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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May to 10 May 2020

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

Listen to God during Mass

Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41;

Ps 22;

1 Peter 2:20-25;

John 10: 1-10

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is 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 providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Pope Francis

One of those prayers to Our Lady can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Margaret Dunne, Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk, Lenard Turner, Leah Hobson, Bridget Murphy**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Michael Sullivan, Vera Morgan, Michael Slattery, Bridget Donnelly, Dyzma Finch, Edward Reeves, Eamon Connors, Carol Corish, Mary Hannon, Mary Nash, Eileen Pitt, Mary Richards, Philomena Roberts, Joyce Tandy, Christina Moody, Dorothy Clarke and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD

As our Shepherd, Jesus puts us at ease in fresh and green pastures and leads us to restful waters. He nourishes us with everything we require for life. In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us when he says: For my flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He who receives me with faith abides in me and I in him or her. There is nothing more wonderful than knowing the Lord has a loving relationship with us through our faith. We have to stay close to him to avoid the temptations of the evil one. Stay close to Jesus in prayer telling him how we wish to place our faith in him. To listen to his voice speaking to us in our hearts. Good Shepherd, keep our eyes fixed on you as you lead us to eternal life. 'Lord God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us that which is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever' (Hebrews 13).

DEACON TERRY

This Week Saturday 2nd May – 10th May (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 2nd May Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10:00am Stanley Davies RIP	
Sunday 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Mr and Mrs White, Harold Johnson and Edna Jones	
Monday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs	10:00am Joe Greaves RIP	
Tuesday 5th May Easter Feria	10:00am Paddy Doocey	
Wednesday 6th May Easter Feria	10:00am Linda Concannon RIP	
Thursday 7th May Easter Feria	10:00am Mr & Mrs Phillips	
Friday 8th May Easter Feria	10:00am Seamus Finnerty	
Saturday 9th May Easter Feria	10:00am Brian McClarnon	
Sunday 10th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Ints. of Eamon Connors, Val & Toni Family	

SUNDAY OFFERTOERY COLLECTIONS

I would like to place on record a sincere thanks to all those who have had concern about our parish finance and putting their Gift Aid Envelopes and Offertory Donations through the Presbytery door in the last few weeks. Thank you so much for your continued support to your parish. There are many parishioners who had enquired about how to give offertory donations. The simple and easy way is to set up a standing order, if you can. To set up a standing order please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who are in the Gift - Aid Scheme, the Gift - Aid Envelope Boxes for the current year are available now from the Parish Office. I hope that many of you are going for a walk (daily exercise), if so please pop in to the Parish Office or the Presbytery and collect your Gift - Aid Envelop Box. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation in this unprecedented time.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£260.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**GREAT BARR FOOD
BANK**

We are low on all stock; milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam and biscuit/snack bars. Any donations can be brought to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

Next Sunday's Mass

Readings:

Acts 6:1-7;

Ps 32;

1 Peter 2: 4-9;

John 14: 1-12

Prayer to Our Lady

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.*