



21st April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter, year B + Weekdays 4th Week Eastertide

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Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm 117(118)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second reading: 1 John 3::1-2

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Feasts of the week

Tuesday 23rd April St George

Wednesday 24th April St Fidelis of Sigmaringen or
St Adalbert of Prague

Thursday 25th April St Mark

Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter



News from our School

We welcomed our children back to school this week

Important Information

Children's Liturgy. All children at the 9.30am Mass are invited to come along with their parents or carers.

Easter Bingo A very big thank you to everyone who came along to support our Easter Bingo. It was a great event with a lovely atmosphere. The absolutely magnificent sum of £421 was raised in aid of The Building Fund. Thank you to Joyce and Shirley for all their hard work in putting on our special Bingo sessions.

Tea and Coffee after the 9.30am Mass, in the Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Confirmation Our young people who have applied to receive this Sacrament will be confirmed by Bishop Tom. The preparation sessions will be held at St John Stone on April 25th, May 2nd & 16th

This Week at Holy Family

Saturday 20th April 6pm Tom and Pat Williams Diamond Wedding

Sunday 21st April 9.30am Dawn Done [also on YouTube](#)

11am Scott Family [also on Zoom](#)

Monday 22nd April 9.30am Special Intention – Eileen Dalzell

5pm First Holy Communion Preparation Session 6

Tuesday 23rd April 9.30am Peggy, Angela and Ian

Wednesday 24th April – No Mass or Service

Thursday 25th April 9.30am Parishioners

Friday 26th April 9.30am Bob Asquith RIP

Saturday 27th April 6pm Chris Pike RIP

Sunday 28th April 9.30am Lorna Hardwick [also on YouTube](#)

11am John Lamb Senior 100th Anniversary [also on Zoom](#)

Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6pm **Morning Prayer:** Saturday 7.10am
[both via Zoom only](#) For the Zoom codes please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation/Confession 5.15-5.45pm every Saturday and by request

We pray for all our sick (Any request for prayers and names on the sick list will remain on the bulletin for a maximum of 4 weeks, prayer will continue) Andy Watson, Celia Drew-Jones, Margaret Whiteside, Mrs Olive Taylor, Chris Littlewood, Fr Peter Hannah, Joan Latham, John Shrigley.

We pray for all the lately dead and those who mourn them

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Robert Henry Thomas, Elizabeth Walker, Brian Leddy, Margaret (Peg) Duffey, Elizabeth Aspinall, Kathleen Richardson, Agnes Duffy, Patrick Donovan, Kenneth Horan, Peter Robinson, Mary Jenner, Winifred Littler, Thomas McAleer, Mary Mackintosh, Maureen Ann Clarke, James Stewart (Jim) Clifford, Elizabeth Watkinson, Rita Culkin, Evelyn Holmes, Joan Tomlinson, Winifred Gregson, Paul Anthony Johnson, Marie Mellor.

Important Information

Pentecost Bidding Prayers You may remember that, last year for Pentecost, we had Bidding Prayers in different languages to remind us of the impact of Pentecost. If anyone who speaks a language other than English, would be willing to read a Bidding Prayer in that language, please come to the 'IT Confessional' this weekend, speak to John or Karen and give them your name, email address and the language that you speak. You'll be contacted nearer Pentecost (18/19 May) with details. Thank you.

God made us a family, We need one another, We love one another, We forgive one another, We work together, We play together, We worship together. Together we use God's word, Together we grow in Christ, Together we love all people, Together we serve our God, Together we hope for heaven, These are our hopes and ideals, Help us to attain them, O God, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.



Fr Kevin's Desk

This Sunday is vocations Sunday when we reflect and pray specifically for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Archbishop Malcolm has written a letter to this effect, which will be read at all the Masses this weekend.

As we continue to pray for vocations it is good to know that despite numbers being low, we do thankfully still have men and women who are willing to offer their lives in the service of the Church. Reflecting on the beginning of my formation for priesthood over thirty years ago, I considered myself extremely fortunate to have studied in Rome and close to Pope John Paul II who was, at the time, a huge influence, and an even greater example of what it means to be dedicated to the ministerial call. As students, we had lots of opportunities to see him and to attend various Masses and events which only served to increase our enthusiasm to serve God and His Church.

Much has changed since those days. The Church in the West is certainly having to navigate lots of threats and challenges, not least a new vision for the future with far fewer priests and religious. This new vision will center on the vocation of all Christians and the need to work even more collaboratively together to shape the Church of tomorrow. I was very struck by the vision Pope Benedict XVI had for the future church, long before he became Pope, way back in 1969 which included the following, ***“from the crisis of today the church of tomorrow will emerge....She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.....But in all of the changes at which one might guess, the Church will find her essence afresh and with full conviction in that which was always at her center.”***

I believe his vision provides much food for thought and an opportunity to shed any sense of despondency. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and Jesus made a promise to his disciples that he would be with us always and the Church would likewise remain his mystical body on earth.

So! As we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, let us also pray for vocations in all areas of Church life and for the courage we each need to respond to the call of God in whatever form this may take.

The following represents a great starting point for all of us!

We need heralds of the Gospel, who are experts in humanity, who know the depths of the human heart, who can share the joys, hopes, the agonies, the distress of people today, but who are, at the same time, contemplatives who have fallen in love with God. (St. Pope John Paul 11)

God bless, Fr Kevin



CTK2CTK: On Thursday 16th May, staff and pupils from Christ the King are running from the Cathedral of Christ the King to the school of Christ the King to raise money for the house charities of Queenscourt and Southport Food Bank. If you are able, please can you support our fundraising efforts by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CTK2CTK>. Your kindness will really make a difference to a lot of families. Thank you.

Calling the Nutty Knitters - A note for your diaries ladies! Our next meeting will be Thursday 9th May at 10.30 in the Church Hall. Hope you can make it for a catch up and coffee/tea. Love Maggi.

Bellringers One way of letting the local community know that the church is active, and a Mass or service is about to take place, is by the ringing of the bell. But it can also help those in earshot, and perhaps housebound, know what is happening at that moment. With the longer ringing before Mass and the two rings of three at the Consecration, it can mean that they can be involved because of this, and feel connected.

We do have some of the Masses covered, but if you would like to volunteer, particularly if you attend a Mass where the bell is not rung, for either before Mass, and/or at the Consecration, please contact the Parish Office and a short instruction, if necessary, can be given, and to help us to know who could ring for each Mass.

Exercise class this Wednesday 24th April, 1.30pm, in the Parish Hall, chair based exercise. Everyone is very welcome

Meet up Monday Our next get together is on Monday May 13th between 10am and 12pm in the Hall. We will be making clay tiles for a piece of group art and discussing books. Bring along a book that you are reading at the moment or one that means something to you. Everybody is welcome.

“Come and See” An invitation from the Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle to see if God is calling you to join them. April 6th 2024 at 9.30am – 4.00pm. A follow-up weekend – June 15th – 16th 2024. Place: The Depuis Centre, St Paul’s Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL Enquiries: Sr. Patricia 07876788316 Email: p.murphy45@yahoo.com



Pope Francis Prayer intention for April 2024: **For the role of women** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital/hospice please make sure the Catholic Chaplaincy Team know you are there. In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic Priest. For routine visits and Holy Communion contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830**