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## Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Acts 2: 14, 36-41**

**1 Peter 2: 20-25**

**John 10: 1-10**

The first reading from Acts, describes how Peter, with courage from the Holy Spirit, starts to preach to the crowds about Jesus and how he was crucified but had now risen proving he was indeed the Son of God. They were shocked and were told that they must repent and be baptised as followers of Christ, resulting in about 3,000 becoming Christians. In the second reading, Peter explains how Jesus suffered so unjustly but never retaliated by word of mouth or action. He was insulted, tortured and died on the cross without any signs of fighting back as an example of bearing punishment patiently while doing his duty. He was suffering His wounds and died bearing our faults and sins in His own body so that we would be healed and live in holiness to be followers of Him. We must not go astray but follow Christ, our shepherd, and accept any unjust treatment due our beliefs without retaliation but keeping faithful to his example and persevere to spread His message of love and peace. In the Gospel, the theme of Jesus being our shepherd is continued in a parable. He emphasise how the sheep must follow their shepherd as they recognise his voice and not be led astray by strangers. He says "I am the gate of the sheepfold and all others are thieves and brigands". He warns against false prophets and those who would lead us to a more comfortable way of living which does not keep strictly to His principles of truth, justice and love of our neighbour. The stranger comes only to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus came so that we would have life, and have it to the full, following his teaching and example of service, integrity and respect of all in our world. . Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Diana Stimson</b> <b>RIP</b>	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> St Catherine of Siena</b> Born in 1347 in Italy to a large fairly rich family. Gave away family's food and clothing without permission. The troublesome, independent girl became a member of a lay Dominican Third Order. Still lived at home and refused to marry. Mystic who experienced visions. Devotion to the sick and poor, especially during a famine in 1370 and an outbreak of the plague in 1374. Proclaimed the sinful world had to be refashioned in line with Christ's teaching. Suffered stigmata and tried to reform the Church and solve the papal Great Schism. Saw Crusades against the Turks as stopping Christian States wagging war on each other.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mass of thanksgiving for birthdays of Jean-Michel and Jean (RIP)</b>
<b>6.30pm Mass</b> <b>Mary Nolan RIP</b> <b>First Anniversary</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May St Joseph the Worker</b> Jesus was called the son of the carpenter in Nazareth. In fact it is most probable that Joseph was a skilled artisan who worked in wood, stone and metal and was a key worker in Nazareth so making him known outside his local area. It is therefore very proper that he is the patron saint of workers and celebrated on "May Day", 1 <sup>st</sup> May. Before his work in Nazareth, Joseph was put in a difficult position as a teenager with his girl friend Mary who was most probably about 13 years old. He was not visited by an angel but was told in a dream of the virgin birth and told he had to care for Mary. Again he is told in a dream, after the birth of Jesus, to go to Egypt to avoid the massacre of babies by King Herod. He then showed great courage as a teenager to take young Mary and the baby Jesus on a long and dangerous journey from Bethlehem to. Egypt. .
<b>10 am Mass</b> <b>M M Varghise RIP</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>Father of Bincy</b> <b>Tomy</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius of Alexandria</b> Born in 297 to a Christian family in Alexandria. Well educated. As a youth was in contact with St Antony of Egypt and desert hermits. Secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria as a deacon. Produced his first literary work. Took part in Council of Nicaea in 325 to oppose Arian heresy that created Nicene Creed. Made Patriarch of Alexandria in 328. Some extreme followers of Athanasius and orthodox beliefs killed some Arians and he was blamed. Emperor Constantine exiled him to Germany. Despite appeals by St Antony, Emperor would not relent. Athanasius returned to Alexandria in 337 after death of emperor. Gradually improved spiritual life. Increased number of monks and nuns. Great preacher and spiritual writer. New Emperor Constantius eventually changed to support Arianism used his army to depose Athanasius in 356. Diocese experienced a reign of terror until death of emperor in 361. Emperor Julian replaced him. When Athanasius returned after two years Julian ordered him to leave Alexandria. When Julian died in 363, Athanasius returned in triumph, but the new Emperor Valens, after a couple of years, exiled him again. After great protest from the people, Athanasius was allowed to return as Patriarch in 366 for the last 7 years of his life. Died 373.
	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Philip and St James</b> Two of the 12 apostles that Jesus called. In the 6 <sup>th</sup> century the bodies of St Philip and St James were brought to Rome from the East where they had been martyred and laid to rest in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles. Philip was first a disciple of John the Baptist, a married man with children who was bilingual in both Greek and Aramaic. When Philip asked his friend Nathanael to follow Jesus, he replied "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" When Jesus met Nathanael he said "I saw you under the fig tree". Nathanael, sometimes called Bartholomew, then became a follower of Jesus and after the crucifixion and resurrection accompanied Philip and Philip's sister on missions to preach in Greece, Phrygia and Syria, Philip was martyred in the city of Hierapolis in Syria. The St James of this feast day is "St James the Less", son of Alphaes and not the other apostle "St James the Great", son of Zebedee and brother of St John. His father was married to Mary of Clopas, sister of the Virgin Mary, one of the women at the foot of the cross at the

