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Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 22nd April 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. Christ the Good Shepherd lays down His life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God's love is when He allows us to be called His children. We do so only in the name of the Lord Jesus and we can be sure that through Him one day we shall see God as He really is in Himself.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal preparation evenings for May will take place on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th May at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We are organising a Parish Walk in the Bluebell Woods at Wootton Wawen on Sunday 13th May, leaving after 11am Mass. We will start the Walk at 1pm meeting in the Courtyard at the Yew Tree Farm. Forms will be available for you to sponsor 'Liam', Father Dominic's canine friend. Proceeds will go towards the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship group.

You are very welcome to attend the afternoon on Ignatian Spirituality which will take place on Saturday 28th April between 3pm-4.30pm in the Parish hall. The central theme is 'Discernment' What is of God and what isn't of God? Mrs Anne Cartwright will lead the discussion.

Father Philip Griffin of Holy Family Church, Small Heath, is organising a coach to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which takes place on Saturday 12th May, leaving Holy Family at 7am and returning at 9pm. The cost will be £15 per person plus the Diocesan Levy (£3). To book a place, pilgrims will need to telephone Fr Philip at Holy Family Church- 0121 772 0059. There is a secure locked car park where cars can be left safely for the day.

Fr Paul has decided to give up driving his car. It is a Mokker Vauxhall which is 4 years old with 4,200 miles on the clock. If anyone is interested in buying it please get in touch with Fr Paul.

Pope Francis has written a reflection on the call to Holiness, entitled 'Gaudete et Exsultate'- 'Rejoice and be glad'. There are copies available from the Piety- priced £4.95

Prosperity Raymond, the country manager in Haiti for Christian Aid, will share something of the experience of the people and the work of Christian Aid as they recover from two major natural disasters with the support of fund-raisers.6pm Sunday 29th April at Christ Church in central Solihull - 741 Warwick Road B91 3DG; opposite House of Fraser.

21st April Saturday	Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 12.30pm Irene Nicholson-Intention Michael Kiely-RIP Pauling Jackson-RIP	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
22nd April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 9.00am Mrs Chris Cotter-Intention 11.00am Helen Treanor-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses
23rd April Monday SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE <i>Patron Saint of England</i>	Apocalypse 12:10-12 John 15:18-21 OR John 15:1-8 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John, Angela & Family-Intentions Anthony(Tony) Pollock-Intentions	Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Journey in faith 10.45am- Presbytery
24th April Tuesday Easter Feria <i>St Adalbert/ St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Eilish & Tony-Intentions Anne O'Donnell-RIP	Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group 7.00pm
25th April Wednesday FEAST St Mark	1 Peter 5:5-14 John 13:16-20 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Anthony Thompson-RIP Philip Graham-RIP	Parents & Toddlers Group Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm
26th April Thursday Easter Feria	Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20 12.05am The Rosary 12.30am Ann McNally-Intention Mary Ryan-Intention & Patrick Ryan-RIP Pat Heary- RIP	Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.00pm-12.30pm SVP Meeting 7.00pm
27th April Friday Easter Feria	Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Marie, Seamus Gavney-Intentions 6.30pm Joseph Filan-RIP	Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
28th April Saturday	Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 12.30pm Michael Barnard- RIP Clara Betts-RIP Natasha Ratnaraja-Intention	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
29th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 9.00am Joseph Duffy-RIP 11.00am Mary & John Edge-RIP	Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses

Offertory Collection last week: £1,104:70(Gift Aid £181:58 Loose £923:12)

NO TO DECRIMINALISING ABORTION- Please see petitions to be signed in the porch also leaflets with details. **Also MARCH FOR LIFE May 5th 2018** London. A coach to be arranged for those who wish to partake in this March. A Coach list is available in the main porch if you wish to take part in this March. £15 payable in advance.

SOLIHULL FAITHS FORUM- Urgently require a representative to join the Faiths Forum Steering Group. A chance to get your voice heard. 6 Meetings a year-held on Tuesdays at 6pm Please speak with Fr Dominic if interested.

JOURNEY IN FAITH- Monday mornings 10.45am Presbytery. Theme 'Let It Be' a 5 week course 'How Mary Helps Us..

There is an appeal from Tabor House, the night shelter in Digbeth, for Volunteers to help with the care of the homeless. Also, Tabor House are advertising two vacancies, please see poster in porch for details.

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent "

Let It Be, a course on Mary to be run every Tuesday during May. Using the CaFE course, Let it Be, Fr Paul Johnson and Brian Greany will explore how Mary helps us to be filled with God. Using stunning video, scripture reflections and prayer we can each move closer to holiness. Details from the notice or telephone St Ambrose Barlow on 0121 777 4524

The 9am Children's Liturgy group is an important part of our Parish activity and has been attended by many young people in the Parish over the years it has been running. We are looking for new helpers to deliver the classes (approximately once every six weeks). No previous experience is necessary and you will be fully supported with all resources supplied. Experience gained is useful for anyone looking to find a job in a school or other children's organisation. For further information please talk to Father Dominic, Kate Maddock, Anita Melrose or Susan Cotter.

You are invited to join us at a CHARITY LUNCH on Saturday 28th April after the 12:30 Mass, in the PARISH CENTRE . Run by the CWL, Catholic Women's League, to raise funds for our small group and for CWL charities including Relief and Refugee, the Services Committee and Our Lady's Catechists. Enjoy a LUNCH, buy some of our delicious HOME-MADE CAKES and HOME-MADE MARMALADE and try your luck on the PRIZE RAFFLE . Please come along and support us . April 29th Sunday 2018

Fr Kieran Fitzsimons & Ruby Almeida-National Chair of Quest 'Welcoming our Christian LGBT Sisters and Brothers' 1.30 for 2, till 4.00pm – at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne, B17 0DN A wonderful opportunity.

Christian Aid Week starts on 13 May with the Coffee morning/ Ploughman's Lunches on Sat 12 May-collectors required –please see Fr Dominic if you can help.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Pam Davis Gerry Coburn	9.00am Angela Keating & Caroline McGonigle Angela Keating & Caroline McGonigle
11.00am Mary Clark Marie Watts	11.00am Tessy Nettikkadan Tessy Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning April 23rd for Services 28th/29th April - G Tracey Dunleavy, Dasan & Tessy Nettikkadan	
Flowers Rota: – for week beginning April 23rd for Services 28th/29th April – 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
Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy	Mick Green	Andrew Simpson
Bernadette Day	Patrick Gallagher	Richard Bird	Russell
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	Patrick Withers
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
Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan	Angela Duffy
Dean	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou	Tony Duffy
Suzanne RhodenTench	Margaret Hughes	Damian Poole	Christine Flynn

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 .”

This weekend is a special time of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. It is known as Good Shepherd Sunday when we reflect on Jesus Christ and respond to His call to follow Him.

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: Vincent Buckley, Louis Reeves, Lilian Mary Power, Hugh McTernan, Christine Lawton, Professor Kenneth Walter Walton, Eileen Ellen Allock, Margaret Winifred Isaacs, Anatol Power, Annie Slattery, Victor Abell, Mary Burt and Mary (Helen) Treanor and all with anniversaries at this time.