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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

YEAR C

**7th May to 15th May
2022**

**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 13:14, 43-52;

Ps 99; Apocalypse

7;9, 14-17;

John 10:27-30

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is also the "World day of prayer for vocations". Each year on this Sunday the Church reflects on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of His flock. As Jesus takes care of his flock, we need today pastors as His extended hands to continue His mission on this earth. Therefore we pray to God for good vocations to priesthood and religious orders. More particularly at this time we find everywhere a shortage of priests and religious to take up the caring ministry of Jesus. That is why one Sunday in the Church's year is dedicated to prayer for vocations.

Everyone who is entrusted with care of others is shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses etc are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare and guarding them from physical and spiritual danger.

All of us in our own way spend our lives in the care of others. This Sunday is an occasion to think about our lives, and how we are responsible for our duties as shepherds and if we are in good personal relationship with the Good Shepherd Jesus, He will guide us and show us the path to go on.

It is also an good time to pray for our Holy Father and for our Bishops and Priests who shepherd the Church of Jesus Christ in our day. Our prayers and support are also very much needed for the seminarians who are undergoing formation in different seminaries all over the world. All our endeavours on this score will help them to grow in ardent love and zeal for souls.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember, Bernard Small, Bridget Dix, Anne Giles, Madeline Owen, Rev. Alan Fortune, Michael Hart, William Richards, Mary Ward, Patricia O'Brien, Ellen Harris, Brian Ensor, Irene Povey, Joseph Greaves, Mary Boyle, Hugh Marshall, Charles Lloyd, Thomas Nugent, Arthur Griffiths, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The first Holy Communion is on Sunday 10th July at 10:30am. The preparation sessions start on Sunday 5th June. More details to follow after Easter.

PIETY STALL

The Piety stall will be open on this weekend of 8th/9th May and 14th/15th May for Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards and gifts. The Confirmations are 18th and 19th May 2022.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MISSIONS

There is a list in the Church Porch of the Masses sent to the Missions as agreed with those who requested the Mass.

PRESBYTERY WORK

Thanks to a generous legacy donation, we can now carry out a long over due upgrade to the kitchen at the Presbytery. The work has already started and we hope it will be completed soon.

This Week Saturday 7th May - Sunday 15th May (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 7th May Easter Feria	12:30pm John Peach R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 8th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND	8:30 am Ints of May Dorr 10:30 am Ints of Rosaleen and Brendan Grogan	12:00pm Baptism
Monday 9th May Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 10th May Easter Feria	Hede Grigmuth R.I.P Private Mass	
Wednesday 11th May Easter Feria	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Ints of Rosaleen and Brendan Grogan	6:30pm Reconciliation Service for Confirmation Children St Mark's School
Thursday 12th May Easter Feria	11:30am Mass in Church Marie McNally R.I.P	
Friday 13th May Easter Feria	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Luke Roarty R.I.P	
Saturday 14th May Feast of St Matthias, Apostle	12:30pm Margaret Dunne R.I.P Eileen Cafferty	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 15th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30 am Holy Souls 10:30 am Ints of Trevor Tubb Regina Bailey R. I. P	10:30am St Mark's School, Commitment Mass for FHC Children

**Last Week's
Offertory**

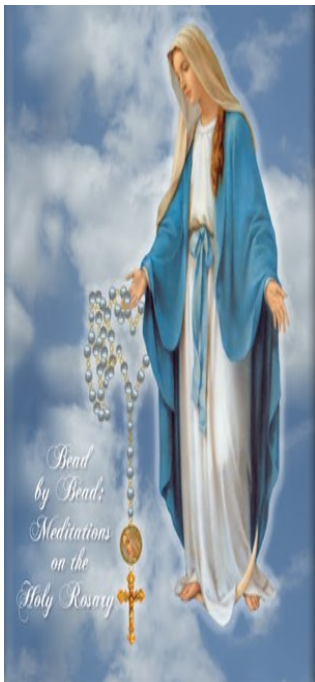
**Collection:
£365.56**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£186.50**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
April
£1699.5**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:243**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Acts 14:21-27;

Ps144;

Apocalypse

21:1-5;

John 13:31-35

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GREAT BARR FOOD BANK

It turns out that the missing basket and items for the Food Bank had been mislaid rather than taken. Apologies for that. However, due to the work being carried out in the Presbytery at the moment, we will place the basket in the Church Porch as explained last week. As the Food Bank is only open one day a week, they cannot accept fresh fruit or vegetables or home baked items. Everything needs a long shelf life to be of use to the clients. Thank you for your continuing support.

SANDWELL CHILDREN'S TRUST

Sandwell Children's Trust have contacted us to know if there is anyone in the parish who might be interested in becoming a foster parent. If this is something you would like to consider, the person to contact is Brian McKinstrie of Sandwell Fostering Service. Please contact him at brian_mckinstrie@sandwellchildrenstrust or phone 0121 569 8558 / 07825 906561.

MARRIAGE CARE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic marriage Care are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators in the Birmingham Team to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples. If you are interested, please contact Alicia – aliciaobrien@btinternet.com or Christina at Birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org.uk

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send
labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.