

7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

THE NEWSLETTER

for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Masses for this week.

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 6 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	One sick	Vigil of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Su 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Su 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St J's	Jack & Margaret Shuttleworth A	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
M 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Alice, Cyril, James, John Wilcock A	Easter Weekday
T 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Easter Weekday
W 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Easter Weekday
Th 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Easter Weekday
F 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Easter Weekday

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance  
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope  
 D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

**Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time:**

William Mather, John Wilcock, Joseph Livesey, Margaret Rawcliffe, Denis Lakeland, Margaret Mary Shuttleworth, Veronica Cooper.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Collections:** Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April

Vigil	8.30am	10.00 am	TOTAL
£142.45	£129.30	£57.55	£329.30

**The Second Collection** today is to fund the training of priests for the Diocese of Salford. The fund is known as the **Ecclesiastical Education Fund**.

**Readings at Mass**

	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Acts 2:14.36-41	Acts 6:1-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Peter 1:20-25	1Peter 2:4-9
Gospel	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-12



**The Month of May**, we think particularly of Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother, too. It is appropriate that this should be so for us because, in this part of the world, the season of Spring comes into its own in the month of May. Mary gave birth to Jesus who came on earth to bring us 'new life'. This 'new life' promised us in the Resurrection of Jesus is mirrored in nature in a very pronounced way. Lambs now appear in abundance; the first ducklings have been spotted on the Stonyhurst 'canals'; the trees are being covered in leaves and showing themselves in all sorts of shades of green. With so much 'new life' springing up, it is no wonder that our thoughts turn to Mary, who gave human life to Jesus, the Son of God, who in turn gives new life to his followers through baptism and all the other sacraments.

With so much life and beauty around us and energized, hopefully, as we are, we turn to ways of expressing our Spring joy. Perhaps our room or house receives its annual 'Spring clean', clearing away the mustiness and dust accumulated behind the closed doors of winter. Our thoughts may turn, too, to Mary and we may wish to honour her in the time-hallowed way of saying the Rosary, perhaps daily in this month.

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We can perhaps say a prayer at her statue in the church, and above all, perhaps we can encourage 'life' in another human by saying a kind and encouraging word, cheering them up and so enabling them to 'glorify the Lord' as Mary did when she met her cousin Elizabeth at their visitation.

### **The Apostleship of Prayer**

#### **Praying with the Pope in May, 2017**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information.

### **Good Shepherd Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, is called '**Good Shepherd**' Sunday because on that Sunday, the gospel of the Mass is always taken from St John's Gospel, Chapter 10, where Jesus calls himself 'the Good Shepherd'. This puts us in mind of the role of priests, monks and nuns in the Church of today. On this Sunday, a Second Collection is made for the training of priests for the Diocese.



### **Are you between 13 and 29 years of age?**

If so, the Catholic Church wants to hear what you have to say about your life and faith.

A Mega Youth Poll is available and takes between 10 and 15 minutes to complete, depending on how much you want to say. The poll has been kept anonymous to give correspondents the freedom to be frank and without fear of criticism. This poll closes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the responses received will be used in a report that will be sent to the Vatican in preparation for a gathering led by Pope Francis. To complete the poll go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>

### **Are you between 13 and 90+ years of age?**

Would you like some company... and a friendly chat? Or do you know someone who might? Come and join us at St Joseph's School for tea and cakes... and a chat ... on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Have a chat ... some refreshments ... bring a photo of when you were young!

All welcome! Young and old!

Transport available.

Please ask 01254 826246