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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 30th April 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Simon &
Santhamma Abraham

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Maureen Roach

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

12noon Holy Baptism

12:45pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

MAY

Monday 1st Saint Joseph the Worker

Bank Holiday

11:00am Holy Mass

Gerry Smith RIP &
Intentions of Smith Family

Tuesday 2nd Saint Athanasius

9:00am Novena & Rosary

9:30am Holy Mass

Martin Meehan

Triduum of Prayer for King Charles III

Wednesday 3rd Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles

9:30am Holy Mass

Mary Callagher

Thursday 4th The English Martyrs

9:30am Holy Mass

George Cassidy RIP

Friday 5th

9:30am Holy Mass

Daniel Reddin

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

King Charles III

Saturday 6th

--- NO Morning Mass

4:30pm – 5:15pm

Eucharistic Adoration &

First Saturday Devotions

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Hugh Prunty RIP

SUNDAY 7th

9:00am Holy Mass

Denis O’Gorman & Denis Jr

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Smith RIP

5:00pm Rosary & Benediction

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday After the Vigil Mass

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to *“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest”* (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS – THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The coronation of King Charles III will take place in Westminster Abbey. This will be the first coronation for 70 years in our countries; indeed, the first since our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, entered the ancient church as a young woman to take on the awesome responsibilities of monarchy. In his first address to our countries after the death of the Queen, His Majesty stated, in the context of the late Queen's unwavering service, *“that promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.”*

None of us can imagine the incredible burden that His Majesty will assume as he is crowned King alongside his wife and Queen, Camilla. The world has immeasurably changed since 1953 with many more opportunities and challenges in the lives of all.

As faithful citizens of our countries, we now pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch. From Wednesday 3 May until Friday 5 May, the Bishops of England and Wales ask each Catholic in our lands to pray for His Majesty and the Queen. We can do this in our daily prayer asking Almighty God to guide the King in his appointed tasks. We can also pray for him when we gather for prayer at Mass. This triduum of prayer will culminate on Friday evening when we have asked each Catholic community to offer a special Mass for the King before the Coronation on Saturday. It will be the culminating moment of our three days of prayer when we ask God's continuing blessing on our new King and Queen.

As we look towards the Coronation Day, which will be marked with joy and celebration across England and Wales, and the Commonwealth, let us commend King Charles and Queen Camilla to our Heavenly Father, that he may sustain them in their duties all the days of their lives.

May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

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R E-gfna cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut dí-xit,
 alle- lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER FOR KING CHARLES III

There are prayer cards for the Triduum at the back of Church. We will pray after Mass each morning as our Bishops have asked and also have Mass on Friday evening.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

- Bishop David McGough
- Gerry Smith, Anthony Staley, Michael Earlis, Bernadette Smith
- John Askin
- Kathleen King & Geoffrey King –
 Requiem 15th May 10:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of May & Matty Burgoyne.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

23.04.23 - Gift Aid: £170.69. Non-Gift Aid: £417.00
 Total: £587.69

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Spiritans - £455.09
This Weekend – Clergy Training Fund
21.05.23 – Catholic Communications

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

**PARISH DIARY
MAY**

Saturday 13th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
 Sunday 14th Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 17th **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**
 Thursday 18th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

Saturday 20th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon
 Sunday 21st Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 10th & 11th of June.**
 A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.
 Please will all Ministers fill in a form giving information of all the people to whom you take Holy Communion. Forms in the Sacristy. Thank you.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

All welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13 May.
 The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans.
 Our afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine.
 1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.
 3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House.
 5pm – Depart
 For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESE - VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is delighted to have secured funding for its Schools Singing Programme. We are seeking up to five enthusiastic Choral Directors to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese.
 Closing date for applications is Tuesday 2 May

CHOIR CAMP 2023 WITH DANA

A singing weekend for all ages and abilities takes place at Dunfield House, Herefordshire from 2nd to 4th June with Eurovision legend Dana. For more information, see poster in the porch or call 01922 915230.

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
 JACKPOT £600**
 Result for 25th April 2023
Winning Numbers 01-15-11-17
No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 3rd May after Mass
 1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
 Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
 Match 3 numbers = share £75+