

*Today we celebrate the Church's 'birthday'.... the day it all began. The Holy Spirit changed the Apostles to enable them to change the world. That same spirit is with us now to help us change our world. Like the Apostles we need to move out of the Upper Room (our church building) and take the message out to the world in which we live.*

**Sunday 8th May**

9.30am Mary Fish (A)  
 11.00am Gerald Thompson (Birthday)  
 6.30pm Dr. Graham (LD)

**Weekday Masses**

Mon. 8.30am Geraldine Ellis  
 Tues. 8.30am Peter Ellison (LD)  
 Wed. 8.30am Kevin Donnelly (LD)  
 Thurs. 8.30am Fr. Firth (FM)  
 Fri. 8.30am Rita Threlfall (A)  
 Sat. 8.30am A Sick Friend (GH)

**Sunday 22nd May**

9.30am Harry & Alice Southworth (A)  
 11.00am Rita & Arthur Roscoe  
 6.30pm David Lynch

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen Mclver · Bill Burns · Tony Hardyman

**First Holy Communion**

Today we welcome the twenty seven children who 'made' their first Communion yesterday – we welcome them and their families. After Mass there will be a party in the garden behind the church to which we have also invited the children who have been baptised this last year. Mrs. Wroblewski will present the children with their certificate and a Bible as a gift from you, the Parish. There are sandwiches and wine for the adults and games for the children. All are invited. If older parishioners prefer a cup of tea and a chat in the house, please do join us there.

**May Birthdays**

Father Firth will be 97 on Friday. I have sent him a card from us all wishing him a happy birthday, continued good health and every blessing – Kitty Ellison will be 101, Kathleen Reynolds 99, Hazel Lee 98, Vera Critchley 96... it's also Mildred Wilcock and Teresa Critchley's birthday this week... all the best people are born in May! And if I've missed any out do let me know.

**Offertory**

Many thanks for last week's collection of £869.

**Elections**

Congratulations to Jane Fitzsimmons who has been elected to the Council... in the "old days" many Catholics through the influence of the Y.C.W. were involved in Local Politics... more of us should be!

**Examinations**

Many of our young parishioners are faced with examinations at this time – including our primary children who have to complete the SATS (Standardised Assessment Tests). I could not do all the questions I've seen on some of the papers! It can be a difficult time for them all so perhaps we might keep them in our prayers.

**Children Who Made Their First Holy Communion**

Oliver Barker, Daniel Barnish, Benjamin Baxter, James Baxter, Lauren Bound, Oliver Conlon, Freya Crawford, Darcey Dickinson, Freddie Edwards, Paige Dobson, Cormac Ferguson, Luke Fitzsimons, Erin Ford, Samuel Greeney, Katie Hardyman, Isabelle Hough, Neve Latus, Francis Loy, Daemon McCree, Harry Ode, Harry-Joe Taylor, Aidan Vaughan, Nayana Vosper, Olivia Waite, Jessica Whittaker, Thomas Williams, Connie Woods.

**Ministering to the Assembly**

**Counters** (16<sup>th</sup> May) John and Mary Mark

**Rotas** (22<sup>nd</sup> May, Trinity Sunday)

**S.A.S.** Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

**Dial a Ride** Malc Scard, Terry Donnelly

**Readers** Louise Cogan

**Ministers** Clare Meredith

Linda Walmsley

Sharon Hobin

Edward Brierley

Helen Graham

Paul Rynn