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Sunday, 29th April 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B
Mass Intention: Filomena Allen RIP

Hymns:

Entrance Hymn:	**269**	***Mass Settings:***			
Offertory Hymn:	**607**	**Kyrie:**	**488**	**Acclamation:**	**491**
Communion Hymn:	**643**	**Gloria:**	**489**	**Great Amen:**	**494**
Recessional Hymn:	**270**	**Sanctus:**	**490**	**Agnus Dei:**	**495**

WELCOME
For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.
There will be a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use.
After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS
The plate collection for last Sunday was **£209.48.**

MINISTRIES TODAY

Celebrant:	Fr Aidan Murray SDB
Readers:	Mrs S Cole; Mrs E Haddon
Extraordinary Minister	Mr P Beal; Mrs G Edwards; Mrs P Rossiter; Mr J Thompson
Welcome Team:	Mrs M Casey; Mrs P Ryan
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs Y Spreadborough

SERVICES THIS WEEK
Wed 2nd May: *St Athanasius, bishop, doctor*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Regina Coeli
1200hrs – Holy Mass
David Ford RIP

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 6th MAY 2018

Readers:	Ms C Collis; Mrs C Pritchard
Extraordinary Minister	Mr P Brooks; Mr D Beal; Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs J Hall
Welcome Team:	Mrs A Gosnell; Mrs G Hyman
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs R Rossiter

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions,

ECUMENICAL VENTURE
From the Ascension to Pentecost (10th – 20th May) Christians of all denominations will be praying for the evangelisation of the people as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Now in its third year, the event hopes to build momentum from 2017 when more than 85 countries from Canada to Australia, South Sudan to Japan, took part and it's hoped that this year even greater numbers of individuals, families and churches will be involved. Details of how to take part, together with resources and video-links may be found at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34800

PROVIDING SUSTENANCE
The local Food Bank continues to need the support of willing and generous individuals to assist them in delivering a vital service to the most needy. The box at the back of church is available to receive any items that might be donated, but financial giving may be made direct to Mary Casey who will purchase those things that are in particular demand. Details of the organisation's work may be found at: www.farnborough.foodbank.org.uk

PAPAL PREACHING
During his homily at Mass in Casa Santa Marta last Friday morning, The Holy Father said heaven is the place of eternal joy in the face-to-face encounter with Jesus, not just some boring place as some imagine. Pope Francis said we must often recall this idea: 'I am travelling in life to meet Jesus.' This meeting will make us happy forever, he said. Further content and reflection may be seen at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34799

PARISH WALK
Our annual community stroll through a beautiful part of the local countryside will take place on Saturday, 2nd June. The event is being coordinated by Geoff and Fran Scott once again, and a form is available at the back of church for everyone interested (including non-walkers who wish to meet up for lunch only) to complete with their details and dietary choices/preferences.

TEACHING POINT
The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ('Queen of Heaven' in Latin) is a tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although its origins are unknown, it is confidently assumed to date back to the 13th century. It is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. Traditionally it is prayed at noon in place of the Angelus during the Easter Season. This prayer reminds us at Easter, and throughout the year for that matter, of how much we have to be thankful for, even in the midst of our daily trials. When our Lord conquered death in His resurrection he opened the gates of Heaven for us to be able to share Eternal Life with Him there, along with his Mother, the saints, and our loved ones, remembering that in our prayers to Mary, we are not worshipping her *instead* of our Lord, but rather worshipping Him *through* her.

AND FINALLY …
… life may not have taken you where you intended to go, but faith is about believing you've ended up where you needed to be.

With every blessing
Fr Nick