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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Fourth Sunday of Easter 30th April 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ the Shepherd brings us life. God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he lays down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by his wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I ask you to take to heart the appeal the Archbishop makes into his pastoral letter this weekend. On this Vocations' Sunday when we pray for vocations to the ordained Ministries of Priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as to married and consecrated life. He asks us to pray especially today for vocations to the Priesthood 'because our need is great'. **There will be a second** collection at the Masses this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund. I would like to take this opportunity of offering our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Stephanie Withers, who has for many years acted as Parish secretary to the Clergy training Fund. Stephanie has carried out this task with cheerful faithfulness. The organisers of the Clergy Training Fund have decided to organise the fund in a different way, so Stephanie's role has come to an end. I know she would wish to express her thanks to those of you who contribute regularly to the Fund. She will continue to ensure that you receive your boxes of envelopes.

Please remember in your prayers Cosette Hanlon who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. **The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. The evening will finish at 9pm.

The first of three consecutive Meetings at Our Lady of the Wayside on the Diocesan Vision was very informative and helpful. The next two Meetings will take place for the next two Thursdays at Our Lady of the Wayside at 7pm. Do please try to attend. Copies of the first talk will be available on the Parish website. **The latest diocesan news** is available on the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk **An urgent appeal** has been made for families to act as hosts for Ukrainian refugees. **We are holding a triduum** (three days) of prayer, in preparation for the Coronation of King Charles, beginning Wednesday 3rd May. The Friday evening Mass will be offered for the intentions of King Charles, Queen Camilla and members of the Royal Family. **On Sunday 7th May** we will have a Strawberry/Cream Tea in the Presbytery Gardens at 3pm. We would welcome volunteers to help organise this. Please sign list in either porch if you are able to attend.

<p>29th April Saturday St Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe</p>	<p>Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Mary Cassidy-Intentions Anne Cooper & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>30th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p>	<p>Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Joan Brosnan-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Helen Treanor-RIP Roughneen Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>1st May Monday Easter Feria St Joseph the Worker</p>	<p>Acts 11:1-18 John 10:11-18 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kath Clark-RIP Michael ,Delia Prendergast & Family-RIP</p>	
<p>2nd May Tuesday St Athanasius</p>	<p>Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Caroline Gardener-RIP Brian Healy & Family, Living & Deceased</p>	
<p>3rd May Wednesday FEAST Ss Philip and James</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Stephano Park-RIP Mary & James McDermott</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>4th May Thursday FEAST English Martyrs</p>	<p>Acts 7:55-60 Matthew 10:17-22 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Smith Family-Intentions Stephen Naylor-Intention</p>	
<p>5th May Friday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10am Bernadette Naylor-Intention 6.30pm Intentions of King Charles & Queen Camilla & Royal family</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>6th May Saturday</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter2:4-9 John 14:1-12 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Frank & Nancy Ryan- RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter2:4-9 John 14:1-12 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Tony Mann-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Anna Carney- RIP Thomas & Elizabeth McGrogan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

The Bible Study Meetings for our teenagers run by Father Denis Carter, a Columban Father, will recommence on Wednesday 3rd May at 4.30pm in the Presbytery. All teenagers are welcome. **Please remember** in your prayers our young Parishioners preparing for their First Holy Communion. For our Year 3 Children, this will take place on Saturday 13th May at 9.30am; and for those Children being prepared by Miss Libby Service, the First Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 4th June at 3pm.

Saint Peter's Catholic Secondary School are organising a Mission Week at school from Thursday 29th June until Wednesday 5th July. Those responsible for organising the week are looking for people, retired or still working, who would be willing to come to the school from Monday 3rd July, and to speak to form groups of 30 children about their work and how their Christian Faith has influenced them in their working life. If you are willing to offer this service to our young people, please contact your clergy or Mr. Adam Williams at Saint Peter's School.

It has been wonderful to reintroduce the Children's Liturgy once a month at our 9am Mass and we hope that our youngest parishioners (and their parents) have enjoyed the sessions. We would very much like it to take place more often but, in order to increase the frequency, we need more volunteers to help. If you would be interested in helping, please let one of the Clergy know or speak to Kate Maddock. Thank you.

On Thursday 11th May we have the Memory Box Café from 2pm-3.30pm. This is for those with Dementia, for their carers and family members and for any elderly Parishioner. It is a very enjoyable social occasion.

Do you want to learn to pray and live the gospel? We are running the Prayer & Life Workshop at St Augustine's Parish Hall, from 10am-12pm for 15 consecutive weeks. The workshop is a service to the church led by lay people devised by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Capuchin priest. The aim is to give a methodical approach to prayer, a new openness to scripture and a practical approach to living the Christian life. Further information is also available on the Prayer & Life workshop website. www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE-application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE- Saturday 13th May 2023 Shrine website:www.walsingham.org.uk

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:206:46 Loose:864:87 Total: £1,071:33

Second Collection this Weekend: Clergy Training Fund

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 29 th April 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 30 th April 9am	Sunday 30 th April 11am
Saturday 6 th May 12.30pm T.Cund	T.Nettikkadan	A.Keating
Saturday 13 th May 12.30pm M.Green		
Saturday 20 th May 12.30pm T.Duffy		
Sunday 30 th April 9am C.Ramsey	Sunday 7 th May 9am	Sunday 7 th May 11am
Sunday 30 th April 11am M.Keating	J.Powers	H.Brookes
Sunday 7 th May 9am Finbar, Cormac, Joe	Sunday 14 th May 9am	Sunday 14 th May 11am
Sunday 7 th May 11am M.Watts	M.Coburn	A.Kelly
Sunday 14 th May 9am M.Pearsall	Sunday 21 st May 9am	Sunday 21 st May 11am
Sunday 14 th May 11am H.Cettler	M.Hallissey	B.Ngala

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve	Roger Cox	Roger Cox
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy				

Vocation Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
“The harvest indeed is great
but the labourers are few.” We ask that we may know
and follow the vocation
to which you have called us. We pray for those called to serve
those whom you have called, those you are calling now,
and those you will call in the future.
May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people.



Please pray for: Francie Treanor, Maureen Dodds, Peter Brazil, Mary Lawlor, Mrs May Veasey, Anne Kelly who died recently.

Also, Albert Eric Newman, Ann Tyndall, Jonathan Buckley, Mary & Thomas Moran, Alfred Baker, Marian Webster, Sheila Anne Green, Patrick Ryan, Mary Hannah Murphy, Pamela Smith, Joseph Charles Callaghan, Helenah Oldfield, Veronica Jordan, Mary Anderson, Michael Rochfort, Ken White, Selena Helena Beggan, Wincenty(Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne and all with anniversaries at this time.

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Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages.

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk