

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

- ◇ Chris Nestor
- ◇ Anne-Marie Duffee

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Lourdes Fernandez, Harry Kelley, Gerhard Michna, Hannah Dowdell, Alice Tucker, Kathleen (Kitty) Mallott, Helena James, Lita Hayde, Peggy Hall, Sarah Glyde, Sandra Sifflet, Margaret Murphy, Garrett (Garrie) Godkin, Patrick Lennon, Dominic Correia, Frederick Simmons, Ann Starr, Anthony Fair, Terence Lewis, Luciana Dodge, Maureen Morgan, Jessie Anderson, Eileen Hands

Thank you

Sheila Charles and family would like to thank parishioners for their many Mass cards and prayers on the recent death of her husband Allen. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions. God bless you all.

Mass Timetable

All our services are live streamed

Monday

Open for 10am Mass

Wednesday

Open for 10am Mass
followed by the Rosary

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8am Mass no public
live streamed ONLY and recorded

Saturday

Open for Mass at 10am & 6pm

Sunday

8.30am, 10am & 11.30am
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

**Remember when attending Mass
that there is a one system in
operation and the stewards will
direct you to a seat**

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your
hands, observe appropriate distancing
& follow the instructions of the
Stewards.

Confessions

Are taking place by Appointment



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Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

25th April 2021

Jesus, our good shepherd, invites each one of us to know and to follow him more closely. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on which we pray especially for vocations to the priestly, the religious and the consecrated life.

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

Responsorial Psalm

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



Five weekend masses

My great concern is that families come back each week to share in the real mass. To enable this we now provide mass at 10am and 6pm on Saturdays. Then on Sunday three masses, as we did in normal times: at 8.30, 10 and 11.30. These are times that suit you who are at school and work. Further opportunities for those who are free on Monday and Wednesday at 10am. It does not matter which day you come. But do bring the children back to regular weekly mass. You may have some anxieties about sending them to school. But you send them because of the damage done by staying away. It is exactly same with church: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, only to suffer the loss of his soul" said Jesus. We all need good habits.

Muddled messages

I am sorry you were not better informed of the Sunday changes and it was my fault. The importance of increasing the church's capacity to 500 over the weekend was urgent. Then we looked to see whether we have sufficient ministers of communion, readers and ushers. The lockdown has seriously reduced our list. So I ask you to think: what can I offer to this new growth of our parish and its liturgy?

Parish Council

The Parish Council had a jolly zoom last Monday. The members have all been quietly working through the changed needs of the pandemic. Now we are planning a great picnic Mass, and other social gatherings to get our family life going. I salute all of you who have kept things going with some good initiatives such as the quizzes. Keep them coming!

Communion for our children

You families are doing well in preparing this year's crop of beginners. This week you receive Nicola's help with PowerPoint and video for chapters 9 & 10 of *I Belong*. Somehow we will try to arrange to meet you all in person with the final practical instructions for the first communion. We will arrange all the masses – there will be at least ten – to save you more trouble. But do take seriously: Your child cannot really grow in understanding of what Jesus is giving unless they are coming regularly each week to mass. And that means not only before the first Communion, but in every week beyond. Come back again all you First Communicants of last year.



Sanitising hands

Doing this immediately before receiving communion has not worked well. Now the benches are well sterilised. So please in future sanitise your hands on entry to the church, and no more. Your hands are clean once this initial sanitising is done. When invited by the stewards just come and take the host from the plate.

Mass Intentions



Sunday 25th April

People of the parish
Catherine Gaughan anniversary
Natividad Gonzales RIP
Kathleen Hanley sick

Monday 26th April

Allen Charles RIP
Pride family
Frances Byrne RIP

Tuesday 27th April

Marcella Graham sick
Lucy & Tony Wearing
Sr Catherine Collins

Wednesday 28th April

Michael Butterworth RIP
Christopher Nestor RIP
Trinity intentions

Thursday 29th April

Irene de Freitas RIP
Mary Lee RIP
Community & benefactors

Friday 30th April

Daniel Fox intentions
Joan Bright RIP
Fr O'Connor RIP

Saturday 1st May

John Potter RIP
Patricia Pearce RIP
Joe Pestell intentions

Sunday 2nd May

People of parish
Michael Butterworth RIP
Phyllis Corrigan RIP

Church Cleaning Thursday 29th April at 9.30am

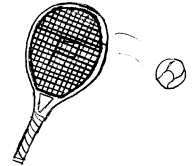
Sue Mansbridge, Jackie John,
Louise Deans & Sheila Charles

Also, a big thank you to Alison Norman who will be organising the cleaning rota going forward.

If you have time and would like to assist please let Alison know via the Parish Office

Many thanks.

Tennis



Natasha (LTA credited level 3 coach) is starting tennis at the friary tennis club behind the church carpark, Beginners welcome!

Juniors Wednesday 4-5 / 5-6 and Saturday 10-11am. Adults Wednesday 6-7pm and 11-12pm. Please contact her on 07904022966 or email tashaxargent@hotmail.com to book your space.

Reminder Retiring collection

There will be a retiring collection after masses this weekend for the promotion of vocations