



Dear friends,

May, the month of Mother Mary has begun!

Spring has arrived, we enjoyed our first sunny days, our king is now a year older (since April 27), the rhododendrons/ azaleas are blooming (in the Arboretum; worthwhile to visit!), and so are our live streamed Masses and moments for Adoration !

In this newsletter the changes in the Adoration schedule, information about May 4 and 5, Dutch National Memorial Days, and two requests to you all for May 4.

A summary of the General information of our Parish in relation to the Corona crisis (what times live streamed Masses can be seen, how to request for Mass intentions, how to contribute to the collection, etcetera) can be found [HERE](#)

Have a blessed week!

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A change in the Adoration schedule

The coming week, the Holy Sacrament will be exposed for you on:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 6:00 - 7:30 AM

Tuesday from 17:00 - 20:00 PM

Thursday from 15:00 - 20:00 PM

Saturday from 19:45 - 21:45 PM

So, Adoration sometimes starts a little earlier and ends a little later than before.

The schedule for the week after (May 11 - May 15) is not clear yet.

Some things may be organized then.

For more information: adorationholysacrament@gmail.com.

You can also subscribe for all Adoration information on that email-address.

May 4 and 5, Dutch National Memorial Days



In the Netherlands, every year, on May 4 we commemorate victims of war, and on May 5 we celebrate the fact that we live in freedom. Since it is exactly 75 years ago on May 5 that the Netherlands were liberated from the German occupying forces, the commemorative events would be extra special this year. However, due to the corona crisis, these events will not take place as planned. Various (virtual) alternatives will be organized and a lot of attention will also be paid to all national activities on Dutch TV.



Two requests to you all for May 4:

Would you all please also observe our 2 minutes of silence at 8pm?

Would you all please also light and pass on your own Freedom Fire at/from 9pm?

Explanation requests

Would you all please also observe our 2 minutes of silence at 8pm on May 4?

The national observance of Remembrance Day in the Netherlands takes place on 4 May, at 8pm. At that moment, two minutes of silence are observed throughout the country to commemorate Dutch victims of war. ("Even a number of online social networks encourage users to honour the two minutes of silence on 4 May. Public transport and road traffic essentially come to a standstill throughout the whole country at 8pm").

Would you all please also light and pass on your own Freedom Fire at/from 9pm on May 4?

Every year in the night of 4-5 May, the Freedom Fire is spread from Wageningen by runners all over the Netherlands. This year, the Mayor of Wageningen, Geert van Rumond hands over the Freedom Fire in front of Hotel de Wereld. This is also the time when you can put a candle in the window yourself. You can even pass on your own freedom fire digitally via the website www.vrijheidsvuur.nl. In this way we jointly spread the freedom fire across the Netherlands.

May 4 and 5 in Wageningen, all official events will be filmed

May 4 onset 18:45 filmed by RTV Rijnstreek, livestreamed on: <https://www.rtvrijnstreek.nl/>

onset 21:00 The Freedom Fire. Filmed by Omroep Gelderland:
livestreamed on their [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

May 5 onset 15:00 Placing flags / music at the "5 Mei plein". Filmed by Omroep Gelderland:
livestreamed on their [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

May 4 and 5, More information

Ever since the end of the Second World War (this year 75 years ago!), the Netherlands has been commemorating its dead on May 4. As from 1961, the Dutch victims of the Second World War are remembered together with Dutch victims of other conflicts, wars and peacekeeping missions that have taken place since the outbreak of the Second World War in the Netherlands.

On May 5, the Netherlands celebrate the absence of war, the restoration of the constitutional state after the Second World War and the fact that it enables us to live in freedom.

For more information, see <http://www.4en5mei.nl/english>

Wageningen has played an important role in the Act of Surrender of 1945 of the German forces in the Netherlands, see https://www.wageningen.nl/Bestuur/Gemeentearchief/Capitulation_Act