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Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) 21st April 2024

Today's Readings

Acts: 4:8-12 Peter publicly and courageously proclaims that it is only in the name of Jesus that anyone can be saved.

1 John: 3:1-2 John promises that although God has already lavished incredible love upon us by transforming us into children of God, the best is yet to come.

John 10:11-18 Jesus calls himself a "good" shepherd because he freely lays down his life for his sheep, because he "knows" his sheep in the rich scriptural sense of living in intimate union with them and because he shares his life with them, as the Son shares life with the Father.

Mass This Week

Saturday 20th 6:30pm
Sunday 21st 9:00am
10:30am

Intention

Julia & Charlie McKinley (anniv)
Shane Nangle (RIP))
For Our Parishioners

Tuesday 23 rd	6:00pm	ST GEORGE	For the Church & People of England
Wednesday 24 th	9:15am	Easter Weekday	For Peace
Thursday 25 th	9:15am	ST MARK	For the spread of the Gospel
Friday 26 th	9:15am	Easter Weekday	Special Intention (JJ)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns For Those Who Suffer As A Result of War

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

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Normal Practice resumed! Fr Philip and our PPC have decided that we have got through winter and there is no longer any reason to continue with any special restrictions. Now is a time to draw a line under the pandemic. It remains a personal choice but we intend to make it possible for all who wish to receive in both kinds to do so at every mass. To enable this we do need more volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers. Please help if you can.

First Holy Communion Please note this years First Holy Communion Masses will be on the last Sunday of April and first three Sundays of May.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome This is very early notice but we need an approximation of numbers this weekend, if we are to confirm our hotel booking in Rome for October 2025. We do encourage as many people as possible to make this special Jubilee Pilgrimage. The estimated cost will be ~£1,150 per person. Please sign up on the list as soon as possible. Such details as we have already are on the Sacristy notice board.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We are intending to join with our friends in Letchworth again. Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy. The cost will depend on how many people are on the coach.

Lay Ministries For those who carry out lay ministries during Mass (sacristans, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion etc) *we are always looking for more volunteers* please be reminded that there is a WhatsApp group available, to make it easier to find a replacement if you become unavailable. If you would like to be added to this group (which covers all three weekend Masses) please contact anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk

Priest Training Fund This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. 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, they are still available in the Sacristy. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you for your generosity.

Family Rosary Please come along and join us for a children led rosary, in front of Our Lady's statue, on Saturday 11th May at 5pm. This will be followed by a bring and share tea in the Parish Hall.

Are You A Tax Payer? If your tax status changed for 2023-24, or will change for 2024-25, please inform Lawrie Fernee on 01763 243395 or RoystonGA@rcdow.org.uk

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School currently have vacancies for Foundation and Community School Governors. Their current team of Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational, and form a Governing Body which sees its purpose as one of service to the School community and the wider community. Remember that the gift you bring is of YOURSELF. This will entail life skills and experience, qualification and business skills, no prior experience of working in education is required.

If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact the clerk to the governors:- Lesley Radcliffe by email on radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for April
For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Universe Catholic Weekly Newspapers are now available to purchase every week. They are available in the Sacristy and cost £3.50 each.

Pope Francis' message for this World Day of Prayer for Vocations may be found at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>

Saint Paul VI composed this prayer for the first World Day for Vocations:

"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)".