



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Sixth Sunday of Easter"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 17th May 2020	Sixth Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Monday 18th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Tuesday 19th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Wednesday 20th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Thursday 21st	Ascension of The Lord	All Masses Suspended		
Friday 22nd	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Saturday 23rd May	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Sunday 24th May 2020	Seventh Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		

Please see below **web address** which contains posters in 34 different languages containing relevant information regarding Coronavirus aka COVID-19.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#>

### Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'May God have mercy on us and put an end to this tragedy, this pandemic, as well as the pandemics of hunger, war, and children without an education. This we ask as brothers and sisters, everyone together.'

### Please pray for:

All those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2020.

#### Prayer intention for evangelisation - For Deacons.

We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Reflection on the Second Reading First Letter of St Peter

The final reading from the first Letter of Peter gives a heartening model for defence in persecution. In modern society any persecution faced is more likely to be verbal mockery or contempt than blood-shedding. A Christian stance on moral issues can so easily incur charges of narrow-mindedness or blindness. It is not always easy to keep one's temper and give a fair and helpful reply "with courtesy and respect", expressing the consequences of the Christian hope. Such a reply might just strike a chord deep down, rather than an explosive or sarcastic riposte, which merely deepens the divide. This can be a real and important Christian witness. The final sentences of the reading are helpful here, for the accounts of Jesus' trial stress that Jesus himself was silent "like a lamb before its shearers" as the Suffering Servant of the Lord, in fulfilment of the scriptures. The passion account is full of irony and mockery, from the High Priest, from Pilate, from the soldiers; but if Jesus himself did not explode at the false accusations and mockery, but retained his dignified silence, we too should keep our cool and reply with courtesy. (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

## The Month of May

Pope Francis has asked that, during the Month of May, the Rosary should be recited in the Church right across the World in the context of the coronavirus and its effects.

### Pope Francis' Prayers to Our Lady for May 2020

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the Cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

*Salus Populi Romani*, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen! Alleluia!



The image of Our Lady, *Salus Populi Romani*, 'Protectress of the Roman People', is normally kept in the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major, and is very dear to our Holy Father Pope Francis.

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen! Alleluia!

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament,  
I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul,  
Since I now cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart,  
I embrace you and unite myself to you;  
Permit not that I should ever be separated from You.  
Amen.