

3rd May 2020. 4th Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

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Sunday 3rd May 2020 **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass: 9.00am, 12noon

Monday 4th May **The English Martyrs**

Mass: 9.30am

Tuesday 5th May

Mass: 9.30am

Requiem Mass for Joaquim Antonio Mascarenhas

Wednesday 6th May

Mass: 9.30am

Thursday 7th May

Mass: 9.30am

Friday 8th May

Mass: 12noon

Saturday 9th May

Mass: 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 10th May 2020 **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass: 9.00am, 12noon

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3RD MAY 2020

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Francis Glackin, William Rynne, Johnny Delaney, Terence and Maria St Clair, Nora Rynne, Patrick McMahon, Lisa Dacunoz, Sam McKenzie, Bernadette Daniel, Lynn Dunbar, Michael Delaney, Mary O'Connor, Shaker Chudasama, Nella Fournillier, Powuna Gomes, Catherine Nott, Cheryl Davis, Alister Goodman, Niona Johnson, Mary Wallace, Albert Kadiri, Nicolau Dias, Fr Danny Horan, Domingo Fernandes, Margaret Fay and Mary Toussaint that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS of Joaquim Antonio Mascarenhas who died on Saturday 18th April. The funeral service and burial will take place at Carpenter's Park Cemetery at 11.00am on Tuesday 5th May.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD 2020 - SUNDAY MEDITATIONS, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Meditate: Jesus promises life and life to the full. There are two words for life in Greek: bios (natural life) and zoe (spiritual life). Jesus **promises** fullness of zoe. In speaking of this kind of life he requires his sheep to listen to him and not to trust the voice of strangers. In our lives we are bombarded by so many different voices. As aspects of our bios have been curtailed recently, we can focus on the promise of Jesus of fullness of life in him.

Act: Fullness of life is found in listening to Jesus amidst our distractions. We have so many of those, we follow so many different voices that it would be important to make some silence in our external life so that we may hear what God might be saying to our heart as we read Scripture or pray silently.

Masses for the Sick, Families, NHS Staff and Care Workers

Every Thursday at 7 o'clock, a bishop will celebrate Mass in one of the cathedrals for the sick, their carers, NHS staff and those working in social care. You can join Cardinal Vincent for a Mass at churchservices.tv/westminster

Live Catholic Mass Online

Despite the fact that we can't gather for Mass in our church we are broadcasting Masses live online. Also visit our parish Facebook page St Joseph's RC Church, Wembley and stay connected.

Migrant's Mass

Considering the incredible contribution of migrants to so many services a moment to honour them in prayer is arranged.

This year the Migrants' Mass will be celebrated using [Instagram Live](#) and [YouTube](#) on **Saturday 2 May, at 10.30am.**

Vocations Sunday, this year will be celebrated on 3 May.

Let us pray: Loving Father, you call us by name. As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. May we support one another in response to God's call. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join St Joseph's RC Church Wembley in MARIAN DEVOTION

Daily Rosary at 7pm. Download '**Zoom**' on your laptop or phone. You do not have to register, just put your name, meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: **955 1963 0300**

Password: **072112**

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

On Zoom App every Saturday at 3.00 to 3.30pm

Meeting ID: **956 9751 8970**

Password: **375016**

*LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

First Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

The second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



Our Lady help of Christians,

Pray for us