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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Raised to God in glory

1st reading: Acts 1:1-11

Before Jesus is taken up to heaven he instructs the apostles about the kingdom and their mission to bear witness to him.

2nd reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may fill us with a deeper understanding of all the rich glories that he has promised we will inherit through the victory of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Before Jesus ascends to the right hand of God he commissions the apostles to take the Gospel to the whole of creation.

The gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit comes into our lives by invitation and works gently to help us reorientate our lives to God and to genuine values. In this way we are all called to integrity and holiness, and since life is a movement, to a development of our talents. I am glad to see in response to our prayers there is an increase in vocations to the priesthood. I might just mention here that our collection in GM for priests' training raised a generous £412.45. I have not yet heard from Wendover.

The spirit given to each one "blowing where he wills" is also given to the whole Church to maintain her in unity and help her develop in the service of mankind: "The glory of God is man fully alive". We help each other, one way or another, to achieve but also, when need be to endure patiently. An example is Daryl Hardman who has been honoured by the President of Belarusse for her work with children suffering from the radiation fall-out from Chernobyl. There is little we can do on our own, but with the help of others, great things. It is surely a great thing to help little ones whose life could be a misery towards comfort and happiness. Well done Daryl and her team!

In brotherhood and sisterhood, in community there is creative power to achieve more than just personal development or personal status. A key thing the Spirit does is help us grow in mutual affection and forgive each other when small rifts appear. In any sort of service one normally gets personally unnoticed most of the time as one just does one's duty, like a nun who simply joins in the prayers and say acts as bursar. St Teresa of Lisieux was quite keen on doing the sweeping.

There are exceptional lives. Most of us though have the task of leading an ordinary life well. I have some problem with the word counter cultural. The challenge seems to me to live out well what are good developments in our way of life, to belong to the team of those who drive safely, the team of those who look for work or keep their jobs, etc, etc. The Spirit helps us to that normal diligence by which we express what is positive in our culture. In England it is worth noticing that our

culture at its root is Christian, and Pope St Gregory the Great sent St Augustine to England in 598.AD. Perhaps it is the humanists and agnostics who through no fault of their own have not fully appropriated their culture. The Spirit comes to help them too so that all of us may find the right orientation for our people and mankind.

TVR

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15 am Mass at Wendover
Damien Hall after 11 am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners
Visitors are most welcome

Parish News

Philosophy

Tuesday, 8 pm in Damien House as usual. TVR

First Communion

Many thanks to everyone who made the celebrations of First Holy Communion such a success

Confirmation

The group will meet from 5.30 – 7 this Sunday in Damien Hall.

Novena of Prayer

This is a particularly good time of year for Novenas and, although we're now celebrating Ascension on Sunday there are still sufficient days until Bishop Peter comes to Immaculate Heart of Mary to celebrate Confirmation at 8.30 pm on Wednesday 30 May. Please pick up a blue leaflet to join the prayers for our candidates. More widely, there's a Novena for Evangelisation throughout the Diocese from 18-26 May. Please contact Joanna if you'd like more details or copies of either of these.

Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries: In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

At IHM Michael Leay, Helen Virth.

At St Anne's Lesley Matthey, Gerry Doyle, Josef Szhuka, Arthur Moore, Angela Larner.

Seasonal Intentions: During the Easter season we are asked pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church; Human work;

Priestly vocations; Right use of the media, esp 20 May;

The Church, esp 27 May (Pentecost).

The Micah Conversation

Taking forward Bishop Peter's vision for conversation and in preparation for the Year of Faith we'll be offering The Micah Conversation in our Pastoral Area in the Autumn. It's a process of reflection, prayer and conversation: a breathing space; a sacred pause for renewal. Our Orientation Day will be on Saturday, 22 September at St Teresa's, Princes Risborough. Then we'll have personal prayer and reflection and three local small group conversations before a final Day of Celebration and Discernment on Saturday 17 November at Princes Risborough. Put the dates in your diary now! Joanna Hale

Eileen Trickett died at home on Thursday 3 May, from heart failure. She was 85 but able to have a jog round the block, even the morning she died. Her faith meant a lot to her. She will be much missed by all her family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Suzi Nichols and Tim Trickett

The Saints

Having attended the first of six evenings (7.30 until 9 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Aylesbury) I found the one on St. Patrick informative and well presented, with a short time for discussion in groups between the two halves of the programme. Do give it a try - it is a CAFE production. Mary Sketch

IHM projector and screen

As a result of running the DVD Enrichment in Faith programme the parish purchased an excellent DVD player and projector. Additionally, we were given a large electronically controlled screen, which has been installed in the Hall. With these superb facilities there may be community building projects that they could be used for.

Another thought to ponder on. I have had one suggestion – anyone else like to come up with some other exciting ideas?
Maurice Roberts

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Diamond Jubilee in Great Missenden: organised by Churches Together

Helpers needed to set up on Sunday morning . If you can spare some time between 8.45 am and 10.45 am please talk to Maurice. Guess what, guys? I have one volunteer – – a lady! Please may we have another 7 /8 volunteers.

Events planned : Full details will follow.

Saturday 2 June : Evening Concert at St Peter & St Paul parish church .

Sunday 3 June : 11 am till 3 pm The BIG Picnic on Buryfield with a number of activities etc

Monday 4 June 9.15 pm St. Peter & St Paul : Brazier alight – welcome bells rung – fireworks display – refreshments – beacon lit on Frith Hill – National Anthem.

See notice at back of IHM church for details — plus banners and notices dotted around the area

Congratulations to Daryl Ann Hardman, chairwoman of Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice, who has been awarded the Order of Francisak Skaryna in recognition of her personal contribution to humanitarian and charitable activities in Belarus. The Order is the country's highest government award, granted by the President of Belarus. His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the United Kingdom and Ireland Mr Aleksandr Mikhnevich presented the award at a Belarusian cultural event in London recently. Daryl Ann thanked the President and people of Belarus and the ambassador, and said that she was touched to have been given this honour. After acknowledging the hard work of the trustees of Friends of BCH, she said that the real heroes were working in the Minsk Hospice looking after the children, giving them back their childhood for the months or years that they have left to live, when medicine cannot cure them. Peter Harper, Patron FBCH

Mission Today magazine

I have left the Summer copy at the back of IHM church for anyone to take but especially those who have APF red mission boxes. If anyone wishes to have their red box emptied please leave it in the Sacristy. I have left empty boxes there for you to take as a replacement on the side to the right of the sink.

Many thanks to those of you who have left your boxes there recently. Should you need me to come to your house to empty your box please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall be happy to arrange a time. With thanks, Zita McIntosh

IHM front car park

Starting on Monday 28 May repairs will be carried out to the front car park. Unfortunately this will mean it cannot be used for at least a week whilst new concrete sets.

We will try to time this so that it will not affect the weekends but if the work does run late please bear with us. In the meantime the lower car park will still be available.

If anyone has concerns they may contact me. Tony Hulme

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
29 June	7.30 pm	Mass at IHM to celebrate the feast of SS Peter & Paul and the fortieth anniversary of Canon Tim's ordination, with party to follow.
Sat 22 Sept		Orientation Day for The Micah Conversation at St Teresa's, Princes Risborough.
Sat 17 Nov		The Micah Conversation—Day of Celebration and Discernment, at Princes Risborough

Hall Bookings

Damien Hall Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre Sue Abbott

This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
Mon 21 May St Christopher Magellanes & companions	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Tue 22 May St Rita of Cascia	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 23 May	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 24 May	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	
Fri 25 May St Bede the Venerable	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 26 May St Philip Neri	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 27 May PENTECOST	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS