



CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER



St. Edmund Campion Pray for Us

Dear Parents and Carers

May is the month of Mary. Devotion to Mary the Mother of God has long been a part of the prayer life of the Church. We pray asking her intercession, to amplify our prayers to her son Jesus. We know that Jesus listens to his mother's voice. We see this in the well-known passage of John's Gospel when she intervened at the wedding at Cana when the wine ran out! A traditional way of praying to Our Lady is the rosary, and many of us will have received a set of rosary beads as children perhaps when we made our First Holy Communion.

The best prayers are often the simplest. They can help us to find a way to communicate with God. The rosary enables us to reflect on key moments in the life of Jesus on earth be they Joyful, Sorrowful or Glorious. These mysteries of the rosary were then added to by Pope John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* in 2002. These five mysteries are known as the Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light, and focus on the public ministry of Jesus.

Attached to this email are resources to help you pray the rosary. Ms.Egan our Lead Practitioner in Modern Foreign Languages has produced material to pray the rosary in Spanish to promote 'One World Together in Prayer'. Praying together is a powerful way of connecting with people all over the world – no wi-fi required! This theme will continue throughout May.

The Masses for the sick on Thursday evenings at 7pm continue this Thursday 7th May from Leeds Cathedral. The celebrant this week will be Bishop Marcus Stock and can be found on the link below:

https://youtu.be/Lx6OKdYZ_M

As a reminder Mass each day and every Sunday can be live streamed from St. Chad's Cathedral at:

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk



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For information on what's going on in our local parish community in Erdington here is a link to the Erdington Abbey newsletter:

<http://www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk/eacontent/uploads/2020/05/Bulletin-4th-Sunday-of-Easter-3-May-2020.pdf>



Gospel Reflection – Fifth Sunday of Easter – John 14:1-12

Jesus is the 'Way' because he reveals the Father to us and shows us the way to the Him. Later in the Acts of the Apostles the new community of Christians are called members of the 'Way'. (Acts 9:2) The mission of the fledgling Church was to deliver the message that to know Jesus is to know God the Father. This message is as powerful today as it was then.

As 'Truth' Jesus sets us free. As 'Life' Jesus brings us to eternal life. The fulness of God's revelation to humanity is through Jesus – through the eyes of faith – seeing him as 'The Way, The Truth and the Life.'

We ask for the intercession of Mary:

*Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee to we cry poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.*