

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

14TH MAY 2017

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Acts ch 17 vv 22-31
Second Reading; 1 Peter 3 v. 13 –end
Gospel; John ch. 14 v 15-21

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Priest in charge:

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Lay ministry

Mrs Mary Rose

Church Wardens

Mrs Mary Rose, Mrs Margaret Simpson

Please pray for;

- **the sick;** Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Goodman, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Peggy Jefferson, David Lapham, Lynn Oldham, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, David Ross, Belinda Smith, Michael Vaughan

Years mind

17 Philip Ball. Clarice Tindall
18 Ted Harper, Katy Hurley

- The new child saints in Fatima, and those worshipping there this weekend
- Cyclists enjoying our city this weekend
- CAMEO members (!5th)
- Families everywhere. (International families day 15th)
- Social reformers (Caroline Chisholme 16th)
- Those who suffer from spinal injuries. (awareness day 19th)

Upcoming events ;

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| May | | | | |
| 15th | Monday | 7pm | CAMEO | church hall |
| 16th | Tuesday | 10am | Women's social group | church hall |
| 17th | Wednesday | 10am | Keep fit | church hall |
| | | 5pm | school governors meeting | school |
| 18th | Thursday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | church |
| | (Including a visit by year 1 who are learning about this topic) | | | |
| 21st | Sunday | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | church |

New saints Two child shepherds who claimed to have had holy visions in Fatima, Portugal have been made saints, during Pope Francis's trip to the pilgrimage site this weekend, the 100th anniversary of the first visions.

Jacinta and Francisco Marto who, along with their cousin Lucia Santos, claimed to have witnessed apparitions of the Virgin Mary in a miracle officially recognised by the Catholic Church since 1930.

After her first visit, the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to them several times over a six-month period, always on the 13th. This prompted thousands to gather on the spot on October 13, 1917, with several witnesses saying they had seen the sun "miraculously" dance in the sky.

She shared three major prophesies with the trio the first gave a vision of hell, while the second warned of a second devastating war and the rise of communist Russia. The following year the siblings, fell sick during the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic , with Francisco dying in 1919, and Jacinta following in 1920 . Their cousin Lucia later joined a convent and it was not until 1941 that she revealed the actual visions saving the third until 1957 when she was persuaded to write it down to be delivered to the Vatican. It described a vision of the death of a man robed in white that was believed to have been a prophecy of the 1981 assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II

Both the younger children were buried at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima which has become a notable site of pilgrimage, Four pontiffs will have visited the sanctuary , the most devoted was the late Pope John Paul II, who made three pilgrimages to the shrine. He attributed his narrow escape from death following an assassination attempt at St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981--- to the intervention of the Virgin Mary. He later donated the bullet extracted from his abdomen to the Fatima shrine. Francis approval of the miracle attributed to them, the curing of a Brazilian boy, was the final step needed before the children could be made saints. The Catholic Church posthumously confers sainthood on people considered so holy during their lives that they are now believed to be with God and can intercede with him to perform miracles. These are usually the medically unexplained healing of someone. Francisco and Jacinta Marto were beatified - the last step before sainthood - by Pope John Paul in 2000. The beatification process for Lucia Santos began after her death in 2005.

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