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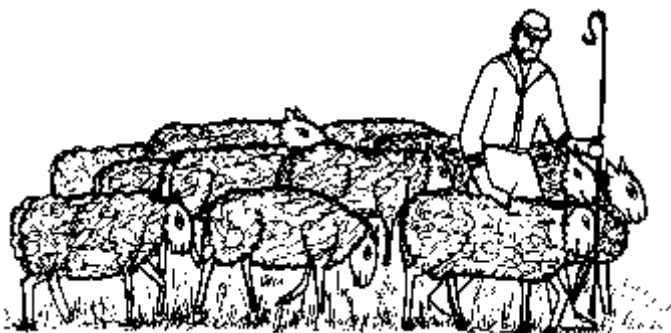
Newsletter


17th April 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

‘If you want a job doing well do it yourself’. We might very well agree with that sentiment, especially when we’ve given tasks to others, only to find that we have to make good the mistakes made, or worse. From the earliest days when God began to choose His patriarchs and form a people for His own, such people have been led by kings and judges, whilst prophets have provided guidance. Many of the leaders were found wanting and for generations God’s chosen people were never gifted with the true holy leadership they needed. Jesus Himself alludes to this when he emphasises the poor example set by the elders of His time. When Jesus uses the image of sheep to describe those in His care, He is describing a situation to which His listeners can easily relate. It is a well-used image from the Old Testament describing the people entrusted to the care of their leaders. The priests, prophets and kings failed in their responsibilities to such an extent that God the Father took back the flock into His personal care, and now they are entrusted to Jesus, the good shepherd. And this is where the true mystery of our faith comes in. Jesus is not some detached clinical shepherd commanding from a distance. He identifies with His flock; so much so that He became the Lamb that was slain according to the Book of Revelation, and who now leads His flock

around the throne of God. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we ask God to help us all to realise we are not just sheep who follow, but sharers with Jesus in His mission to seek out and save those who are lost.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: George Fraser, Anniversary</i> <i>2nd Collection for the Clergy Training Fund</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Don Rowe RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Filipo Castro Filipo</i></p>	<p>Sunday 17th April Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Parish Council HFR</p> <p><i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i></p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: Pat Commins RIP (M&DM)</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Chris Lane (J&L)</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 18th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: In Thanksgiving (DH)</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 19th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.30am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 20th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Don Rowe (L&J)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 21st April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group</p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Chris Lane (HF)</i> <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 22nd April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10-12 noon Children's Dancing</p> <p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Mary Queally RIP</i> <i>Special Second Collection for the Catholic Church of the Ukraine</i></p>	<p>Saturday 23rd April St. George Patron of England Solemnity</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p> <p>11-4.00pm Understanding CAFOD Day, St. Chad's</p> <p>2.00pm DVD on St. Louis Marie de Montfort, St. Peter's</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: James and Elizabeth Byrne (Anniversary)</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: May Kiernan RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 24th April Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>Collections £414.91</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p>The Holy Places £213.00</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 10th April</p>	<p>Attendance: 235</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Maureen Cowell

Woodside	Angele Handford
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Pierre de Spa, Kathleen Hammond, Mary Cracknall
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, John Cotter
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Robbie Burns
Craighaven	Rory O'Rourke
Galanos House	Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

ANNIVERSARIES

David Shanahan, Thomas Maher, Teresa Webber, Mary Bowen, Mick Long, Mary Ruby, Paul Thacker

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the Intentions of the Amos family - a healthy pregnancy

Baptism

Amelia Chambers

8th May, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.

Baptism Preparation Meeting:

Monday 25th April at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES - URGENT APPEAL

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX OF ENVELOPES: IF YOU HAVE NUMBERS 28 OR 74 PLEASE CONTACT FR. BOB OR BRIAN MALONE (613693)

Otherwise, please take your named box. Perhaps you would consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested. **NB** We have ordered fewer envelopes this year, so some people have been allocated new numbers.

Quiz Night

Our Quiz Night is this weekend! **Saturday 16th April** from 7.30 until 9.30pm and it should be a very entertaining evening! You are invited to bring food for a sharing table and the organisers would welcome donations of raffle prizes.



