SUNDAY 11TH MAY + 4TH SUNDAY EASTER +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM GILLIAN DONOVAN **RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM ODDONE BELTRAMI **(A) R**IP

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

John Kent, Alan Kimber, Margaret Fry, Luke Kolakowski

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
In loving memory of

AMMA + PAPA MATTHIAS
RIP





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in loving memory of

LUKE KOLAKOWSKI
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

This 4th Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and we hear of Jesus presenting himself to us the one God has provided to look after his flock. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Jesus as he leads his sheep or carries back a straying lamb on his shoulders. In our Gospel passage today, Jesus addresses some of those who were trying to trap him in his speech. They demand of him: *"If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."* The people questioning him were not interested in actually knowing whether he was the Messiah, but wanted to accuse him of blasphemy. Jesus tells them: *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."* Jesus speaks to us through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, also through God's word as it is revealed in the scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. Jesus also speaks to us through his works. The principal work of God in our life is the work of grace and mercy by which we have been saved through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Everything God wants to say to us he says through his Son. The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep and so this tells us that we are safe to listen to his voice and follow him. This week, the cardinals of the Church have met and have chosen a new pope for our times. In the process of the conclave each cardinal is encouraged to listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, to discern who Jesus wants to lead his Church in the role of Peter. The pope they will have chosen is asked to represent the Good Shepherd and to listen to his voice and share his voice with the world. This is the word that brings eternal life and offers hope and trust to our world. Let us give thanks for the new pope that has been chosen and pray for his ministry. Let us also reflect, today, upon God's presence in our life. God speaks to us through his revealed word, he also speaks to us and shepherds us by guiding our souls. Where we see virtue, love, joy, mercy, grace, peace and goodness increase, there we find the will of God. Let us listen to Jesus as he speaks to us so that we will hear his voice, follow him and receive eternal life.

God Bless You , ***Fr Martin***

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION 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 **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. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

CAKE SALE– THIS 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

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

CAFOD Next weekend we welcome a speaker from CAFOD at all the masses who will be telling us about their work, particularly in this Jubilee year.

Mass Times
Monday 12th May to Sunday 18th May

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 12TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DAVID JONES **(A) RIP** ST PANCRAS
TUES 13TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NICK PATTERSON **RIP** OUR LADY OF FATIMA
WED 14TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MOIRA O ROURKE **INTS** ST MATTHIAS
THURS 15TH MAY	10 AM TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRIDAY 16TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANNEGIRT HILL **INTS**
SATUR-DAY 17TH MAY	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANGELA JOHNSON **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSI-TION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 18TH MAY		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** 9.30 AM 11.30 AM	WALTER O'NEIL **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH HOLLY NICHOLAS **INTS** 5TH SUNDAY EASTER

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THE 100 CLUB DRAW took place this last weekend. The winning numbers were Pat W. No 70, Moira O R, No 57 and Michael D No 88. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy

THE LATE POPE FRANCIS For anyone who would like to leave a tribute message or prayer, there is an online form available following this link https://popefrancistributes.com/

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



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 DEMONSTRATION 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 initiative which will help fund the Flower Festival. Watch out for more news

FOODBANK–We have received a thank you from Hillingdon Foodbank for our joint contributions with St Lawrence church that totalled 75.2 kilograms. Special thanks also to Anna who delivers them for us each month.

LIVE *STREAMING* *–For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.*

FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS, NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES , VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/EASTCOTE/