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Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) 8th May 2022

Today's Readings

Acts 13:14. 43-52 Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17 St John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth.

John 10:27-30 Jesus the good shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

Mass This Week

Saturday 7th 6:30pm

Sunday 8th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 10th 7:30pm Easter Feria

Wednesday 11th 9:15am Easter Feria

Thursday 12th 9:15am Easter Feria

Friday 13th 8:00am Easter Feria

Intention

Michael Saltmarsh (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

First Communion families

Canon Philip Cross RIP

Fr Tony Brunning RIP

Health and Care Workers

Fr Kevin McDevett RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

First Holy Communion It is our joy this weekend and next Sunday to rejoice with the young people and their families celebrating their first Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. There may be more people than usual at the 10:30am Masses, you may wish to consider coming to one of the other weekend masses to create more space for our guests.

Change of Mass Time Please note that the Mass on Friday 13th May will be at 8am.

Rosary Online Over the past two years, a regular parish recitation of the Rosary has taken place online via Zoom. We are grateful that the marvels of technology have enabled us to unite in prayerful fellowship throughout the pandemic, and plan to continue with this practice at 10:00 on Mondays. Please let Anita know if you would like to join so she can forward your details.

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In Church The Rosary will be recited publicly after Mass at 09:45am on Wednesdays (after the 09:15am Mass). All welcome.

Children's liturgy starts again on 22nd May. This will take place during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays, during term-time. Children's liturgy is for our youngest parishioners, so that they can hear the Word of God proclaimed in a language more appropriate to their levels of understanding. It is aimed at children from birth through to Year 3 at school (when they typically make their First Holy Communion) - if your child is below nursery age and comes along, they will need someone with them. The liturgy usually includes singing, learning about the Gospel, prayer, and some sort of activity—often to do with marker pens. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Children's Liturgy, and we thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry and the children of our parish.

Fire Wardens Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We could do with few more people to cover every mass. Please sign up in the sacristy. We can arrange a further short training session.

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians This year's day of prayer will take place on 22nd May 2022, the 6th Sunday of Easter. Organised each year by the charity FACE, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald M.Afr is a patron of this charity. More details at <https://facecharity.org/>

The **Christian Leadership Formation programme** is currently open to applications from students in Lower Sixth. The application deadline is Friday 3rd June 2022. The programme is for students who are actively committed to their faith, who are intellectually gifted and who are committed to shaping a Christian society through their careers. It provided a spiritual and philosophical/theological formation in the Catholic tradition around themes relating to the common good, as well as workshops in skills pertaining to public life. Part- to full sponsorships are available to students who are unable to meet the costs, though we students are asked to attempt to fundraise £140 (10% of the course's costs) as a minimum contribution. Information and application forms are available at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

Charity Concert for Ukraine There will be a Charity Concert for Ukraine on Wednesday 11th May 7:30pm at Litlington Church. No ticket required, donations at the door are welcome.

Catholic Listeners; Diocese of Westminster, a new confidential listening helpline has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The number is 0800 448 0704. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

CWL Meeting This is a reminder to all CWL members that the May meeting has been cancelled and our next meeting will be on Monday 13th June. The May coffee morning will still go ahead on Sunday 29th May, as planned.

Priest Training Fund 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 in the Sacristy.

You can use the QR code to donate online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for May
Faith-Filled Young People We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.