Mass Readings in June (Sunday Year B / Weekdays Year 1)

Monday	1st June	Tobit 1:1–2; 2:1–8	Mark 12:1–12
Tuesday	2nd June	Tobit 2:9–14	Mark 12:13–17
Wednesday	3rd June	Tobit 3:1–11, 16–17	Mark 12:18–27
Thursday	4th June	Tobit 6:10–11; 7:1, 9–14; 8:4–9	Mark 12:28–34
Friday	5th June	Tobit 11:5–17	Mark 12:35–37
Saturday	6th June	Tobit 12:1, 5–15, 20a	Mark 12:38–44
TRINITY	**7th June**	**Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40** **Romans 8:12–17**	**Matthew 28:16–20**
Monday	8th June	2 Corinthians 1:1–7	Matthew 5:1–12
Tuesday	9th June	2 Corinthians 1:18–22	Matthew 5:13–16
Wednesday	10th June	2 Corinthians 3:4–11	Matthew 5:17–19
Thursday	11th June	2 Corinthians 3:15–4:1, 3–6	Matthew 5:20–26
		[*if **Corpus Christi** is to be observed today, see 14th June*]	
Friday	12th June	2 Corinthians 4:7–15	Matthew 5:27–32
Saturday	13th June	2 Corinthians 5:14–21	Matthew 5:33–37
CORPUS CHRISTI *[or 11th Sunday*	**14th June**	**Exodus 24:3–8** **Hebrews 9:11–15** *Ezekiel 17:22–24* *2 Corinthians 5:6–10*	**Mark 14:12–16, 22–26** *Mark 4:26–34]*
Monday	15th June	2 Corinthians 6:1–10	Matthew 5:38–42
Tuesday	16th June	2 Corinthians 8:1–9	Matthew 5:43–48
Wednesday	17th June	2 Corinthians 9:6–11	Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18
Thursday	18th June	2 Corinthians 11:1–11 (18, 21–30)	Matthew 6:7–15, (19–23)
SACRED HEART	**19th June**	**Hosea 11:1, 3–4, 8c–9** **Ephesians 3:8–12, 14–19**	**John 19:31–37**
Saturday	20th June	2 Corinthians 12:1–10	Matthew 6:24–34
12th SUNDAY	**21st June**	**Job 38:1, 8–11** **2 Corinthians 6:1–13**	**Mark 4:35–41**
Monday	22nd June	Genesis 12:1–9	Matthew 7:1–5
Tuesday	23rd June	Genesis 13:2, 5–18	Matthew 7:6, 12–14
BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	**24th June**	**Isaiah 49:1–6** **Acts 13:22–26**	**Luke 1:57–66, 80**
Thursday	25th June	Genesis 16:1–12, 15–16	Matthew 7: (15–20), 21–29
Friday	26th June	Genesis 17:1, 9–10, 15–22	Matthew 8:1–4
Saturday	27th June	Genesis 18:1–15	Matthew 8:5–17
SS PETER & PAUL	**28th June**	**Acts 12:1–11** **2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18**	**Matthew 16:13–19**
Monday	29th June	Genesis 18:16–23	Matthew 8:18–22
Tuesday	30th June	Genesis 19:15–29	Matthew 8:23–27

Ebbsfleet Extra

June 2009

Calendar of Events

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June

6th	Ebbsfleet Children & Young People's Eucharistic Festival, Brean Sands
	7.30pm – *Spem in Alium* (Thomas Tallis, 40-part motet)
	– SS Mary & Giles, Stony Stratford
13th	Corpus Christi Festival, Exeter Cathedral
18th	Noon – Mass, Hereford Cathedral
20th	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
24th	7.00pm – Ordination, St Francis, Friar Park

July

1st	7.30pm – Bishop Andrew's Silver Jubilee Mass
	– St Barnabas, Jericho, Oxford
11th	4.00pm – Ordination, St Luke, Kingstanding

August

3rd – 7th	Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

September

19th	Additional Curates Society Festival, All Saints, Small Heath, Birmingham
26th	Ebbsfleet Lay Congress, Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol

October

23rd – 24th	Forward in Faith National Assembly, Emmanuel Centre, Westminster

November

6th – 8th	'Firebird' Families Pilgrimage, Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham
27th – 29th	Adoremus V, Pilgrimage for Young Adults, Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham

Please note, the Ebbsfleet Teenagers' Event previously advertised for mid-March will take place in the autumn because of the difficulties of booking suitable accommodation at short notice. Watch this space….

