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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY YEAR A MAY 7th 2017

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ the Shepherd brings us life. God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because He lays down His life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by His wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Joseph Anthony McDaid who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this Saturday afternoon. The second of May's baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday 11th May at 8.00pm. All are welcome. **This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday** ; it is a special time of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. The theme for prayer is 'Led by the Spirit for Mission.' There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. You may find the Vocations website helpful.

www.vocations.org.uk **We will say some additional prayers** during the Rosary this coming week in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Saturday 13th May marks the centenary of the first apparition of Our Lady to the three children of Fatima. On this day, Pope Francis will canonize two of the children, Francesco and Jacinta, who were brother and sister. You may be able to watch the Pope's visit to Fatima on E.W.T.N. Channel No 589 **On Sunday 14th May we will hold a Rosary Rally** here at St Augustine's. There will be a Holy Hour at 2pm; Mass at 3pm, followed by a May Procession. We would like to encourage the families of our First Holy Communion Children to come along for the 3.00pm Mass and May Procession. Please would you bring some petals or blossom with you.

The second of our Meetings for the parents of our First Holy Communion Children will take place on Wednesday 17th May at 8pm in the Parish Hall. There will be free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **Christian Aid Week** will take place from the 14th to 20th May. Please see inside Newsletter for details. At the end of next weekend's Masses, we will have a simple commissioning of those Parishioners who will be acting as Collectors during Christian Aid Week. **Please note we have changed** the date of Night Fever to Saturday 27th May, 7pm-9pm .

Please note Mass on Tuesday morning beging at 9.45am; there is a Requiem on Thursday, 11th May at 10am for Angela D'Arcy.

**Offertory Collection last week: £1,059:14 (Gift Aid £264:55 Loose £794:59)
Second Collection this week- The Clergy Training Fund**

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life Dates: 26th - 28th May 2017
Location: Broadstairs, Kent The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It is an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Catholic Women's League (CWL) Sale of Home-made Cakes, raffle and lunches after Mass on Saturday 6th May and after Sunday Masses 7th May, In aid of Syrian Refugees. Please support us.

In 2018, Pope Francis will meet Bishops and others to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering, they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and connection with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Mega Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>

or by searching for 'Catholic Mega Youth Poll.' If you are over this age limit but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th-20th May 2017- Saturday 13th May 10am-2pm Solihull Methodist Church : Coffee Morning; Car washing Ploughman's lunch; Cakes, Plants, Jams and Preserves. See poster/leaflets in porch for details.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE/ HOLIDAY- Some last minute places have become available on a Pilgrimage from Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Shirley to the Marian Shrines of southern Italy including Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. Flights from Birmingham. Dates: Mon. 25th Sept. to Mon. 2nd Oct. 2017. Cost £949 per person. If interested please contact Paddy Brennan Tel. 0121 744 5346.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL- Each Year, Year 6 pupils at St Augustine's School invite the slightly more senior Parishioners to a Harvest Tea. This year on Monday 12th June 10am, we would like to invite you to a Morning Coffee. Those who attended in the past will be receiving an invite soon but if you have not come previously & would like to join us please contact Mrs T Willmott 0121 705 4355- email the School Office at office@st-augustine.solihull.sch.uk by Monday 22nd May.

WALSINGHAM- Saturday 13th May 2017 for those who have paid for their seat and hence confirmed their booking, coach leaves Holy Family Church Small Heath at 7.15am and Corpus Christi Stechford at 7.30am

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Gerry Coburn <i>YEAR 4 SCHOOL</i>	9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle <i>Joan & Dan Doyle</i>
11.00am Chris Hodrien Juliana Benjamin	11.00am Eilish Duffy Eilish Duffy
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning May 8th for Services May 13th/14th -F	
Mary Congdon, Geraldine Saunders, Philip Saunders, Bob Ashman	
Flower Rota: - for week beginning May 8th for Services May 13th/14th-Madeleine Coburn	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan
Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy	Mick Green
Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler	Patrick Gallagher
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton	Chris Docker
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou	Julia Taleekder
Richard Bird	Suzanne RhodenTench	Tony Duffy	Patrick Brogan

Pope Benedict XVI Emeritus issued a message for Vocations Sunday. In his message, Pope Benedict says: "It is in this soil of self-offering and openness to the love of God, and as the fruit of that love, that all vocations are born and grow. By drawing from this wellspring through prayer, constant recourse to God's word and to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, it becomes possible to live a life of love for our neighbours, in whom we come to perceive the face of Christ the Lord."

Vocation Prayer:

Lord Jesus,
you said to your disciples:
"The harvest indeed is great
but the labourers are few." We ask that we may know
and follow the vocation
to which you have called us. We pray for those called to serve
those whom you have called,
those you are calling now,
and those you will call in the future.
May they be open and responsive
to the call of serving your people.



Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"

Please pray for: Angela D'Arcy (Reception Wednesday 10th May, Requiem, Thursday 11th May 10am)
Peter Griffin(Requiem Olton Friary, Wednesday 10th May 10.15am;Reception Tuesday 9th May 5pm) Helen
Treanor(Requiem Friday 19th May 11.00am; Reception Thursday 11th May, 7.00pm) Doreen Hughes(Service
Woodlands Cemetery, Wednesday 17th May; 1.00pm) Mary Edge and Sally Meehan who died recently. Also Gloria Cox,
Percy Plant, Kenneth Walter Walton, Daniel Lynch, Frederick Leslie Burt, Mary Walton, Leslie Docker,
Jocelyn Clare Hawker, Sheila Ann Callaghan, Margaret Dansk, Annie & Robert Dansk, Francis McKeown, Joseph
Cassidy, Josephine Walker and Jennifer Doyle whose anniversaries are at this time.

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