



OUR LADY AND ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Weekday: Week 4 of Easter (Year B/II)
21st – 28th April 2024

PARISH TEAM

PARISH CLERGY:

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Donate to our Parish:



Parish Administrator:

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WORKING HOURS

Mon and Wed: 9.00am – 2.00pm

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SAFEGUARDING Reps:

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Please add your appropriate reference (Mass intention, etc), to help our bookkeeper.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN FOR WATFORD, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, ST. ALBANS HOSPITALS:

01923 217994 Email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm or by appointment

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION: Welcome new Parishioners. Please contact parish office to receive a welcome pack and register with the parish.

FUNERALS: Catholic Church does allow for both burial and cremation, but does NOT permit scattering of the ashes, they must be buried or interred. Please speak to parish clergy to arrange this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **Second collection this weekend is for Priest Training Fund.**

✚ **Thank you from The Good Shepherd Company** for your kind welcome and generous support last weekend during their visit selling olive wood carvings on behalf of the carvers from the Holy Land.

✚ **BINGO NIGHT:** Thank you to all the organiser and all who attended!

✚ **70th Anniversary Event – Our Schools:** **Friday 26th April 2024 2:30pm – 4pm.** We are pleased to invite parishioners to join us at St Catherine's for a tour of the school, to see the project work children have been doing to celebrate our own diamond jubilee, and to have an opportunity to speak to staff, children and governors. Light refreshments will be available. To help with planning the afternoon, please book a space using the parish website, by emailing admin@st-catherine.herts.sch.uk or by calling 01923 676022 (from 15 April when school returns after the holiday).

Due to space, please note that priority will be given to parishioners and former parents/pupils of St Cath's, who currently do not have children at the school.

✚ **60th Anniversary: St Catherine of Siena School Mass** – on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary since our primary school's founding a special Mass will be celebrated on the *Feast of St Catherine of Siena* on *Monday 29th April 2024 at 10:15am* by Bishop Paul McAleenan here at Our Lady and St Michael's Church. The whole school and guests will be in attendance. Parishioners are also welcome to attend to celebrate this special occasion. There will be no 9:30am mass on this day.

✚ **Parish office will be closed** on Friday 3rd May and Monday 6th May 2024 for annual leave/Bank holiday.

✚ **Symbols of Faith Workshop: Preparing for the Sacraments and Participation in the Liturgy for people with learning disabilities.** A Workshop that trains individuals in the preparation of children and adults with special needs for the sacraments, using symbolic catechesis. The Workshop will be held at St Matthew's 32 Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DW on Saturday 27 April, 10am – 2pm. Details from Gail Williams gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8202 39999

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

✚ **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for 2024/2025 tax year are available to collect from the Sacristy.

✚ **WATFORD FOODBANK:** Our parishioners donated 137.5 kilos of food to the Watford Foodbank in March. Thank you for your generosity which will benefit the needy in our community.

✚ **PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** *Peter Ingram, Michael Holdaway, Malcolm Jones, Denis Cremin, Joe Kulhanti, Sarah Knott* and their families at this time of loss.

✚ **SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Pray for *Terry Holdaway, Miss Clancy, Nicola Roche, Maureen Duggan, Maureen Anderson, Ivy Alvarez,...* **Full list is available on the parish website.** Pray also for their carers. Please inform Parish office if parishioner is sick or housebound and needs Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the sick, Confession or a visit.

✠ **Last week's collection:** Loose: £488.97 Envelopes: £142; Contactless donations: March: £586.00 (Published Monthly). Thank you.

✠ **CHURCH CLEANING: this week: Team 1 on Saturday at 8:30am.** Thank you to those who cleaned the church last week!

✠ **100 CLUB PRIVATE PARISH LOTTERY:** February and March winners have now been paid. April draw will take place on ...

SACRAMENTS and CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

✠ **BAPTISMS:** The next baptism course for parents wishing to have their child baptised will be on **11th May 2024 at 9.30am**. Please register online.

✠ **FHC:** 6th Parent session: 30/4/2024 in Church. 6th Children session: 4/5/2024 in Parish Centre. Children will lead the 12noon Mass on 5/5/2024.

✠ **CONFIRMATION:** next meeting: Thursday 16/5/2024 at 7pm in the parish centre.

✠ **RCIA:** as per WhatsApp group

BAPTISMS – upcoming

05/05/2024	Patrick Lee
11/05/2024	Ezra Thomas Fox-Johnson
18/05/2024	Xander Lake Clay
01/06/2024	Freddie Smith



UPCOMING PARISH / SOCIAL EVENTS

26 April 2024	2:30pm – 4pm	School	70th Anniversary Event – Our Schools
19 May 2024	1pm	Centre	Pentecost & The Big Breakfast
6 July 2024	7pm	Centre	Afro Beat Night

PARISH GROUPS:

	Group	When	Where
Monday	<i>Parish Committees</i>	various	Meeting Room
Tuesday	<i>Spiritan Friends</i>	7pm 1 st Tuesday (monthly)	Presbytery
	<i>SVP</i>	7:15pm 2 nd Tuesday (monthly)	Meeting room
	<i>Serra Club</i>	7:30pm 2 nd Tuesday (monthly)	Church and Centre
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	<i>Adoration</i>	8:30am – 9:30am - 1 st Friday (monthly)	Church
	<i>Sunshine Club</i>	2pm-4pm - 1 st Friday (monthly)	Centre
	<i>PLW - adult</i>	7pm – 9pm (26/1/24 – 17/5/24)	Centre side room
	<i>Charismatic Prayer Group</i>	7:30pm – fortnightly Next: 26/4/2024, 10/5/2024	Church
Saturday	<i>Gardening</i>	10am-12pm 4th Saturday (monthly)	Parish grounds
Sunday	<i>Warm Welcome</i>	2pm-4pm – 4th Sunday	Centre

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR Week 4 of Easter, YEAR B/II

Sunday 21st April – Sunday 28th April 2024, Ps Wk 4

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Margaret and Terry Gidman RIP

20/4 SATURDAY	6pm 4th Sunday of Easter VIGIL	Miroslav Mazal Birthday thanksgiving
21/4 SUNDAY Mass book pages: 265 – 267 Ps. Week 4	8:30am Mass 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday 10am Mass Tea and coffee in parish after mass 12noon Mass	*parish clergy *Parish *Gabriel Adewunmi birthday thanksgiving
22/4 MONDAY	9:30am Easter Feria Mass	
23/4 TUESDAY	9:30am St George, Martyr, Patron of England	Miles and Irene Cash (RIP) and Cash family int.
24/4 WEDNESDAY	6:30pm Adoration 7pm St Erkenwald and Mellitus	Helena Benita Brown RIP
25/4 THURSDAY	NO MASS	
26/4 FRIDAY	9:30am Easter Feria Mass	
27/4 SATURDAY	6pm 5th Sunday of Easter VIGIL	Parish
28/4 SUNDAY Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 21 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15:1-8 Ps. Week 1	8:30am Mass 5th Sunday of Easter 10am Mass Tea and coffee in parish after mass 12noon Mass	*Special intention * *Brandon Callan and family thanksgiving

MASS INTENTIONS

To offer a Mass Intention you can email the office/give a note to parish clergy/post a note through the presbytery letterbox. Please include intention details (name and RIP/anniversary/private intention).



WEEKLY PRAYERS:

✠ **MORNING PRAYER:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9.00am

✠ **ADORATION/BENEDICTION:** Wednesdays 6.30-7.00pm

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

WEEKEND	CAUSE
12 May 2024	Catholic Communications Network
16 June 2024	Day for Life
30 June 2024	Peter's Pence