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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 17th APRIL 2016

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ gives eternal life to all who listen to His voice. Christ is the good shepherd who will lead us to springs of living water where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. We are a light for the nations so that the salvation of Christ may be preached to the ends of the earth. We have a mission to everyone even though at times people will turn against us because of our belief. We remain full of joy in the Holy Spirit.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.) **Please pray for** Emily Margaret Cox and James Oguego who are to be baptized into the family of the Church this weekend. **The Baptismal Preparation Evenings** for May will take place on Thursday May 5th and Thursday May 12th at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. Please pray for Andrew Barker and Victoria Horsfall who are to be married at Saint Augustine's this Monday, April 18th at 12.00 Midday. **This weekend is known as Good Shepherd Sunday** and is a time of special prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. **We welcome** a first year Seminarian, Luke Wilkinson, from Oscott College. Luke will be talking about his own Vocation and also making an appeal for new subscribers to the Clergy training Fund. **There will be a second collection** for this same fund as is the custom on Vocations' Sunday. **The latest edition of the 'Augustinian'** is now available-price £1. Our thanks to Mr Gerard Burgess who is the editor. **Further copies of 'Catholic Today'** have been ordered. There is a very nice article about Father Sean written by Deacon Daniel Hurd. **April 28th is the 300th anniversary** of the death of St Louis Marie de Montfort. His 'Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary' remains a spiritual classic. It was very influential in the life of St John Paul II. To mark this important anniversary, Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas More's Sheldon on Thursday 28th, at 7pm. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and a showing of a DVD on the life of St Louis Marie de Montfort. All are most welcome to this event. **We would like to have a Parish Meeting on Thursday 5th May at 7.15pm.** Mr Paul Northam, the Field Evangelisation Worker, will attend to help us continue our reflections on how we may continue to share the Good News to those on the edges of society. We will also prepare for our Summer Fayre and look at other areas of Parish life. **Please note we have a Rosary Rally** here in Church on Sunday 22nd May from 2pm. We would like to involve our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We hope they will participate in the May procession which takes place at the end of the Rosary Rally. **In preparation for the Rosary Rally, your help is needed in tidying the Presbytery back garden.** If you are able to volunteer, please come along on Sunday 17th April and/or Sunday 24th April at 2pm. It will be very much appreciated.

<p align="center">16th April Saturday Easter Feria</p>	<p align="center">Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69 9.00am Vincent Cullen-Intention Acts 13:14,43-5 2 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30 12.30pm Eamonn Murtagh RIP & Terry Grant-RIP</p>	<p align="center">Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p align="center"><i>Tea/Coffee available after</i> 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p align="center">17th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</p>	<p align="center">Acts 13:14,43-5 2 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30</p> <p>9.00am Manuel Rodrigues-RIP 11.00am Jimmy Marnell-RIP</p>	<p align="center">Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p align="center">18th April Monday Easter Feria</p>	<p align="center">Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Miriam O'Brien-RIP</p>	<p align="center">Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm</p> <p align="center">Journey In faith 10.45am in the Presbytery</p>
<p align="center">19th April Tuesday Easter Feria</p>	<p align="center">Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30 9.20am The Rosary 9.45am Kathy & Tony Street-30th Wedding Anniversary</p>	<p align="center">Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm</p> <p align="center">Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p align="center">20th April Wednesday Easter Feria</p>	<p align="center">Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Bridget Kerins-Intention</p>	<p align="center">Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p> <p align="center">Rainbows 4.30pm-5.50pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p align="center">21st April Thursday Easter Feria St Anslem</p>	<p align="center">Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Eugene Whyte-RIP 12.30pm Tracey Benson-Intention</p>	<p align="center">Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</p>
<p align="center">22nd April Friday Easter Feria</p>	<p align="center">Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 9.35 am The Rosary 10.00am Ann McNally-Intention 6.30pm Anne Cunningham-RIP</p>	<p align="center">Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</p> <p align="center">Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p align="center">23rd April Saturday SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE MARTYR PATRON OF ENGLAND</p>	<p align="center">Apocalypse 12:10-12 John 15:18-21 9.00am Michael Howley-RIP Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35 12.30pm Eileen & John Daly-RIP</p>	<p align="center">Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon</p> <p align="center">Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p align="center">24th April Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p align="center">Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35</p> <p>9.00am Freddie Burt-Poorly 11.00am Kath Clark-Intention</p>	<p align="center">Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,182:60 (Gift Aid £449:60 Loose £733.00)

Second Collection this week: Clergy Training Fund

Second Collection next week; Response to Pope Francis' appeal to all Churches in Europe to support Ukrainian Churches TUESDAY 10th MAY –St Augustine's will host an area Meeting for the Permanent Deacons. Bishop Robert will officiate. There will be Evening Prayer and Benediction. We would welcome your help with providing refreshments for the Deacons. A list will be placed in the porch and we would be very grateful if you would sign it indicating your willingness to provide certain refreshments.

