



St Albert's CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



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Pentecost • 20th May 2018

READINGS, YEAR 2 (B), Sixth Sunday of Easter: **Acts 2: 1-11, Ps 103, 1 Cor 12:3b - 7. 12 -13, John 20:19 - 23.**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.



TODAY'S GOSPEL, JOHN 20: 19 - 23.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thur 24 Memorial of the Translation of our Holy Father St Dominic.

Sat 26 Memorial of St Philip Neri

"Pentecost" by Jacobo di Cione, 1370-71, Florence. This panel is one of the five panels which formed the middle tier of a very large altarpiece whose main subject was the crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven in the Benedictine Church of San Pier Maggiore in Florence. You can see these panels in the National Gallery in London now, as San Pier Maggiore was demolished in the late 18th Century. There is also another altarpiece from the same church. It is of the Assumption by Botticini (1475- 76). In Di Cione's Pentecost panel, we see the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Peter, who holds keys surrounded by the other disciples. Tongues of flame rest on their heads, whilst from above the Holy Spirit descends in the form of dove. Outside a crowd is listening through the open door either to the sound of wind, or, perhaps, to Peter preaching. Amazement shows on their faces as each one hears him preach in in his own language. They all listen intently. In this very natural way, we are invited to listen as well. The two central listening figures and the open door recall an earlier painting of the same scene by Giotto (1310-18), also in the National Gallery in London. Although the Church of San Pier Maggiore was demolished in 1783, surviving parts of it are still to be found in the buildings which now occupy the site. You can see a digital reconstruction of the church showing both altarpieces and where they stood in an excellent youtube video called "Reconstructing the Destroyed Church of San Pier Maggiore, Florence." In the main panel, not that shown above, St Peter holds a model of the San Pier Maggiore Church which is dedicated to him. Interestingly, if we are to really understand these panels as altarpieces, we would need to imagine ourselves inside the very church which St Peter is holding in the main panel!

Readings for 27th May 2018, Trinity Sunday: Dt 4:32 -34. 39-40, Ps 32, Rm 8:14 -17, Mt 28:16-20.

The text of the Mass can be found on the cards near the entrance to the Chapel and at **no 479** in the hymnal.

PASTORAL LETTER

Today there is a Pastoral Letter about the Church's revised safeguarding standards from Bishop Joseph Toal on behalf of Bishop's Conference. It is beside the newsletter. Please take one home and read it. This new manual is in response to the McLellan Commission.

SUPPORTING REFUGEES

On behalf of the Re-Act charity, Phil Hutton would like to thank the parish for their very generous donations of clothing and money given to her after each of the Masses on Sunday 13th May. Yesterday they were taken to the Re-Act Collection Day.

ACCESS BY CAR TO GEORGE SQUARE LANE

The works currently being carried out by the University have necessitated the closure of the northern end of George Square Lane until mid-June. Cars may enter from the south and park on the chapel side. To leave, drivers will have to do a U-turn and exit the way they came in.

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Buccleuch Street, Buccleuch Place, George Square and Potterrow will be closed to normal traffic to allow buses to park. People coming or going to Mass here will be allowed access via Hope Park Crescent and Meadow Lane. Display one of the passes, which are beside beside the newsletter, or explain to the steward at Hope Park Crescent that you are coming to Mass. 10,000 participants are expected, so expect delays.

DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday:

Morning Prayer 8am
Mass 1.15pm, 5:15pm
Evening Prayer after 5:15pm Mass

Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 12pm

Sunday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 9, 10, 12noon
Evening Prayer 5:30pm
Student Mass 7.15pm

Exposition: Wednesdays after 1.15pm
Mass until 2.30pm,

Sundays
from 6.45pm until 7.10pm

Confessions: After 1.15pm Mass on
Wednesdays until 2pm.

THE ALBERTUS INSTITUTE - THIRD TALK ON SLAVERY

The third and final talk is on 13th June by Dr Ulrike Roth on "Slavery in the Classical Age" at 6pm in the Garden Room beside the Chapel. Access is from the Lane. The talks are free but any voluntary contributions will be gratefully received.

ST ALBERT'S UNIVERSITY STAFF GROUP LUNCH

Current members of university staff are invited to a lunch with fellowship and discussion: 12noon to 1pm on Tuesday, 12th June. This will take place in the Garden Room beside the Chapel with access from George Square Lane. For further details, please speak to Fr John or Fr Dermot, or contact Philip Cook: Philip.Cook@ed.ac.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PARISH LUNCH

As in previous years, please come to a pot luck lunch on Sunday 5th August after 12 O'Clock Mass. Drinks will be provided, but please bring something savoury or sweet and not something that needs to be heated up. There will be a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in due course.

PARISH BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Book Group is Thursday 5th July, at 7.30pm, The Library, 24 George Square, when we will be discussing "The Fishermen" by Chigozie Abiomi (416 pages), which was shortlisted for the Man-Booker prize in 2016. New members are always welcome, as are those who may only wish to discuss the book under review.

MASS TIMES DURING THE SUMMER BREAK

The last 7.15pm Mass takes place this evening. The last 1.15pm Mass will be on this coming Friday 25th May. Both Masses resume in September.

PRAYER VIGIL

There will be a Vigil of Prayer for Ireland in advance of the referendum from 7.30pm until 9pm on Thursday 24th May at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate.

THE CATHOLIC APP

This App helps you to find Mass & Confession times with a single tap. It covers this Archdiocese and the latest version can be downloaded for iPhone/iPad or Android smartphone/tablet by searching for "The Catholic App Museantik" in the Apple App Store or Google Play. Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicapp/

NEWMAN TALK IN GLASGOW

Dr John McDade speaks on Christian-Jewish Relations at 7.30pm on Thursday 31st May 2018 at the Ogilvie Centre, Saint Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RE.

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