The Ebbsfleet Rule of Life

1. We attend the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion, especially on Sundays and principal feasts and holy days.
2. We study Holy Scripture regularly, especially the Gospel of the Day.
3. We take some part in Daily Prayer, whether at church or at home.
4. We practise examination of life and habits of quietness and solitude.
5. We give generously and regularly to support the work of the Church.
6. We give of our talents and our time in the service of others, mindful of our responsibilities as citizens.
7. We pray and work for justice and peace and the coming of God's kingdom.

Notice board

This section evolves month by month. Watch out for new items and changes.

SILVER JUBILEE
Bishop Andrew writes: "The season of ordination anniversaries is upon us and this year is the silver jubilee of my priesting (1984). Rather than compiling a guest list I am simply inviting anyone who wishes to support me to do so as they feel able. I shall be celebrating a Sung Mass at St Barnabas' Church, Jericho, Oxford, on 1st July at 7.30pm, by kind permission of the Parish Priest and Churchwardens. Priests and deacons are welcome to wear cotta and white stole. There will be a glass of wine and a piece of cake afterwards, I hope. Distance means that most will no doubt have to support me from afar but distance is a minor matter in the Communion of Saints and I am very grateful for your prayers."

FR JOHN CHAPMAN of Coventry died very peacefully on Thursday 23rd April,. St George's Day. Aged 84 he had had a fulfilling retirement ministry in the Coventry Area, assisting in our parishes, after full-time ministry in the North and in Birmingham. He leaves a widow and two sons. His funeral mass was at St Nicholas, Radford. *Jesu mercy. Mary pray.*

ORDINATIONS We shall be ordaining Andy Hughes to the priesthood, God willing, on 24th June, St John the Baptist's Day, at St Francis', Friar Park at 7pm. Similarly we shall be ordaining Patrick Gillon and Leonard Cox to the priesthood on 11th July, St Benedict's Day. The service, at 4pm, will be at St Luke's, Kingstanding, where Leonard serves as deacon and Patrick used to be before he moved to St Mark's, Kingstanding, just up the road. Please pray for Andy, Leonard and Patrick at this critical point in their lives.

THE WEBSITE needs to be kept up-to-date. Fr Giles Pinnock does a very good job maintaining the site but needs help from all parishes to ensure contact details are correct. Please let Fr Giles know of any changes as they arise. For those parishes in interregnum it would be very helpful if Fr Giles could have details for a suitable contact person such as a churchwarden. Photographs are requested for publication on the Ebbsfleet website. If you have any pictures of Ebbsfleet activities please send them to tech@ebbsfleet.org.uk .

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appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2 Corinthians 13:14
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

1 Timothy 1:17
To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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From the Lay Council

ROLAND HUDSON

The Catholic cause in the Church of England has lost a faithful, committed and doughty warrior in the death on Palm Sunday of Roland Hudson, at the age of 84. His great service was as a daily worshipper at S. Laurence, Long Eaton in the Diocese of Derby: the Mass and the Daily Office were the bedrock of his life, and from this all the rest followed. He began pilgrimages from his parish to Walsingham and now they have been annual events for an unbroken half century; he was a long-term member of GSS, and active locally as head server, but also in the national organisation; he was churchwarden at S. Laurence for 36 years; he was active on his deanery and diocesan synods and in Forward in Faith in Derby; and, to our immense benefit, he was a member of the Ebbsfleet Lay Council, representing his Diocese.

For all this, he was one of the most modest and unassuming of men. I had no idea of his distinguished career as an electrical engineer because he never talked of it. He described himself as 'shy and retiring', but this disguised his effectiveness. He made a major contribution to the work of the Council during its consideration of lay ministries, and even last Christmas was busy devising a scheme to send Christmas cards to bishops and others on General Synod reminding them that a Code of Practice would not do! He was also one of the first to demand an interview with his Diocesan following the July vote last year. He made the journey to almost every one of our meetings in Bristol, usually by public transport and despite his age, from the foundation of the Council in 2001.

