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Saturday 11th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 7th Sunday in Easter Time
Sunday 12th 9.30am. Sunday Mass

Tuesday 14th 10.00am Mass **St Matthias Ap**

Wednesday 15th 10.00am Mass

Thursday 16th 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction
6.30pm Mass

Friday 17th 10.00am Mass.

Saturday 18th 11.00-11.30 Confessions during Exposition
St. John I Pope M

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

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The Feast of the Coming of the Holy Spirit Pentecost Sunday.

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal Last Weekend

Thank you once again for your generosity to yet another appeal for your support, this time to Cafod in their Sudan Crisis Appeal. The collection last week raised **£539.67**, which, considering your generosity last weekend is extremely generous.

You can give to CAFOD's SUDAN Crisis appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal or you can text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP Tuesday 14th May 7pm

We will be having a discussion and prayers inspired by a short online sermon on Tuesday 14th of May at 7.00 to 8.00 pm in the St Peter and Paul's room in the Presbytery.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and the Housebound.

Once again, please let us know if anyone who lives in the parish and cannot get to Mass would like a visit and would like Our Blessed Lord to be taken to them in Holy Communion at home.
Fr. Peter

Reader Rota for May and June

A new rota for readers is on the website and the sacristy notice board. Please arrange someone to cover if you cannot complete your allocated date.

May is traditionally a time of extra prayer and devotion to **Our Blessed Lady**. Perhaps it is a good time to renew the practice of saying the Rosary each day or praying the Angelus at noon and 6pm as a gesture of consecrating the whole day to God through His Blessed Mother.



I have received an email from Catherine Robinson from RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Dear Mgr Wilkinson,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the unborn in your parishes - we now have a date for the debate and votes on the abortion amendments.

Yesterday, the Leader of the House of Commons, Penny Mordaunt, announced that Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill is going to be on **Wednesday 15 May**.

This means that we have under two weeks until the biggest battle on abortion in a generation.

On Wednesday 15 May, MPs will be given the opportunity to vote on two pro-life changes to the law:

- One amendment tabled by Caroline Ansell MP lowers the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.
- The other, tabled by Liam Fox MP, would bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities (as you likely know, abortion for Down's syndrome is currently legal right up to birth).

MPs will also have the opportunity to vote on two extreme abortion up to birth amendments that have been tabled by pro-abortion MPs Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson.

We now only have two Sundays to encourage your communities to support these life-saving campaigns.

There are 3 key ways that you can support the campaign over the next 10 days and further details are below.

- 1 Order postcards and distribute them in your church
- 2 Include a notice in the newsletter
- 3 Pulpit announcement during a Sunday Mass

Distribute postcards

Postcards can be ordered here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/post-card-order>.

Newsletter or pulpit announcement

For parishes with a digital newsletter, there may still be time to promote the date of the vote in this week's newsletter. We appreciate that many newsletters will have already gone to print so please mention it during your Masses and ensure it is included in next Sunday's notices.

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth

Support an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks and oppose two abortion up to birth amendments. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks gestation can now survive outside the womb.

Take action: *Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment! Email your MP by visiting righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters and righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth before the debate on **Wednesday 15 May**.*

Thank you so much for your continued support.

We know from experience that support from the Catholic community could be key to demonstrating the high numbers of people who wish to see our abortion laws changed. Your support with encouraging parishioners to send postcards to MPs could well be the critical activity that ensures the success of these pro-life amendments - likely saving many lives.

Given the upcoming general election, this could also be our last opportunity to make a positive change to our abortion laws for a number of years.

Best wishes,
Catherine