* |

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| **Anniversaries around this time** | |
| ***St Oswald’s*** | *Ann Faraday, Bernard Hines, Tracey Wareham, John Shone, Mavis Brady, Ethel Shannon & Robert Weston* |
| ***Sacred Heart*** | *Veronica Smith; Mary Collins; Margaret Oliver; Christine Glazebrook; Rose Easton; Edward Fallon; Olive O’Neil; Maureen Fleming; Sarah Evans; Ivy Brannon; Nora Colbert; John Burns; Audrey Goodall* |
| ***St Gregory’s*** | *Mary Cecilia de Birch. Richard Plunkett* |

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| **Weekly Masses** |

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| **Day** | **Church** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Saturday 4th May | Sacred Heart | 6:30pm | Bruce Smith |
| Sunday 5th May | St Gregory’s | 9:30am | People of the parish |
| St. Oswald’s | 11:00am | Sophia Chapman |
| Tuesday 7th May | St. Oswald’s | 10:00am  1.00pm | For Irene & the late Steve Pattison on what would have been their Diamond Wedding Anniversary  Nuptial Mass St Gregory’s |
| Wednesday 8th May | Sacred Heart | 10:00am | Teresa Featherstone |
| Thursday 9th May | St. Gregory’s  Sacred Heart  St Gregory’s  St Oswald’s | 10:00am  11.30am  2.00pm  7.00pm | Intentions of Fr. Keith  Funeral service - Geoffrey Golding |
| Saturday 11th May | Sacred Heart | 6:30pm | Denis & deceased members of Wright Family |
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| St. Oswald’s | 11:00am | For Irene & the late Steve Pattison |

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