



St. Elizabeth's Parish, Minsteracres

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I want to update you on a few things.

We intend to introduce a small change to Parish Council meetings. As you will know, we currently meet via Zoom which allows members to contribute from the safety and comfort of our homes. For future meetings we plan to open up the first 10 minutes of the meeting to any parishioner to attend and pose a question. After the 10 minutes have lapsed the meeting will be closed to non-council members. To ensure that we can either fit all the questions in and/or provide you with a full answer we ask that you consider providing your question in advance to any of the council members. My email address is given in the signature below but we will provide details of the meeting and a number of contact information options as well as the link to the meeting itself. We usually meet on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7.30pm.

If the boxes are all ticked in relation to vaccination numbers and COVID cases, then we should be through the road map on 21 June after which we will be able to fully reopen for church services. Some may be looking forward to this. For others, though, it may be a scary prospect, so we would like to hear from what you would like us to consider in our planning:

- Would you like us to reopen fully from 21 June?
- Would you like a transition phase, and if so what?
- What should seating arrangements be during any transition? – 3 (or a family) to a pew but only every other pew? 2 (or a family) to a pew but every pew? A combination of both over a period of time. Or would you suggest something different?
- How long should any transition last?

The intention is to collect as many opinions and ideas as possible over the next few weeks and present them back to you with a supporting rationale for the decisions made.

The Retreat Centre are in the process of getting a new website and so St Elizabeth's will soon have its own independent website. We will ensure that there are easily accessible links between them to for the benefit of those who are used to the current route. This site is under development and we will provide updates via the newsletter.

Susan Collins
Chair of the Parish Council
collinssusan@btinternet.com

Quiz night

Following the great success of the last Quiz Night, the social committee is organising another on Sunday 16 May at 7pm.

A "click-on" link to join this Zoom event was sent out in the latest parish email.

Zoom meeting ID: **937 8072 0865**
Passcode: **804080**

Indian Charity Proposal

Since we are no longer able to support Villa el Salvador, the Justice and Peace group are exploring the possibility of "adopting" an Indian Charity which we have learnt about through our Passionist links. We will be holding a Coffee Morning-style Zoom session on Sunday 9 May at 2.00pm at which representatives from the charity in India will explain their work. To find out more about the charity, and about what we might be able to do as a Parish, please tune in.

Zoom meeting ID: **943 2158 5042**
Passcode: **955404**

Fr. John Kearns CP

Fr. John Kearns died peacefully in the company of his family and loved ones at home in Birmingham on 14 April following a brief illness. John was born 56 years ago into an Irish family and grew up in Birmingham with his only brother Anthony. Eventually, John started work in a bank, but after a process of discernment entered the Passionist novitiate in Minsteracres in September 1990, and took his vows a year later. Six years of studying philosophy and theology at Heythrop College, University of London followed, before he was ordained in July 1997. Pastoral work included a placement in the parish in Sutton St. Helens, and several years working in the prison system around Wigan. Having been elected Provincial eight years ago John moved to Birmingham, but eventually had to move in with his mother who needed a certain amount of care. At the same time he was heavily involved in supporting a community of failed asylum seekers. He was looking forward to having a well-earned sabbatical, but unfortunately was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer which was not able to be treated. There are many tributes to be found on line, testifying to what a wonderful Passionist and human being he was, but none of them mention how he suffered as a supporter of Aston Villa!

Fr. John's funeral will take place at 1.00p.m. on Friday 7 May at Erdington Abbey, the parish church of his family. May he rest in peace.



Collections

28th March	£191.24
11th April	£125.00
18th April	£141.00
25th April	£65.00

2nd collection on 25th April for Little sisters
£227.00

There was also a collection after the funeral of Kathleen Counce of £214.05

Coffee Morning

Riding Mill Churches Together are having a Coffee Morning and cake stall for Christian Aid at the Parish Hall on Saturday 22nd May from 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Bank Account

Barclays Bank
Account Name:
Passionists Minsteracres
Sort Code: 20-40-09
Account no: 30171697

Feasts and Solemnities in May

1st St. Joseph the Worker
2nd Fifth Sunday of Easter
3rd Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
4th The English Martyrs
7th St. John of Beverly
9th Sixth Sunday of Easter
13th Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
14th St. Matthias, Apostle
16th Seventh Sunday of Easter
21st St. Godric of Finchale
22nd St. Rita of Cascia
23rd Pentecost Sunday
24th Mary, Mother of the Church
25th St. The Venerable Bede
27th Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
30th Sun. The Most Holy Trinity
31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle them with the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.

May anniversaries

Fr Crysostom Kelly CP
Eleanor Turner
Arthur Silvertop
Francis Somerled Silvertop
Justine Margaret Bowers
Paul Monaghan
Patrick Joseph Stephenson
Julia De-Lane McDonald
Lord Edward Watson Glenamara
Witold Stanislaus Ogilvie Stanley
Ada Wisniewski
Sheryl Marie Caine
Michael Langton Griffin
Ted Dillon

May birthdays

Jin Darlington
Katie Mooney
Fr Mark
Ann Darlington
Bryan Wade
Muriel Costello
Camille

June Newsletter

Please send items for inclusion in the June newsletter to the parish email address by 28 May.