



FEAST *of the* ASCENSION

Thursday 21st May Sung Mass 8.00pm



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Preacher: Fr Martin Calderbank, *Curate*

Novena of Prayer

Ascension to Pentecost

It is an ancient custom of the Church to use the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost as a period of prayer for a special intention. This year I invite you to pray for a variety of areas connected with the current pandemic and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon us all at this time.

Friday 22nd May: Medical staff in hospitals and local area

Saturday 23rd May: Nursing home residents and staff, home carers

Sunday 24th May: Those sick with corona virus and the bereaved

Monday 25th May: Local and national government

Tuesday 26th May: Schoolchildren, teachers, university students

Wednesday 27th May: The unemployed and key workers at risk

Thursday 28th May: The elderly and vulnerable

Friday 29th May: The anxious, isolated and fearful

Saturday 30th May: The Church's response at this time

Feel free to add your own special intentions to this list

A prayer to use each day with the above intentions:

O Lord Jesus Christ, by whose wounds we are healed, and by whose Resurrection Life we are given new life; send your promised Holy Spirit to be our comforter in this our time of sickness, and restore the voice of joy and health to our nation. We offer to you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, always praising your mercies and serving you in love and faithfulness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and inspire us with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.