

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th May 2018

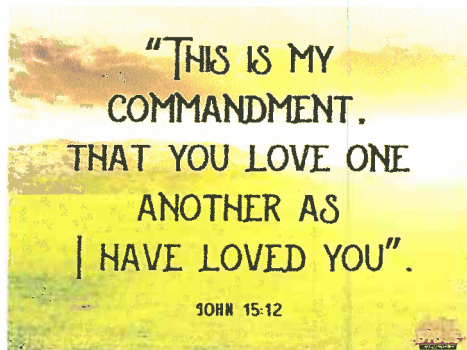
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Noticeboard



Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD,
AND A HOILDAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be at 10.15 a.m.
1.15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Other Weekdays 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions:

Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 6.30 p.m.)

We thank **Bishop McGee** for being with us for the Confirmations last Sunday. We really did appreciate his warmth and welcome of the children and their sponsors. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd June. There will be a rehearsal after Mass on Sunday, 20th May.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **George Hayes, Rose Hamilton, Paul Joseph Wolin, Maimie Trybis, Sarah Teresa Hayes, Annie and Dugald MacDonald and Mary Brown.** May they rest in the peace of their Risen Lord.

Please note that in future only the names recorded in the **Anniversary Book** at the back of the church will be mentioned in the Parish Bulletin and in the Prayer of the Faithful. That book is for close relatives and very special loved ones, as well as fellow parishioners. Please ensure that their names are recorded. "Pietas" includes the prayerful memory of loved ones, and it is the privilege of the Faithful to honour this.

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sunday's collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund, which came to £474.76.

The turn-out for the **Rosary on the Coast** gathering in the Lady Chapel last Sunday afternoon must have been very encouraging for those who organised it.

This **month of May** is an important anniversary in the lives of those of us who were seminarians in Paris fifty years ago. The Séminaire St. Sulpice itself was deeply affected, and what unfolded from the 2nd May onwards left its imprint on each of us. We will always be the "*Soixante-huitards*".

Please remember that **Martin Aelred** will be with us once again this Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m. This is something truly to look forward to. We know that his beautiful singing comes from the heart. Our thanks to all who have publicised this event.



“They were still staring in the sky, when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’” (Acts 1:10-11)

Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness—stillness, that greatest and most awesome good which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquillity of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared. (*Cardinal Newman*)

See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
 See the King in royal state,
 Riding on the clouds His chariot
 To His heavenly palace-gate;
 Hark, the choirs of angel voices
 Joyful halleluiahs sing,
 And the portals high are lifted,
 To receive their heavenly King. (*William Wordsworth*)



A street in Paris, May 1968, after a night of rioting



The **Compagnies Républicaines de Sécurité (CRS)** are the branch of the French police force often called out for riot control. They were very much in evidence in May, 1968. Many accusations of indiscriminate brutality were made against these men. This photo speaks for itself. But, in all fairness, they did often face severe provocation from some of the protesters. Nor were they all trained to diffuse situations through constructive dialogue!