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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 24/04/21	12:30 CTK	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	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)
Mon 26/04/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Eileen McMahon (Get well)
	09:30 Mon.		Janet & Chris Sullivan (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Tommy Byrne (Anni.)
Tue 27/04/21	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Jerry Deasy (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Pat & Gill Walsh (RIP)
Wed 28/04/21	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Patricia Canavan
	09:30 Mon.		Bridie & Pat Galvin (Anni.)
	12:45 CTK		Funeral Service – Janet Early
Thu 29/04/21	09:30 Mon.	St Catherine of Siena, Feast	Linda Clarke (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Jack & Kathleen Foxall
Fri 30/04/21	10:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Paul Costelloe (RIP)
	11:30 CTK		Requiem Mass – Patrick Concannon
Sat 01/05/21	12:30 CTK	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Bill Rice (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Eileen Zegiestowski (RIP)
Sun 02/05/21	10:00 CTK		Sheila Cassidy (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Joan & Eric Fielding (RIP)

New Rector at Oscott College: The Archbishop has appointed Fr Michael Dolman as the new rector at Oscott College. Please pray for him in his new appointment.

Congratulations to James and Margaret Head who are celebrating their 24th Wedding Anniversary. We look forward to their Silver Jubilee next year. May they continue to reflect the love of Christ in their married life.

Please pray for the children who are prepared for the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation in our two Primary Schools. May their faith be properly nurtured and fruitful.

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 Mary McDermott, of Warren Farm Lodge, 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.

The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.



Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-04-25>

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Envelopes	£ 254.85
Loose	£ 349.76
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 811.30

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Envelopes	£ 422.00
Loose	£ 217.97
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 673.43

Thank you for your generosity

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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

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 April:

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.