



Get rid of “Holy Jealousy”

For non-Catholics, one of the biggest issues they often have with Catholicism is Mary—the titles we give her, her apparitions, her statues in our churches and the dogma concerning her perpetual virginity and her Immaculate Conception.



These can all be answered theologically, but during May, when we honour Mary, we should reflect on our own thoughts about Our Lady. Do you like her? Do you treat her like a mother? For many, it's easy to look at the Blessed Virgin and experience “Holy Jealousy”. After all, Mary was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. And we're just... us.

If you walked into a room with Jesus and Mary, who would you walk up to? Jesus, of course. But he would then take time to introduce you to his mother anyway. When you go to your best friend's house, you wouldn't walk past their mother and not acknowledge them. Your best friend's mother is probably motherly towards you and supports you as much as she does her own child.

That's Mary. Take time during this month of May to spend time with her. Pray the rosary. Talk to her. Be grateful of her Immaculate Conception.

Of all the things Mary is, she is a mother, and a loving one at that. Let her take you under her mantle and lead you closer to Jesus.

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Confession: Saturday 10am or on request.

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Feasts of the Week

Tues 14 May: St Matthias (*Red*)

Thurs 16 May: Ss Alypius and Possidius (*OSA memorial*)

Sat 18 May: St William of Toulouse OSA

Remember to return your **SCIAF WEE BOXES** as soon as possible so they can be counted and the donations finalised.



Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of this flock (*Ps 99*).

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

A second collection will take place on Sunday 26 May for **the aged and infirm clergy of the Diocese.**

AND FINALLY... A wee reflection from Fr Sean

Easter is still with us. It is still not too late to send cards and letters. Unlike Christmas, which ends abruptly; this season keeps going with the Risen Christ appearing in the most unusual of circumstances. And strangely, nobody seems to recognise him, even his closest friends.

In the early Church, every Sunday was Easter Sunday, and so we can still get a message, even after all this time:

“Easter eggs, and Christ Risen!”

Fr Sean

The bulletin is uploaded to the parish website every weekend:
www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk

PARISH SURVEY

A first look at the survey forms that have been returned so far have provided some interesting hints into what we might expect from the completed exercise.



These are some of the early indications of parishioners' views:

- there is a desire for change;
- we need to make every effort to bring parishioners back to church;
- we should do more to engage with the local community;
- we need to live our faith and be a practical example of Christ's love;
- improvements to the fabric of our buildings are necessary;
- changes in the use of our buildings should be considered, but carefully;
- there is a reluctance on the part of some parishioners to get more involved.

These are only a few of the interesting findings coming from the returned forms but we want more so that the final outcome accurately reflects everyone's views. So if you want your voice heard, and your views reflected in the survey outcomes, make sure you get your forms back as soon as possible.

To all of those who have already returned their forms, a big thank you. You are helping us to prepare the parish for the future.



**Living Monstrance
Children's Rosary Group**
will meet every Sunday
after the 11am mass.

Children's Choir Group
will have the first of regular
rehearsals in the church on
Saturday 25 May 4-5.30pm. If
interested, contact Gosia Golenia



Save the date.....

Senior Parishioners' day out Saturday 6th July.
Clipboard will be available soon.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

£671.13

Thank you for your generosity.



ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC

(RCIA): This course is now over until
3rd October.

LEGION OF MARY meets on
Sundays after 11am mass. New
members are always welcome. If you
wish a home visit from the Legion put
your name on the clipboard at the back
of the church and they will come and
pray for your intentions with a statue
of Our Lady.

May is the month of Mary. During
May, parishioners are encouraged to
pray the rosary and seek the
intercession of Our Lady for their
needs. **A May procession will take
place today at 10am.**

You will have noticed a **new shrine
to the Divine Mercy** at the back of
the church. The present arrangement
is temporary until a better way of
beautifying it can be found. All
suggestions welcome. As **Our Lady
of Good Counsel** is nearby, it would
be nice to include her too. She is
found in all Augustinian churches in
the English-speaking world.

**Congratulations to Michael Sweeney
who was the winner of April's £1
club draw. In June there is a prize of
£100. Yes, double money in June and
December. You've got to be in it to
win it!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat 1 Jun—First Communion
Mass 2pm**

Diocesan pilgrimage to Dunfermline
Sunday 2nd June. Parishioners can go
privately. If someone is interested in
organising a group pilgrimage, let Fr
Paul know. See poster for details.



New candle stands have
been acquired from a
redundant church in
Falkirk. They are a new
type common in many
churches in our diocese, including the
cathedral. They were recently
installed in Westminster Cathedral
and were in Notre Dame. They are
smoke and odour free, easy to
maintain and virtually fire risk free.
**The suggested donation in most
churches now is 50p** and this will go
towards church maintenance and
re-decoration.

As the **front kneelers** are up against
the shrines to Our Lady and St Joseph,
they impede access, especially now
the new candlestands have been
installed. Also, there is not enough
space between the altar step and the
kneelers for the convenient
distribution of Holy Communion and
the comfort of those in wheelchairs.

**As such, it is proposed to remove
them.** An alternative solution would
be to remove the first row of seats,
then move the kneelers back. Anyone
with strong views can speak to Fr Paul
or a member of the Parish Council.

*Congratulations to Dimple and Shubeesh, who this
weekend are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary!*