SUNDAY 4TH MAY + 3RD SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM JOHN & ANNIE LONG and FAMILY **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM MARGARET BOONE **RIP**
(FOLLOWED BY BURIAL OF ASHES)

6.00 PM YOUTH MASS

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Sharon Evans, Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Marie Hardy.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Ronald Johnson, Edward Gorman

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
for the repose of the soul of

POPE FRANCIS





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in thanksgiving for the
wedding anniversary of

CHRIS AND NIRMALA

Dear Parishioners,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

On this Third Sunday of Eastertide we hear about Jesus meeting his disciples after his Resurrection by the shore of the sea of Galilee. The disciples did not recognise Jesus at first. Just like the first time they met Jesus, they have spent the night fishing but have caught nothing, Jesus tells them to cast their fishing net again into the lake. So they cast it and are not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. The first time this had happened, Jesus told Simon: *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."* Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in. In this Sunday's Gospel, some three years later, Jesus appears to the disciples repeating the miracle but now after his suffering, death and Resurrection. It is also after the threefold denial of Peter and his failure to act as a reliable leader for the Apostles. Jesus then asks Peter three times, using the name he had before it was changed by OurLord: *"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"* Jesus does not reproach Peter, but by asking him three times he causes him to reflect on what Peter might learn from his failure to be faithful. Jesus offered his life for Peter, and for all of us, so that we might know God's everlasting love in our lives. This lesson from Jesus teaches Peter that the whole purpose of the Gospel can only be understood through the lens of the merciful love of God. Peter had to learn this very personally so that he could faithfully represent it as head of the Church that Jesus was leaving in his hands. Only if Simon continues to love Jesus and be humble can he understand the role he has been given. As a Church at this time we are mourning our own successor of Peter, Pope Francis, now that he has reached the end of his earthly pilgrimage. We pray that he will be received into the Father's house, in the place prepared for him by Jesus. We also pray for the next Pope, that he will be someone who, like Simon Peter will be able to say to Jesus: *"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."* Let us also pray for ourselves, that we will not waver in our fidelity to Jesus Christ and that we remain firmly grounded in his love and share always in the grace of his Resurrection. If we fail, or see others fail, may we simply remember the example of Jesus, who asks *'do you love me'*, that we too would learn that all that is asked of us is to say 'yes' and remain faithful to his love for us.

God Bless You, Fr Martín

YOUTH MASS—There will be a youth mass this Sunday at 6pm. This is a lovely opportunity to come and experience mass with people of a similar age. Following this there will be a youth musical 'jamming session' and social in the hall. Do you play and instrument, sing or play percussion/drums? Interested in forming a contemporary church band/group? Or just come along to mass and enjoy the social after. For more details e mail: stthomasmoreyouthmass@hotmail.com

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. There are currently **50** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. **2** of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have **2** seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year **3** deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

CAKE SALE– Next weekend- **Sunday 11th May** after the 9.30 am mass there will be a cake sale run by this years Confirmation Group, raising money for charity. Please support them by buying some delicious items for your morning coffee or to take away with you for afternoon tea. Thank you

Mass Times
Monday 5th May to Sunday 11th May

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 5TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EDWARD GORMAN **(A) RIP**
TUES 6TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PETRINA AND TOMAS COTTENIE **INTS**
WED 7TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LIONEL CARRIERE **RIP**
THURS 8TH MAY	10 AM TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRIDAY 9TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY & ERIC DOKE **INTS**
SATURDAY 10TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JANE AND FAMILY **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST JOHN OF AVILA
SUNDAY 11TH MAY		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	GILLIAN DONOVAN **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ODDONE BELTRAMI **(A) RIP** 4TH SUNDAY EASTER

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THE 100 CLUB DRAW takes place this weekend for April. Winning numbers are will be announced in the newsletter next week.

VOLUNTEER FOR BANKING– Could you spare the time to be on our banking team? Just once every three weeks a trip to the bank with another team member. If you are able to help out, please let the parish office know.

LAST DAYS OF JESUS Special thanks to Bernard and Madaline Luckhurst and their supporting team for orchestrating the re-enactment of the Passion of Our Lord, involving many hours of work and planning. Thank you also to all the parishioners who took part—for your time and commitment to making this a realistic and moving experience for our Parish. It was truly a memorable occasion. Thank you to all those who came to watch. Ticket sales made £1010.

SVP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, organised by the SVP, has been advertised as Sunday 1st June. This date has been altered to **SUNDAY 6th JULY**—If you are interested in going, please let the Parish Office know.

ASSISTED DYING It's looking more likely that the final vote on the Bill in the House of Commons will be delayed until either **16th May** or later. If you have not yet registered your concerns with your MP, this can be done **ONLINE** as Petitions are being kept open for the time being. https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/ OR with the **QR code** or by using the cards found in church.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH MAYFAIR—MONDAY 5TH MAY 11AM—2.30PM—fun for all the family. Refreshments, BBQ, live music, cakes bouncy castle, silent auction plus more.



PPC MEETING– the next meeting is Tuesday 6th at 8pm in the lIbrary.

SVP will be meeting next on **Sunday 11th May** after 9.30 am mass.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 14th May** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and half an hour of discussion on latest literature produced by the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation.

COFFEE MORNING AND FLOWER DEOMSTRATION On **Tuesday 20th May at 11am** we will be holding a 'Coffee Morning with Flower Demonstration' as a prelude to our Flower Festival that will be held in our church over the weekend of 20th to 22nd June. Coffee Morning tickets are £10 and will embrace home-made cakes featuring our famous Chocolate Brownies and will be served whilst three demonstrators enthral you. Their arrangements can afterwards be won by a raffle. **Your ticket for this morning will also entitle you to free entrance to the Flower Festival (worth £5) in June.** Please support this, as it will help fund the Flower Festival. Watch out for more news.