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**4th Sunday of Easter (Year C) 8th May 2022**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 7th May	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6.00pm	John Moran RIP
Sunday 8th May	4th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Katie & Tom O'Connor
Tuesday 10th May	Easter feria	7.00pm	Mel
Wednesday 11th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Philip Lee RIP
Thursday 12th May	Easter feria	9.15am	John Took RIP
Friday 13th May	Easter feria	9.15am	Jackie Holland
Saturday 14th May	Vigil : 5th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	James Longe RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

**Mass intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date**

**Liturgy of the Word: 8th May 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 14:21-27, Psalm 144, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13: 31-35

**“Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.” (Acts 13:43)**

Fr. John writes:

In our first reading today Paul and Barnabas are continuing their missionary journey which has taken in Cyprus, Paphos and Perga. In Antioch they tell the Jews that they had the privilege of hearing the Gospel first but that they would turn now to the pagans. There must have been many a listener, whether Jew, Christian or pagan who will have found the sight of Paul so forcibly preaching about Jesus something of a puzzle. Within days of his conversion in Damascus, he was ‘on mission’ in the synagogues, astonishing his listeners who knew he was the same person who had been causing havoc for Christians and was in Damascus only for the purpose of taking them as prisoners.

When Paul got to Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples we are told they were all afraid of him, not believing him to be genuine. It was Barnabas who brought Paul to the apostles and vouched for him. Originally Joseph, a levite from Cyprus, he had committed himself to the early Christians’ sharing of their possessions by selling a field he owned and putting the money raised at the apostles’ disposal. The apostles called him Barnabas –“son of encouragement”. After persecution, which included the martyrdom of Stephen, many Christians fled Jerusalem to places such as Cyprus and Antioch. The Church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to work in Antioch and he sought out Paul, who was in Tarsus, to help him. They worked together there for a year teaching great numbers and it was at Antioch that believers were first called “Christians”. (Acts 11) During their mission in Antioch there was a famine in Jerusalem and money was sent by these gentile converts, via Paul and Barnabas, to support their brothers and sisters – a tradition of helping poorer Christians which continues to this day.

Grant to us Lord that Spirit which filled the hearts of Paul and Barnabas that we too may proclaim your Gospel faithfully by word and deed. Amen.

## Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can.

Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.



## May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden (Nicoll Road, NW109AX)

The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden is once more able to arrange the May Procession through Willesden to pray the Rosary asking for the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden, for the protection of London and for peace and restoration in Ukraine.

Taking place on **Sunday 8th May at 3pm**, the preacher will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church) who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection-Pokrova.

See poster at the back of the church .

## LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm  
(last admission 5pm) Admission £5.00 per person  
(FREE entry for children aged 5 and under)

There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at [www.loreto.herts.sch.uk](http://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk)



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## St Michael's Catholic Grammar School -

Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023. These are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5 to sit the entrance tests for year 7 entry to St Michael's in September 2023. Applications, the deadline for which is 5th July 2022, can be made through the online system

available on our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24>



## Event for anyone interested in supporting or hosting a Ukrainian family or others seeking sanctuary.

Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary  
**18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom.**



Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like.

This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster.

Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page

## Offertory for Sunday 1st May

Envelopes £ 478.91

Loose Plate £ 225.29

**Total £ 704.20**

**Thank you**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor and Bebe Ryan.