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Mass times for the week of 10th May 2020

9th	Saturday	Eve of Sunday		
10th	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish
11th	Monday	Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Mary Clark RIP
12th	Tuesday	Ss Nereus & Achilleus	9.30am	Bob Alford RIP
13th	Wednesday	Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am	Tony Spencer RIP
14th	Thursday	St Matthias, apostle	10.00am	
15th	Friday	Weekday of Easter	12.00pm	
16th	Saturday	Weekday of Easter	9.30am 6.00pm	

Confessions: Saturday 10.05—10.30am & 5.15 - 5.45pm

Offertory 3rd May: £267 Weekly Standing Order: £273.00

RIP: Rhiannon Blackburn, daughter-in-law of Joey Blackburn. Sister Patricia Talbot, La Retraite, Salisbury & Burnham-on-Sea.

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for: Lyndall Barbour, Lizzie Dickinson,, Pat Wilson, Charles & Dorothea Sultana de Maria, Joy Trant-McCarthy, James Orde, Jim & Gloria O'Hanlon, Françoise Moody, Graham & Christine Zebedee, Cuqui Chambers, Lorna Platt, Mac Ballard, Edna Bodman, Sylvester Rozario, Mary Lawson, Martin Abbott, Deacon David Wakefield, Corinne Kinzett, Philip Clark.

Year of Communion 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.'

Jesus speaks these words to reassure his disciples that, although he is going to leave them, they will not be forgotten. As the world continues to respond to the devastating Coronavirus, many people are troubled. They are anxious, unsure of where the virus will strike next. Fearful that someone they love will contract or already has the virus and not knowing what the outcome will be. Jesus wants to reassure his bewildered disciples and us, that we will never be abandoned. God is with us and no more so than in this time of the pandemic. As people of faith we are encouraged to trust, to believe in God's loving care for us and be confident that whatever we may face, we will not be overcome. Jesus is 'the way, the truth and the life' so let us stay close to him so that when we emerge from this time, we will do so stronger in faith and stronger in love.

MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY: You may have already seen that Pope Francis has sent out an official letter encouraging all Catholics to come together and pray the rosary throughout May and 'to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home.' He has also given us two new prayers that implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. The full details are here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

There is guidance, too, for those who may be new, or have forgotten how, to pray the rosary

http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html#How to pray the Rosary

PANDEMIC PATRONS: ST CORONA Yes, there's a Saint Corona... and she happens to be a patron saint of pandemics! According to one legend of her life, she witnessed the torture and martyrdom of St Victor, and ran over to comfort and pray for him – thus condemning herself to death as well. This took place in about 170AD, and their relics have been housed since the 9th century in Anzu, Italy. The relics were tested twice in the last century, which confirmed that the remains were of a male and female, and corresponded with the likely date and location of the executions. The reason for her association with pandemics is unclear, but is a particularly strong devotion in Austria & Bavaria. Her name has nothing to do with viruses, but just shares the Latin root word, corona, meaning crown: the coronavirus was so named because of the shape of the pathogen; the saint, because of the crown of martyrdom which she now wears in Heaven – where doubtless she is interceding for us now. St Corona's feast day is next week, on the 14th of May. May she, and all the saints, pray for us in our need.

SCHOOL GOVERNORSSL. Could you serve as a school governor? Foundation governors have an important part to play in ensuring the Catholic character of our schools and in building the community of Catholic schools throughout the diocese. Without them our schools are in jeopardy of losing their distinctiveness which will have a significant impact on the future lives of our children. St George's Primary is seeking new Governors. If interested please contact Father Martin