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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 17/04/21	12:30 CTK	Third Sunday of Easter	Jack Chambers & Margaret O'Byrne (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Eric Pitt (RIP)
Sun 18/04/21	10:00 CTK		Lawrence & Patricia Tams (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)
Mon 19/04/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Czapiewski family (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Brennan family
	12:00 CTK		Tommy Byrne (Anni.)
Tue 20/04/21	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Mike O'Reilly (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Michael Canavan (RIP)
	14:00 CTK		Funeral Service – Jane Nugent (RIP)
Wed 21/04/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Banat family (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Michael Doherty (RIP)
Thu 22/04/21	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Chris O'Shea (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Zak Evans (Anni.)
Fri 23/04/21	10:30 Mon.	St George, Solemnity	Vera Whelan
	12:00 CTK		Annie McDonnell (Anni.)
	13:30 PBCr		Funeral Service – Tina Marie Boyle (RIP)
Sat 24/04/21	12:30 CTK	Third Sunday of Easter	Kevin Berns (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Joe Thewlis (Anni.)
Sun 25/04/21	10:00 CTK		Thomas, Mary & James Dore (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Sean O'Callaghan (RIP)

Easter Season: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as a 'great Sunday'. The first eight days of Easter Time make the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. On the 40th day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated.

BIBLE STUDY on Zoom on Wednesday at 7:00pm. Link is available from Sr. Miriam or Fr. The-Quang.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, John Butler, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Terry Lakin, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler.

RIP: Please pray for Tina Marie Boyle who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

DO NOT come if you are infected with the virus or are sick.
You must **SOCIALLY DISTANCE** (1m+) whilst in Church and wear a mask.
STEWARDS will welcome you, and give instructions.
The **TOILETS** will **NOT** be open for use.

Repent and be forgiven

"You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer, and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations." This prediction or mandate of the risen Christ is echoed by Peter in the first reading, "Now you must repent and turn to God, that your sins may be wiped out." In John's epistle too, we are urged to stop sinning, and if we have sinned the sacrifice of Christ can take our sins away. People who live without thought of God or of His will, may silence their consciences with the promise of repenting some future day. But is it possible that a change of heart can happen in a single day? Can we our character and habits possibly improve by an act of our will?

Some may be inclined to wonder, "Why all the fuss if everyone is a sinner, and if forgiveness is easily got?" To this, St. John has a sober warning, "We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments." Knowing God has a moral dimension and has almost nothing to do with intellectual understanding. To know God means to have a close and personal relationship with our Maker and Father. This happens most surely if we live in imitation of Christ, or put on Christ, as St Paul says. Being Christians gives us the great privilege of a relationship with Jesus; but it also makes great demands on us, for we cannot be like Christ unless we aim to become pure in heart. (<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/04/april-18-2021-third-sunday-of-easter/>)

Last Weeks' Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£
Loose	£
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 159.50
Loose	£ 114.00
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 306.96

Thank you for your generosity

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Many thanks to those who contribute to the parish fund to help the poor during this difficult time.

Message from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

Talk on Church Finances in a time of Pandemic. Rev. David Palmer former Treasurer of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

18th April 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Every organisation needs money including the Church. However, in recent years income to parishes has been steadily reducing and costs continue to increase. The pandemic has and will have a significant impact on that situation. So, what better time for us to understand our financial situation and the issues we face. To register for the Zoom Meeting, Email: actabham@gmail.com

Please Pray for Steven Fleming: who is a member of Maryvale parish community and is applying for ordination to the Diaconate at Oscott. May he respond to his vocation with and in the spirit of our Blessed Mother, the perfect model of the Church.

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Prayer Intentions during March and April:

18/04/21 - *"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to consider abortion, and that they and their mothers would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them."*

25/04/21 - *"This Tuesday marks 53 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their commitment to support pregnant women and their families would increase, and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life."*

Could parents please be vigilant to the global promotion of abortion in the name of humanity and health care. This is the work of the devil as it tries to legalize murder of innocent lives and to put the life of women at risk. Although the long-term damage is too big for any expectant mother to attempt, it is always hidden and the pressure is very high. Please pray for the conversion of heart in those who are involved in this depopulating and impoverishing scheme.

Food Parcels: for those in need are available from The Active Well-Being Society on 0121 7287030. Helps with clothing and other supports are also available.