We are arranging a sponsored walk in the Bluebell Woods at Wootton Wawen for Sunday 8th May. The purpose is to raise funds for the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship Group so that they may participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Year. Father Dominic is their Chaplain and hopes to join them on the pilgrimage. Father's dog 'Liam' is helping and will be undertaking the Walk. He is hoping that you will sponsor him by signing the sponsorship forms in the main porch. We will leave St Augustine's at 1.30pm with arrival at Wootton Wawen between 2pm-2.15pm. We will confirm where to park next week. There will be two forms to sign- one indicating you wish to take part in the walk and the second for you to sponsor 'Liam'. There will also be sponsorship forms available for you to take with you in order to ask people to sponsor 'Liam'.

NEW GIFT AID BOXES- are now available in the front porch. Please take your box. If anyone would like to start to Gift-Aid their donation to the Church, there are leaflets in the both porches, which need to be completed. Or see Fr Dominic.

Please update any changes to address or tax situation, in order that accurate records may be kept.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING- Saturday 14th May 2016 10am-2pm Solihull Methodist Church Hall. Please see poster in porch for details

"The Catholic Women's League are serving refreshments after all Masses on the weekend of 23rd / 24th April. We will have a cake stall, including jam/ marmalade sale and raffles to raise section funds and to contribute to CWL charities. Please support us. Enjoy lunch with us on Saturday and coffee or tea and cakes on Sunday morning."

UNDERSTANDING CAFOD- Saturday 23rd April 2016 11am-4pm St Chad's Sanctuary Birmingham B4 6HA All are very welcome for a day exploring all things CAFOD. Free lunch and refreshments provided.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
Sunday	Sunday
9am Pam Davies Gerry Coburn	9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
11am Chris Hodrien Juliana Benjamin	11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan Dasan Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning April 18th for Services April 23rd/24th-G Tracey Dunleavy, Dasan and Tessie Nettikkadan	
Flower Rota: for week beginning April 18th for Services April 23rd/24th Margaret Doherty	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Ray Nicholson
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Chris Lawton	Margaret Kelly
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michal O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	F inbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon		

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

What does the Lord want me to do with my life?

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands;

Do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

And in all your creatures-

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart

For I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

To surrender myself into your hands without reserve,

And with boundless confidence,

For you are my Father .Amen.

'If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire.' St Catherine of Siena

SIX WAYS TO DISCERN A VOCATION

PRAYER. Prayer is a conversation with God- not just saying prayers but speaking to the Lord from the heart asking him to reveal his plan for you.

SACRAMENTS The soul is the window through which we can see God and hear his voice. If the window is dirty because of sin, it must be cleaned through Confession so we can be in union with God. When you receive Communion, ask Jesus to show you your vocation.

GOOD INFORMATION It is impossible to discover your vocation without good information. Search for good information online, then take what you have learned back to prayer.

GO ON RETREAT Miracles happen on retreats! One of the surest ways to discover God's plan for you is to enter into silence and prayer over an extended period.

GET ADVICE Do not discern your vocation alone, without the help of the Church. Talk to a Sister, brother, priest or deacon you trust.

THE BLESSED MOTHER Mary is the ultimate example of openness to the will of God. Are you open to God's will for you? Pray the Rosary and ask Our Lady's intercession, specifically to know your vocation and have the courage to follow it.

Please pray for: Hugh Francis, Baby Logan Cheshire, Anne Christine Perkins, Thomas Henry Cole, Gary Harvey Law, Samuel Thorley, Alice Deehan, Manuel De Freitas, Teresa Ford, Vincent Buckley, Louis Reeves, Lilian Mary Power and Hugh McTernan whose anniversaries are at this time.

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