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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 3rd May 2020

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.)

We have received a letter from Father Michael Dolman, the Vocations' Director, for this Sunday, which is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. Father Michael has also sent some inspiring material which you will find highlighted on the Parish website. There is a beautiful letter from Pope Francis adapted for young people. **Pope Francis** has asked us to pray the Rosary together as a Parish Family and individual families throughout the month of May. He has written two accompanying prayers: again these are available on the Parish website.

You may wish to join the live streaming of the Rosary at 7pm each evening from my friend's Parish of Christ the King, in Coventry- it is a good time for the children to end the day and might form part of their bedtime prayers.

On Thursday last our Evangelisation members met by Skype, kindly arranged by James Oliver. **We are particularly keen to help** our parents with young children. We understand that these times may be difficult for our young families, especially with the uncertainty around work. **Would any of our young parents** wish to participate in a prayer time through social media? We also thought of forming a group for reflection and discussion on Scripture. If you are interested please would you let Father Dominic or Deacon Kevin know.

Do you know of any elderly relative, friend, or neighbour who does not have a computer and would appreciate receiving a Newsletter? Please let us know and we will post one to them.

We appreciate that some of you may be struggling financially. If, however you are in a position to continue your Sunday Offerings you may wish to consider Gift aiding by Standing Order. Forms may be down loaded from the Diocesan website or if requested we can send you a Gift Aid and Standing Order Form by post.

Please remember in your prayers Father Andrew who is unwell at the present time, not because of the Coronavirus, but as a result of a change in his medication. If you would like to send him a card Father Dominic will provide you with his address.

Thank you for all the ways you are demonstrating your discipleship, through your prayers, your family commitments, through offering up the restrictions placed on us, through the evident love your hearts bear for the Lord.

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| <p>2nd May Saturday St Athanasius</p> | <p>Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69 Agnes Edwards- RIP Mike Dunne- RIP</p> | |
| <p>3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p> | <p>Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10 All People of the Parish Carberry Family- Intentions</p> | |
| <p>4th May Monday FEAST English Martyrs</p> | <p>Acts 7:55-60 Matthew 10:17-20 Julia Anne Taylor-RIP Lucy McGinnell-RIP</p> | |
| <p>5th May Easter Feria Tuesday</p> | <p>Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30 Father Antony Conlon-RIP Mary Ryan-Intentions & Patrick Ryan-RIP</p> | |
| <p>6th May Wednesday Easter Feria</p> | <p>Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50 Melissa Brown-RIP Jackie Powers-RIP</p> | |
| <p>7th May Thursday Easter Feria</p> | <p>Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20 Sister Ellen-RIP Vincent Cullen-RIP</p> | |
| <p>8th May Easter Feria Friday</p> | <p>Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 Nuala & Brian Hermohan-Intentions Tom Healy-RIP & Deceased Members of Paulger & Healy Families</p> | |
| <p>9th May Saturday St Athanasius</p> | <p>Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14 Mrs Lavery-RIP Charles Cassidy-RIP</p> | |
| <p>10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> | <p>Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12 All People of The Parish Peter Tickell-Intentions</p> | |

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twainoneflesh.org.uk Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10) Feeding your sheep

John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep'. God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist. With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today 'addictions'. That's being good shepherds.

Letter of the Holy Father to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020 -- The Holy Rosary The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also including a prayer to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary.

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. *We fly to your protection,*

O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin

CAFOD UPDATE

We are facing an unprecedented emergency in every country we work in; and we are also mindful, each day, of people in our own Catholic community here in England and Wales who are unable to attend Mass; people worried and overstretched; of those who have tragically lost loved ones, and of those who were already enduring loneliness and are now in isolation. We need to respond in faith, hope and love. And so in faith, hope and love, we are reaching out to you. We know all too well that things are far from straightforward in all our parishes right now. We, as a global family, have never faced a crisis of this magnitude –in our own communities, and those communities CAFOD works with. But the scale is unimaginable in the most vulnerable communities of our world, and so as of today, we are appealing for support for our emergency response. [Click here for more details](#) Those communities with nothing, who have everything stacked against them, - our brothers and sisters - have never needed your love and support so much.

cafod.org.uk/parishes has a **two-minute video message from me about the appeal**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| Keith Frettsome | Martin Yates | Virginia Gregory, | Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy | Martha Sheridan |
| Joan Kennedy | Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole Sue Hodrien |
| Trevor Windle | Colette Hickey | Danny Meadows | Kathleen Beale | Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan |

Pope Benedict XVI Emeritus issued a message for Vocations Sunday. In his message, Pope Benedict said: “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.



Please pray for: Julia Anne Taylor (Monday 4th May, 10.30am, Robin Hood), Jackie Powers (Wednesday 6th May Robin Hood, 4pm), Karen Stoakes (Tuesday 19th May Robin Hood, 11am) Neil Robberds, Thomas Michael Hughes (26th May 10am, Robin Hood), Bishop Leo McCartie,(12th May) Father Antony Conlon,(May 5th) Father Andy Kenny,(15th May) Father Tim Burke, Patrick (Pat) Byrne, William(Bill) Byrne (22nd May 10am Robin Hood) who died recently.

Also Patrick Ryan, Mary Hannah Murphy, Pamela Smith, Joseph Charles Callaghan, Helenah Oldfield, Veronica Jordan,Michael Rochfort, Ken White,Selena Helena Beggan, Wincenty (Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne,Maria Milik, Gloria Cox, Percy Plant, Kenneth Walter Walton, Daniel Lynch, Josph Farmer and Frederick Leslie Burt and all with anniversaries at this time.

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