<b>6.30 pm Mass For all the departed souls from Peter and Sherly's family</b>	crucifixion. Consequently James was the cousin of Jesus and, in appearance, very similar to the extent that the Virgin Mary sometimes could not tell them apart. This is why Judas gave Jesus a kiss to identify him in case they arrested James. Jesus was very close to his cousin James and, after His resurrection, appeared to James before any other apostle. (1 Cor 15:7) James was related to St Thaddaeus, sometimes called St Jude, and the two were known as "brethren of the Lord". James became the Bishop of Jerusalem. The "Letter of James" refers to respect and help for the poor. "Faith without good works is useless". James was martyred by a pagan mob.
<b>NO MASS Church is being used as a Polling Station for the local elections from 8am to 10pm</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> St Florian of Lorch</b> Born in 250 in Austria. Joined Roman Army and advanced in rank to commander of the Imperial Army in the Roman province of Noricum, now part of Austria. As well as military duties, he was responsible for organising fire fighting brigades, so forming an elite group of soldiers whose sole duty was to fight fires. When Emperor Diocletian started to persecute Christians, Florian was reported as being sympathetic to them. He was ordered to offer sacrifice to the Roman pagan gods and refused and made a bold statement of Christian faith. He was sentenced to be burned at the stake but appeared not to be afraid so was drowned in the Enns River, near its junction with the River Danube, with a milestone tied around his neck. His body was recovered and buried in Augustine Abbey of St Florian, near Linz. Patron saint of fire fighters.
<b>6,30 pm Mass to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> St Hilary of Arles</b> Born in 401 in southern France to a pagan high class Roman family. A Christian in his youth. Left his honours and riches to join his relative St Honoratus in Lerins Abbey on an island off the coast which followed the <i>Rule of St Pachomius</i> . Hilary led a very austere life style. St Honoratus was made Archbishop of Arles. Hilary went with him to help him with his duties. Unfortunately St Honoratus died 3 years later. Hilary was appointed in his place as Archbishop at the age of 29. Known for his kindness and charity. Eloquent preacher. Presided over two Church Councils. Strengthened Church discipline and orthodoxy.
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> St Petronax of Monte Cassino</b> Born in 670 in northern Italy. Joined the hermits in the ruins of Monte Cassino monastery in Italy between Rome and Naples. Elected the superior of monks. Rebuilt the monastery which Benedict had founded. Pope Gregory II gave him an autographed copy of <i>Rule of St Benedict</i> . Known as <i>Second founder of the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino</i> . Attracted many notable monks.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b></span>
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>	

<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Special Mass to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III at 6.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

The parish does not normally have a Mass on Friday although there is a morning Mass on Friday at Holy Family. Fr Michael Cronin is celebrating this Mass the day before the coronation for the new King Charles. All parishioners are very grateful to Fr Michael for covering the parish so well for Fr Tomy while he is away.



#### **Congratulations to Tommaso Morelli and Lora Tchistova who celebrated their wedding at St Vincent de Paul church last Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Congratulations to Tom and Lora who are relatively new to our parish but who have quickly made friends in the parish and are a great asset to our faith community in many ways. Both work in the National Health Service as a doctor and nurse and are involved in different aspects of medical research as well as their normal duties in the hospital

#### **Safeguarding Training for SVP parish is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Morning session for "Child Protection" is from 10 am to 12 noon  
The afternoon session for "Working with Adults at Risk" is from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Safeguarding training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk. You do not need to attend both sessions if you only work with one of those groups e.g. Children's liturgists who only work with children at the church only need to attend the morning session. In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training.

#### **8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm**

The next session will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

#### **Parish collection for last weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

						SPECIAL COLLECTION			
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£59	£14.75	£139	£242.54	£51.98	£461.27	---	---	---	<b>£461.27</b>

**Being well under £500, this is the lowest amount for a week's collection we have had for years.**