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5th Week of Easter Sunday
19th May 2019



Pope Francis looks Back on Visit to Bulgaria, North Macedonia. He says, "I was guided in Bulgaria by the lively memory of Saint John XXIII, who was sent to that country in 1925 as Visitor and then as Apostolic Delegate. Animated by his example of pastoral benevolence and charity, I met that people — called to be a bridge between Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, — with the motto "*Pacem in Terris*," I invited all to walk on the way of fraternity and on this way I had, in particular, the joy of taking a step forward in the meeting with Patriarch Neofit of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and the Members of the Holy Synod. In fact, as Christians, our vocation and mission are to be sign and instrument of unity, and we can be so, with the help of the Holy Spirit putting first what unites us to what has divided or still divides us.

Present-day Bulgaria is one of the lands evangelized by Saints Cyril and Methodius, whom Saint John Paul II placed next to Saint Benedict as Patrons of Europe. At Sofia, in the majestic Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky, I paused in prayer before the sacred image of the two Holy Brothers. Of Greek origin, they were able to use their culture with creativity, to transmit the Christian message to the Slav people. They invented a new alphabet with which they translated the Bible and liturgical texts into the Slavic language. Also today, there is need of passionate and creative evangelizers, so that the Gospel can reach all those that still don't know it and be able to water again the lands where the ancient Christian roots are parched. With this horizon, I celebrated the Eucharist twice with the Catholic community in Bulgaria and encouraged it to be hopeful and generative. I thank those people of God again, who showed me so much faith and so much affection.

The last act of the journey in Bulgaria was carried out together with the representatives of the different religions: we invoked from God the gift of peace, while a group of children carried lighted torches, symbol of faith and hope." Zenit.org

Alsager Churches Together Parish Outing to the National Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral. Tuesday, 4 June 2019. All welcome. Sign up list in Porch. Please ring Rev Michelle Goodrich at St. Mary Magdalene if you wish to go as soon as possible, as places are filling up rapidly. Meet at St. Mary Magdalene at 9am to go. All details in Porch. Price £12-£15.



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Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel's and St. Winefride's on Wednesday, 9 October 2019 at 7pm in St. Gabriel's Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie.

World Youth Day @ Home. 7-9 June 2019. Join young people from across the country on Pentecost weekend for World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle. The beautiful site in Staffordshire will be hosting this amazing event featuring Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Rise Theatre, David Wells and more! Bursaries available. To go, please contact Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team <youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org>

On Sunday 19 May after 11.30am Mass, there will be a May procession, with the Crowning of Our Lady's statue and recitation of the Rosary in the church garden. All welcome.

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May. Many thanks for your generosity. Please leave Christian Aid envelopes in basket at back of Church.

[New Apostolic Exhortation from the Synod on Young People](#)

The Vatican has brought out a document called *Christus Vivit* ("Christ is Alive") addressed to young people, the result of the Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment last year. In this letter, the Pope encourages young people to grow in holiness by seeking friendship with Jesus, and he provides guidance on how they can discern their vocation. The Pope also addresses the Church as a whole, reminding of the youthfulness the Church should embody, as well as the importance of listening to young people. Please [click here](#) to read the document. The printed document is available to order from www.ctsbooks.org/christus-vivit. Or Online at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

REST IN PEACE; James Byrne, Tom Carnes, Susan Ellis, Christine Dale, Julia Stammers, Arthur McMinn, Victoria Moseley, Chris Foulkes, Emma Blair, Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Alan Davies, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Bagshaw, Harry Tams, Kathleen O'Toole, Samuel Bagshaw, Stella Lyons, Theresa Kerr, Karen Bastiman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izuru, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Baby Rover, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner, Ruth Hilton, Ned Hilton, Jo Brookes, Helen Edwards and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH MAY 2019

Saturday 18th May St. John I Sunday 19th May 5th Sunday of Easter	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass 12.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Cecilia McEwen RIP & James Byrne RIP & Susan Ellis RIP Jack Eyston RIP & Fr. Ardagh-Walters (49 th Anniv of Ordination) & Mary McCarron RIP May Procession after Mass
Monday 20th May St. Bernardine of Siena	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour James Byrne RIP, Florence Costigan (Anniv) Peter Payne RIP SVP Meeting
Tues 21st May	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Wed 22nd May St. Rita of Cascia	10am 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion Lectio Divina
Thurs 23rd May	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 24th May Our Lady help of Christians	10am 10.30am	Susan Large (Anniv) & Rosamund Allen (Sick) Holy Rosary
Saturday 25th May St. Bede the Venerable Sunday 26th May 6th Sunday of Easter	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Audrey Baier (Anniv) & Helen Edwards (Sick) Patricia Madden RIP & Shrewsbury Secular Clergy & James Byrne RIP
Saturday 25th May Sunday 26th May	6.30pm	11.30am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dennis Large Nicky Brooker	Shay Norman Catherine Smith
READERS	Michael Slattery Jacqueline Lowery	Francis Insaidoo Cathryn Wright

Collection, 12th May, £573.13p

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GOD CALLS

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Vocations Sunday

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