Do come and support this social evening - tickets are £2 for an adult and £1 for a child

200 Club - An Update

The number of parishioners taking part in the 200 Club has gradually reduced over time. The 200 Club supplements the Building Fund and due to the decline in profits you will have noticed that Fr. Bob has recently introduced 2nd collections to make up the shortfall. In order to help the Building Fund further, we have reluctantly decided to drop the monthly 3rd prize of £20. The 200 Club is required to pay out half the contributions in prizes, but over the last year we have been paying out nearly three-quarters. We will continue to pay the £50 and £30 prizes for the next few months as well as the additional prizes at Easter and Christmas and will review it again later in the year. It would be lovely if more parishioners would join in and to make it easier for you, it is possible to pay by regular standing order rather than cash. It only costs £1 per month for each number and if you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Buttrum or Fr. Bob.

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

The next Lectio Divina, Scripture Reflection Hour, will take place on 20th May, the third Friday of the month., at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. All are very welcome

Next Week—24th April 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:
May Murphy, Stephen McFadden
David Harwar, Adam Borley, Myrna Harwar
Mary Hendry, Kim Kearns

Readers:
Honor Hynes
Clare Payne
Anne Kirby

16th April	Quiz Night
16th April	2nd Collection, Clergy Training Fund
17th April	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting
22nd May	7.00pm, Fr. Brian's Celebration Mass, 60th anniversary of priesthood
30th/1st May	April Maintenance Collection
22nd May	Next Children's Mass
11th June	First Communions

A Celebration for Fr. Brian

It is the 60th anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday 26th May and there is to be a Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich at 7.00pm followed by a social in the parish centre. Fr. Brian has sent a general invitation to St. Joseph's parish, and needs to know (for catering, etc.) who is able to come. His contacts are: email fr.bee27@gmail.com or phone: 01905 773258 or letter: *Sacred Heart Presbytery, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich, WR9 8AZ* Please let him know by Sunday 8th May if you would like to go.

The coach list is now full - we will let you know the cost and when this needs to be paid, shortly.

Understanding CAFOD Day

Saturday 23rd April, 11am-4pm. St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham (B4 6HA).

All are very welcome whether a long-standing or new supporter, please do join us.

Come along to an excellent day of learning about all things CAFOD including: Who is CAFOD? How did CAFOD get started? How can you as a current Parish Contact, Education Volunteer or someone wanting to know about how to volunteer at CAFOD, become, or get more involved? Free lunch & refreshments provided. To confirm your place, please email ewiq-nall@cafod.org.uk.

A Day for Liturgy Readers

St. Peter's is in the process of organising a Deanery Readers' Day for Saturday 10th September from 10.30 - 4.00pm. There will be more information to follow, but please save the date - it is important that we have time for reflection and spiritual input in this Ministry that we have agreed to undertake.

Thank You

I have contacted father Bob as the hand in hand group would like to thank the parishioners of the 10a.m. Mass on April 3rd for their great generosity in donating £233.28 for our trip to Rome. We will remember everyone in our prayers, especially when we are in Rome and it was lovely to meet everyone. Liz Weston on behalf of the hand in hand group"

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World

Items for the Bulletin

It would be really helpful if any information which you would like to be included in the coming weekend's bulletin could be emailed to :-

Fr. Bob (st.josephs47@outlook.com) and
Jan Ireson (janvireson@gmail.com)

Ideally, this would arrive by Friday morning at the latest. Alternatively, a written note could be handed in to Fr. Bob or Jan. *Thanks to all who feed information to the parish through the bulletin.*

Thank You from the Leprosy Mission

On the Justice and Peace noticeboard you can read the good news that the year of 2015 raised the marvellous sum of £136,153.34. from postage stamps and collectables donated in England and Wales. St. Joseph's parishioners have played a great part in this fund raising by donating considerable amounts of stamps and post-cards. All the money will be used to bring healing and help to thousands of people who are suffering from leprosy. Your help is much appreciated.

Celebrating the Life of a Great Missionary Saint

On 28th April, we will commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. There is to be a DVD on his life and devotion to Jesus and Mary, on **Saturday 23rd April at 2.00pm at St. Peter's** and entrance is free. You are encouraged to come at 1.00pm with food and drink to share. Amongst other things, there will be a new publication of his life for sale.

March for Life UK

Life from Conception – no Exception: The annual March for Life UK will take in Birmingham on 14 May between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. The march aims to help bring an end to the greatest violation of human rights in history. Every year an estimated 43 million babies are killed by abortion. For full itinerary see marchforlife.co.uk or call 07885 505116.

Pilgrimage to Rome 4th—12th October

This pilgrimage was advertised earlier in the year. If anyone is interested, please ring Carol Bowler on 01926 881274 - the cost (full board) is £779