Members of Council will miss him greatly. Our best tribute to him will be to continue the work for the Catholic faith that he exemplified in every aspect of his life. We commend him to his Lord and pray that Roland may rise in glory with Him.

CONGRESS AND ELECTIONS

And I must apologise for now writing about much more mundane matters. The annual Lay Congress will this year revert to its normal date: the fourth Saturday of September: the 26th at the church of Holy Nativity, Knowle, in Bristol. I should remind you that all churches in the Ebbsfleet community should ensure that two delegates attend if at all possible. It is difficult to overemphasise how important it is that we keep together and in contact at this time, so PLEASE note this date and organise your attendance.

Formally I must also give notice that, on the three-year election rule, delegates from the following areas will need to elect, or re-elect, members of Council at the Congress: Birmingham, Buckingham, Derby, Reading and Shrewsbury. May I ask the current members of Council from those areas to ensure that parishes they represent are involved in local consultations that result in an acceptable proposal at Congress. It is each area that should decide whom it wants to be on Council on its behalf, and the methods used locally will understandably vary – some will involve the local FiF branch, for example, and some not. Remember that you can contact your current representative easily: I gave a full listing of names and contact details a couple of months ago and there is also information on the Ebbsfleet website.

Christopher Mott

The Bishop's Pastoral Letter

The Flower of Grass

MANY YEARS ago I read a little book by the Belgian poet and professor of Belgian studies, Emile Leon Cammaerts (1878-1953). The Flower of Grass made a great impression on me because it taught me, early on, how important the Middle Ages were. Belgium is a modern country, a country torn apart by successive world wars, and nowadays the centre of the European Union. The Low Countries (nowadays Belgium and Holland) were unrivalled centres of civilization in the Middle Ages: extraordinary churches, wonderful art, the centre of a whole style of musical composition. And much enriched by guilds: craftsmen, merchants, shopkeepers, religious associations.

Cammaerts' argument, as I remember it, was that we have lost the way of belonging together in community that they knew so much about in the Middle Ages. Instead of coming together in fellowships and guilds, we live our lives separately from one another. Cammaerts was writing over 60 years ago, at the end of the war. What he say is even truer now, of course. He was speaking not only about community but also about economics and trade. As we live through a crisis of capitalism – where incomes, mortgages, and savings have gone haywire – it would be good to look back to how things used to be. Not when we were young. But in a much earlier age. Before the rise of individualism. When God and not human beings were at the centre of human life.

I am not just talking about money. I am more than happy to leave economics to the economists: money is not something I know about. The last thing we need is priests peddling pet political theories. As the threat of a flu pandemic became news in May, people talked about 'social distancing' – to minimise the spread of the virus. But 'social distancing' (keeping ourselves to ourselves), has, in a different sense, produced loneliness and misery. We need to rediscover a sense of the corporate – our life together, and our dependence on one another. At its best, this is what the Church still has to teach a society which, at its worst, has even begun to lose a sense of family life. Perhaps our churches and our liturgies, our meetings and our fellowship, can help others rediscover what it is to be connected in community, the importance of Christian marriage, the need for children to be nurtured amidst a happy and secure home life. Such is the calling of the Christian community.

May One God, who is Three Persons in a community of love, richly bless you.

A Bouquet from St Paul

We celebrate the ending of the Year of St Paul on 29th June with a bouquet of verses: most of Romans 8, all of 1 Corinthians 13 and shorter extracts from other books. Older readers may be familiar with the Authorised (King James) Version of these texts. The version here is similar: the Revised Standard Version Second Catholic Edition, which we present to Ebbsfleet Confirmation candidates.

Romans 8:1–9
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you.

Romans 8:15–39
For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning with labour pains together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 13
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Philippians 2:5–11
Have this mind among yourselves, which was yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 4:4–8
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Colossians 1:15–20
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians.3:1–4
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life

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