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SUNDAY 12th MAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS



Our Masses this week conclude the journey of our children who have been preparing for this Sacrament and their new journey as communicants!

The following children will receive Holy Communion this weekend for the first time:

ELLA BURGESS, MACIE CLARKE-RICE, CAOIMHE CUSACK, LAURIE GILFEDDER, DORIAN KACZANOWSKI, JOSEPH KERSHAW, HOLLIE O'CONNELL, ISOBEL PEARSON, ISABELLA PINNA, PATRICK UBA, AVA WILLIAMS, LUCAS ALFORD, AMELIA COYNE, JUDE DANDY OLIVER HARTSHORN, EMILY HUGHES EZRA ISAAC, ROSE KEIGHLEY GRACE POPE, FREDDIE SIMISTER, ZACHARY SAPSEID, CHARLIE VANHECKE, ELOISE BAZILL, LEILA KENNEDY, LILY MCCONVILLE, ELISE MILLS, JESSICA OGLE, JACOB PLACE, HEIDI TURNER, LOUIE TURNER, MYA WOODLAND, HARRY WOLSTENHOLME.

Please pray for them and their families!

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday 29th May we celebrate ten years in our new Church building. To commemorate this we will be having a "Musical Afternoon Tea" (with sandwiches, cakes and a cuppa) on Sunday 2nd June from 2.30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Ordsall Acapella Singers, who have performed here twice before, and are a real treat to hear. This will be a **free event** so I encourage you all to attend and bring friends and family. We will need volunteers to set up before the concert and serve tea and coffee and clear away afterwards.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a collection after Mass for the **Ecclesiastical Education Fund**, which supports the training of priests for the Diocese of Salford. Therefore your support is really appreciated. This year in the Diocese, we look forward to the ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Damien Loudon who is completing his studies at the Beda College, Rome; as well as Rev Bob Hayes from Oscott College, Birmingham. Please hold them in your prayers as well as our other seminarians who are continuing their journey in formation.

ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION

As you will remember, once a year we take a retiring collection specifically for the Building Fund. We have to pay £20,000 of our debt every year, and thanks to your generosity we have managed to do this every year we have been in our new Church! Please be generous in the Anniversary Collection, which will be taken after all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 26th May.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday 30th May is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

U.C.M. OUTING

A trip to the Bar Convent in York, on Saturday 15th June, leaving Church at 10.30 a.m., and arriving in York about 12.00 noon. You can visit the exhibition and/or go on the optional tour. Afternoon tea is at 2.30 p.m., then we leave the convent at 4.00 p.m., with a stop at Castleford Retail Outlet before arriving back between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. Total cost £30.00, with £6.00 extra for the

optional tour of the convent. All are welcome, please ring Iris Turner on 0161 796 0181 or contact any member of the UCM.

400 CLUB

The winning number in this month's draw was 379, congratulations to the winner Ralph Higginson.

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK	
MONDAY 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	
	No Word & Communion
TUESDAY 14th May <i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i>	
10.00	MASS followed by Coffee Morning
WEDNESDAY 15th May <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
10.00	MASS
19.30	UCM Meeting
THURSDAY 16th May <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
11.00	Pensioners' Club
18.30	MASS
FRIDAY 17th May <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
10.00	MASS
SATURDAY 18th May <i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i>	
11.00	MASS
11.30	Confessions and Exposition
12.00	Benediction
18.00	Confessions
18.30	First MASS of Sunday
SUNDAY 19th May <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</i>	
9.00	MASS
11.30	MASS
MANY THANKS FOR ...	
Sunday Collection (05.05)	£600.18
Standing Orders	£160.00
TOTAL	£760.18

STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY

THOUGHTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

THE WORD THIS WEEK



This is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter remembering that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection - how we live the Easter Story.

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



The first great sign of holiness is solid grounding in the God who loves and sustains us. This source of inner strength enables us to persevere amid life's ups and downs, but also to endure hostility, betrayal and failings on the part of others. "If God is for us, who is against us: this is the source of the peace found in the saints. Such inner strength makes it possible for us, in our fast-paced, noisy and aggressive world, to give a witness of holiness through patience and constancy in doing good. It is a sign of the fidelity born of love, for

those who put their faith in God can also be faithful to others. They do not desert others in bad times; they accompany them in their anxiety and distress, even though doing so may not bring immediate satisfaction. St Paul bade the Romans not to repay evil for evil, nor seek revenge, and not to be overcome by evil, but instead to "overcome evil with good". This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength, because God himself "is slow to anger but great in power". The word of God exhorts us to "put away all bitterness and wrath and wrangling and slander, together with all malice".

To ponder: How does my prayer life enable me to support others?

NEXT SUNDAY

John 13:31-35



When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parish of the Three Martyrs, Broughton, with Father David MacFarlane, the Spiritans and Sisters of the Cross and Passion, and their parish primary schools. We pray that the life of the parish may witness to the Risen Lord.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intention: New Members of the Church; Vocations; the Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Neville Boyce, Joan Burgess, Frank Cusack, Emil Vaccarezza, Sr, Jadwiga Wojtowicz, Margaret Clayton, Nancy Feeley, Patrisha Jones, Bernard Lowe, Elizabeth Johanna Whelan, Stanley Spurgeon, Father Rudolf De Grood, Alice Sidebottom, James Holt, William Nixon, Bernard George Mather, Frank Cusack, Dennis Garner, Thomas Nugent, Daniel Cleary,

Winifred Crankshaw, Winifred Duckett, Celia De Bono, Thomas Goater, Sheila Walsh, Carole Adams, Jean Harlick, Angela Abbruzzese, Doris May O'Brien, Derek James Swann, William Boland, Harold Hamilton, Alice Mary Boland, Teresa Sutcliffe, Margaret Hassall, Arthur Hill, Florence Geelan, Harold Joseph Restall, Mary Christina Casey, Mary Enion, John Fox, David Charles Lee.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Flowers in Church this week are in memory of Stanley Spurgeon and Paul Casey. Please remember these intentions in your prayers.

OUR SICK

Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose

Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty, Joan Wardle, Joseph Roantree, Joseph Scully, Noel Moore, David Spencer, Gordon Harris.

HOLY HUMOUR

Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" - come early and listen to our choir practice.



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