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3rd May 2020

I hope and pray that you all are well and safe. Let us continue to learn about Mary our mother during this month of May—our Lady's month.

May 2 - MARY: THE MOST PERFECT CREATURE "She who is full of grace, the object of God's pleasure, exalted above all the angels and the saints, lived an ordinary life. "Mary is as much a creature as we are, with a heart like ours, made for joy and mirth as well as suffering and tears. Before Gabriel communicates to her God's plan, our Lady does not know that she has been chosen from all eternity to be the mother of the Messiah. She sees herself as a lowly creature. That is why she can acknowledge, with full humility, that 'he who is mighty has done great things' for her." Let us offer to our Mother today: *Many glances of affection and many words of love, when we see her image or picture in our home, in the church, or anywhere.*

May 3 - MARY AND THE BLESSED TRINITY "Through the Incarnation of our Lord in her immaculate womb, Mary, the Daughter of God the Father, is also the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit and the Mother of God the Son." Let us offer to our Mother today: *A "Hail Mary" each time the clock strikes another hour.*

May 4 - MARY'S FAMILY: THE TRINITY ON EARTH "It is only natural that the Church rejoice as one contemplates the modest home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We read in the hymn from Matins on the feast of the Holy Family: 'It is pleasing to recall the humble house of Nazareth and its slender resources. It is pleasing to tell again in song Jesus' hidden life. Jesus grows up in hidden seclusion, to be trained in Joseph's unpretentious trade. The loving mother sits beside her dear Son, the good wife by her husband, content if her loving attention can ease and comfort them in their weariness.' " Let us offer to our Mother today: *A loving review of her life with Jesus, as we recite the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.*

May 5 - MARY: HER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION "How would we have acted, if we could have chosen our own mother? I'm sure we would have chosen the one we have, adorning her with every possible grace. That is what Christ did. Christ being all powerful, all wise, Love itself, his power carried out his will. This is the clearest reason why our Lord granted his mother, from the very moment of her Immaculate Conception, all possi-

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ble privileges. She was free from the power of Satan. She is beautiful, spotless and pure in soul and body." Let us offer to our Mother today: *The renewal of our baptismal vows.*

May 6 - MARY: THE FIRST TABERNACLE "If you seek Mary, you will find Jesus. And you will learn a bit more about what is in the heart of God, who humbles himself, discarding all manifestations of his power and majesty to take the form of a servant. Speaking in human terms, we could say that God outdoes himself, because he goes much further than he needs to go in order to save us. The only way to measure what he does is to say that it cannot be measured; it comes from a madness of love which leads him to take on our flesh and bear the weight of our sins." Let us offer to our Mother today: *The Angelus recited punctually at noon and with great affection. (Catholic News Agency)*

It is not possible to come to Mass, but you can take part through our Webcam.

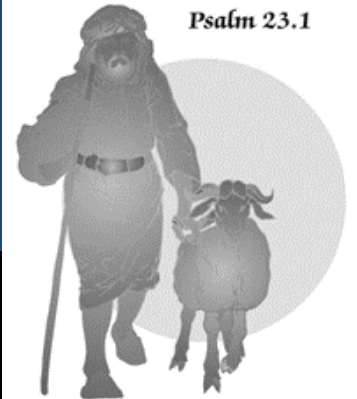
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MAY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 3RD	9.30 am	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	Leo Hurst (Thanksgiving)	
MONDAY 4TH	9.30 AM	Lily, Tommy & Terence Thompson (RIP)	Feast- English Martyrs
TUESDAY 5TH	9.30 AM	Pat Cox (RIP)	Easter feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
WEDNESDAY 6TH	9.30 AM	Jayne Anderson (for recovery)	Easter feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 7TH	9.30 AM		Easter feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
FRIDAY 8TH	9.30 AM		Easter feria
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour (Praying for the Sick)	
SATURDAY 9TH	10.00 AM 10.20 - 11 am	John Sanjeeva Rao & Dayaratnam Batthula (RIP) Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	Easter feria
SUNDAY 10TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	5th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	For all Key workers families	

**The Lord
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.**

Psalm 23.1



Today's Liturgy of the Word: This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We will hear once more the words of that great psalm: 'The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want'. Christ is our Good Shepherd.

First Reading (Acts 2:14,36-41). This is the conclusion of the sermon preached by Peter on the day of Pentecost. He tells the people that Jesus, whom they crucified, has been raised up and is now the Lord. Many of his hearers repented of their sins and accepted Baptism.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:20-25). This was addressed to slaves. Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience, as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.

Gospel (John 10: 1-10). Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep



Saint Corona, Pray for us! It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona! There's a lot online if you look her up. It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 16 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd). Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14th May.



Parish Helpers: Ring this number **07387 281 861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.

Winners 100 club drawn on Sun 26th April 2020, witnessed at a distance by Mrs M. Mellett. **£100 Mark Brown 60; £50 Mike Jobling 31; £25 Paul Crisp 100;** The remaining numbers are: 30, 39, 94, 96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to pay during the lock-down.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: I would like to let the parents know that First Holy Communions will be taking place when our Churches are opened for the public and when Mass can be celebrated with your participation, until then, please pray for each other and hope that day will be very soon.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS these are difficult and worrying days, financially, for so many of us and I want to reassure you that you need not worry about your contribution to the Church. For many, however, I know that you are really worried about how you can continue to support the parish. You can email us in the office and we can send you the bank details to make an online donation, you can set up a standing order.

TRAIDCRAFT: Although the Traidcraft stall is currently closed it is still possible to order directly and have Fairtrade items delivered to you. Traidcraft can supply foodstuffs including pasta, rice, cereals etc as well as cleaning and household products. You can order from the website <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk>, or contact me to place an order: annjpoole@yahoo.co.uk. By ordering from Traidcraft you will be supporting some of the world's most vulnerable people.

SCRIPTURE AND ROSARY GROUPS: Every Thursday evening at 6.30 pm our Parish Scripture group meets via Zoom. And every Saturday evening at 6.00pm our Parish Rosary group prays via Zoom/WhatsApp. Both groups are being guided by Deacon Nick. Please try to participate.

DONATIONS: If you would like to give an online donation to our parish, please visit our diocesan website and follow the donation link. Or you visit our Parish website and click on the donation tab. If not contact the parish office for parish Bank details.

THANK YOU: Father Robert and myself would like to thank those of you who have sent Easter offerings. Very kind of you at this difficult times. We bot assure you all of our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS Mass intentions that have already been requested are being offered as arranged. Any further mass intentions can be posted through the front door of the presbytery for any intentions or for the deceased.

Reflections for couples - Feeding your sheep

St John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep'. God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist. With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today 'addictions'. That's being good shepherds.

The Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) in English

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

VERY SOON OUR PARISH EMAILS WILL BE CHANGING (Office, Gift Aid, Safeguarding Rep., Health & Safety, Priests of the Parish.)



Online Webcam

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
Mary Ashley, John Dunn.



PARISH OFFERINGS

With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.