



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER **30th April 2023**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Pray for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Teach Your Children to Use GPS

After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision—which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS—God's Positioning System.

FR PETER MAHER R.I.P.

Fr Peter helped out in the parish as a supply priest he has died recently, may he rest in peace

Pope Francis describes Christians as 'missionary disciples'. The Church, in every time and in every

place, is a missionary and those who follow and learn from the teaching and example given by Christ are disciples. Fr Peter Maher knew himself to be both a missionary and a disciple. He responded to the call to follow Christ as a member of St Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill and he was ordained as a priest of that Society on 13 June 1970.

Fr Peter Maher was born in Blackburn, Lancashire on 4 November 1944, after secondary education, he then went to St Joseph's College in Holland, and returned to England in 1966 to study at the Missionary Institute of London. After ordination as a Mill Hill Missionary his studies continued at West Hill College, Birmingham. He decided to be incardinated into the Diocese of Westminster, and was received on 29th September 1975. After serving for many years in the Diocese of Westminster, due to health issues he was advised to take time away from parish ministry. But he remained active and provided supply ministry in parishes in the area, especially for us here in Baldock; this was greatly appreciated by priests and parishioners in the local area.

In August 2022 Fr Peter was diagnosed as having advanced cancer. The prayers and support of family and friends, and his robust faith, gave him strength and courage as he bore his illness. The Lord took Fr Peter on Holy Thursday, 6 April when he died peacefully in Bedford Hospital having been admitted six days earlier. Holy Thursday is the day that priests renew their priestly promises and it was apt that the Lord took him to himself on that day.

Fr Peter will be remembered as being 'down to earth' and always having a clear idea of what he wanted to do, when and how. He encouraged the active involvement of parishioners in the life and work of the various parishes where he served. He was blessed with a strong voice that gave encouragement to others when singing in church. He touched the lives of many parishioners in the dioceses of Westminster and Northampton. He made many lasting friendships among priests and parishioners. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr Peter's Funeral Mass - Wednesday 10 May, at Our Lady & St Michael, Garston. There will be a link to the livestream:

<https://youtube.com/live/cPtEr25qgs8?feature=share>

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RC HOSPITAL

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BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478

The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy
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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Born in 1347, with a Feast Day on 29th April, the day she died, she was one of 25. The Patron Saint of Europe, Italy, nurses, the sick, and those ridiculed for their piety, she is invoked against fires, miscarriages, and temptations. Canonized by Pope Pius II on June 29, 1461, she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI on October 4, 1970, being proclaimed Co-Patron of Europe by Pope John Paul II on 1st October, 1999.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

The children's liturgy takes place during the 10.30am Sunday mass, in term time. It is for ages 4-8 years although younger children are welcome if they bring along a parent. We have about 30 minutes of singing, prayers and gospel related activities. The first Sunday of the month is the Family Mass and the children will stay with us in church. The Catechists are Karen, Kate and Ben.

CHURCH CALENDAR

KNIT & NATTER.

Our next meeting is on Friday 5th May in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. All adult knitters are welcome whether experienced or beginners. Support will be given to new knitters as well as a cuppa and chat! £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund.

OPEN AIR MASS

Our Parish community can celebrate Mass together outside on 2nd July at 10.30 am, followed by a BBQ.

MEN'S GROUP: Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions. These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. Upcoming dates are 20th May and 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details.

ABSTINENCE ON FRIDAY 5TH May 2023

With the Coronation of King Charles just a week away, and the prayer in preparation for the Coronation before that, many of us will be planning parish social events that weekend. To assist with those celebrations, and for those who wish to avail themselves of it, the Cardinal gives a dispensation from Friday abstinence that day.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Mareid Kirk and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, Fr. Peter Maher, Patrick Heffernan, and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Eliza Impey; Elizabeth McClennan; Martin Conway; Margaret Hesse; Mary Haywood; William Lee; Martin Jurgulanic; Edmund Topajka; Bridget Bolton; James Johnson; Teresa Hyams; Johan Kiausius and Eileen Simmons.

Sat 29 th	6.30pm	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor
Sun 30 th	8.30am 10.30am	
Mon 1 st	No mass	
Tue 2 nd	No mass	
Wed 3 rd	No mass	SS Philip and James, Apostles
Thu 4 th	No mass	The English Martyrs
Fri 5 th	No mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website. **THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA**

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>