

HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a Mass Intention , please see Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	13 May	Eileen Snape & Rita McIntyre
Sacristy & Sanctuary Group	19 May	Janet Critchley & Pauline Critchley
Minibus	19 May	Replacement Taxi Service
Readers	19 May	9:30am Christine Crossen
		11:00am Dominic Stone
		6:30pm David Rostron
Ministers of the Eucharist	19 May	9:30am David Chadwick, Richard Jackson, Louise Cogan
		11:00am Edward Brierley, Angela Woods, Paul Thompson
		6:30pm Joe Commerford, David Porter

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Church Office Hours:
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 13:00

Parish Administrator:
Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:
Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£281.44**
Loose Plate: **£488.02**
Standing Orders: **£168.94**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish

The retiring collection this week will be for the SVP.

REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe his relationship with us. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherds than those to whom Jesus spoke but the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. We are not sheep but the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals – we aren't all the same but each of us is loved personally and intimately. The prophet Isaiah presents a beautiful image of this when he writes:

'I have called you by your name, you are mine.'

Not only is today Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this day, we are asked especially to pray that the church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of church leaders, but there can be a tendency among us to pray that others may answer that call - often we do not see ourselves as included in the call, limiting the call to be a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious institute. In fact each one of us has a vocation. For most of us, it is probably exactly what we are doing today as parents, teachers, doctors, managers, office workers or whatever role we undertake on a daily basis. Nevertheless, each one of us should ask ourselves today 'What contribution am I offering to make this world a better place for people to live in and to what extent am I a spreader of truth, love, justice, freedom, tolerance and acceptance?' God is calling each of us to work for the Gospel and there are hundreds of ways of serving the Church and helping to build a Christian community. Today let us pray that we may follow where God leads us.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood - Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce
 Margaret Bower - Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - Harold Sutton
 Margaret Fishwick - David Porter - Julie Hurley - Joan Woodruff - Danny Harrison
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.
 Sadly we record the deaths of Mary Clitheroe & Peter Ainscough,
 please keep them and their families in your prayers.
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in baptism Emily Grace Watson. We wish her and her family every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We currently have a small group of people involved in this valuable ministry that aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment for anyone who has been bereaved. However, we really would like more members. If you would like to learn more about the work of the group, please let us know.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

On Saturday, St Gregory's Year 4 Primary School children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. A big thank you to those who have prepared the children for this Sacrament. The children will join us at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday so that we can celebrate with them. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

SYNOD 2020 UPDATE

Our SYNOD members met this week and a date has now been set for an Open Listening session here at St Gregory's. The date is Tuesday 4th June at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting room to which all are welcome to attend. Coordinators of specific parish groups will also be asked to provide convenient dates for their own groups to share in the listening process and to share their views.
 If you have not yet completed and returned the SYNOD Questionnaire, please do so asap and place it in the box provided at the back of church.

CHURCH CLEANING

Keeping the church clean is getting to much for those who currently do this work on their own. To ease the problem, I suggest we put together a church cleaning rota of 3 people each week - if we could get 12 volunteers, this would mean a commitment of roughly once a month. If you would be willing to get involved, please let me know as soon as possible. We can be flexible about what day the cleaning is done. Thank you.

STREAMING PROJECT

As I said last week.....'All being well we will go live with streaming of Mass next week'. But like all major projects, sometimes you hit technical problems and we have!! I am hopeful that these will soon be resolved and that we will go live next week all being well.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be available after the 11:00am Mass today in the Parish Meeting room.
 All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 12 May	9:30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Robinson (A)	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sun 12 May	11:00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Dorothy Brimley (LD)	Baptism after Mass
Sun 12 May	6:30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Bridcut Family (F)	
Mon 13 May	8:30am 1:00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE	Margaret Kenyon (F) Peter Ainscough	
Tues 14 May	08:30am	St Matthias	Jim Heyes (A)	
Wed 15 May	10:00am	Our Lady of Fatima	NO MASS	Eucharistic Service
Thur 16 May	8:30am		Harry Ainscough (A)	
Fri 17 May	8:30am		John Farnworth (F)	
Sat 18 May	11:00am	St John I	First Holy Communion	
Sun 19 May	9:30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vinny Hoole (A)	
Sun 19 May	11:00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vera Critchley (LD)	Family Mass & Parish Celebration
Sun 19 May	6:30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mary Chambers (LD) Canon R. Firth (B)	