

Parish News

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 7th May, 2017

Prayer of St. John Paul II for vocations

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: "Come follow Me!" Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, deacons and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the idea of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died about this time, including Father Philip Morris and Pascoal Fernandes



Responsorial psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.
Alleluia!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday for the Fourth Sunday of Easter **Mass 6.00 pm** (our parish family)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter **Mass: 10.00 am** (Eileen Mulcahy)

Holy hour for vocations: 2.30 pm

Monday, Easter feria **Mass: 10.15 am**

Tuesday Easter feria **Mass: 10.15 am**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: in the sacristy: 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Instruction in the Faith at 6.30 pm

Wednesday Easter feria **Mass: 9.30 am**

Thursday St. John Houghton and the Blessed Martyrs of Nottinghamshire **Mass: 10.15 am**

Friday SS Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs **Mass: 11.30 am**

Saturday Our Lady of Fatima **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 to 11.30 am**

Saturday for the Fifth Sunday of Easter **Mass: 6.00 pm**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter **Mass: 10.00 am**

Please note:

The special collection at Masses this weekend is for the clergy formation fund. (See overleaf)

Fourth Week of Easter

Car park Eugene Krajewski
Anna Rogalska

Welcoming Sue Donegan
Michael Browning

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning, group 2 Barbara and Mike Swaby

Flowers Charlita O'Neill

Little Church Anne/Martha

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Anne Mear/Marion Smith
Little Church

Readers Saturday Ben Hanwell
Liz Peto

Sunday Pat Blakeman
Jane McGovern

Fifth Week of Easter

Car park Marion Smith
Nick Spolton

Welcoming June Ellis
Sue Donegan

Altar linen Alice Rossiter

Church cleaning, group 3 Mary and Roy Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Alice Rossiter

Little Church Judy/Rosa

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Nick Spolton

Offertory procession Denice Middlebrook
Little Church

Saturday Marion Smith
Bill Martindale

Sunday Jane McGovern
Nick Spolton

Please pray also for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Martin Bell, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Marcello Calcagno, Pat Clement, Paul Croker, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, John Garratt, Mimi Gunn, Alan Hanley, Peggy and Stan Hart, Bob Hill, Father Chris Hogan (previously a member of this parish), Dianne Keaton, Tom and Brenda McLaughlin, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Philips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Gerard Smith, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henriek Waszczuk, Lesley Weldon and Anne and Ken Woods.

Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests Fund

We welcome this weekend Monsignor Brian Dazeley who will speak to us about the diocesan Sick and Retired Priests Fund

Prayers for priests, deacons and religious

Bishop Patrick has asked that, on each day of this year, we all pray especially for a named priest, deacon or religious of the diocese. This week:

Today	Father Peter Ingman
Monday	Deacon Richard Jones
Tuesday	Father Kevin Clark
Wednesday	Canon Geoffrey Hunter
Thursday	Father Jimmy Browne
Friday	Father Paul Lloyd
Saturday	Deacon John Wilford

"Our God will have mercy and give grace according to our trust in him"

Holy hour for vocations

Our holy hour for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is **this Sunday, at 2.30 pm**. All are welcome to attend. **Deacon Tony**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy on Tuesday, from 8.00 am till 4.30 pm.

Instruction in the Faith ...

continues on Tuesday, 9th May, at 6.30 pm, in the sacristy. **Deacon Tony**

Clergy formation fund

The second collection **this weekend** is the **annual collection** for the clergy formation fund. Donations are covered by the parish Gift Aid scheme, so

parishioners who wish their donation to be gift aided should place their donation in, and write their name on, one of the envelopes provided at the end of the benches. Parishioners using the boxes of envelopes should use the special envelope provided in the box.

The monthly diocesan collection, which normally takes place on the first weekend of each month, will be taken **next weekend**, 13th and 14th May.

Monday coffee

We'll be serving tea or coffee in the parish hall on Monday, as usual, from 10 am till noon. Pop in for a cuppa!

Our next lunch in the parish hall is this Wednesday, 10th May, at 12.30 for 1.00 pm.

June Ellis

Parish bingo

The weekly bingo session will be held in the parish hall at 8.00 pm. Come and join us; you will be among friends and, of course, you could win some prizes! **Kath Duthie**

Parish pastoral council

The next meeting of the parish pastoral council will be this **Wednesday**, in the presbytery, starting at 7.30 pm

Baptism course

Parents who would like their children baptised in the near future should approach Father Michael or Deacon Tony so that arrangements can be made for the necessary instruction for parents and godparents in preparation for the reception of their child/children. The next course of instruction will be held after Easter, to give time for parents to respond to this request.

If you go to hospital

If, when you are admitted to hospital, or, if that is not possible, as soon after as you can, make sure that it is entered on your notes that you are a Catholic.

Make sure that the ward sister knows that, should you become very ill, the hospital chaplain is to be called immediately to give you the Sacrament of the Sick.

Should you be in hospital for more than two or three days, ask the ward sister to ask the chaplain to bring you Holy Communion.

If you can let me know that you are going into hospital, I can let the hospital chaplain know that you are there and I can give you the Sacrament of the Sick before you go.

If you are sick at home

If you are ill at home and are not able to get out to Mass, or if you need some shopping, collecting a prescription, etc., please let me know. A visit from a Eucharistic minister can be arranged, so that you can have Holy Communion brought to you, or you can contact one of the Eucharistic ministers directly yourself.

Offertory giving – March, 2017

Gift Aided standing orders	£1,864.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£236.80
Gift Aided other	£100.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,201.30
Payroll giving	£492.86
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£162.00
Loose plate	£787.31
Total non-Gift Aided	£949.31
Total offertory giving	£3,643.47

FOR SALE

Fridge, nearly new £30.

For more information, contact the presbytery: 01529 302529