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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

R: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 30/04/22	12:30 CTK	3rd Sunday of Easter	Sheila Cassidy (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Grace Deane (Anni.)
Sun 01/05/22	10:00 CTK		John McLoughlin
	10:00 OLAM		Douglas Kennedy (Anni.)
Mon 02/05/22	08:00 Con.	St Athanasius, Mem.	Masie Anderson (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Peter Ng Chieu (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Annie Sherry (RIP)
Tue 03/05/22	09:30 Mon.	Ss Philip & James, Feast	William Donnelly (Anni)
	12:00 CTK		Margaret Day (RIP)
Wed 04/05/22	08:00 Con.	English Martyrs, Feast	Jean Parkes (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Joan & Eric Fielding (Anni.)
Thu 05/05/22	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Br Joseph Carron
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		James Fisher (Anni.)
Fri 06/05/22	09:00 CTK	Easter Feria	Jack (RIP) & Kath Foxall
	10:30 Mon.		Kitty Heaney
	19:00 CTK		Requiem Mass - Julia Casey
Sat 07/05/22	10:00 Mon	Easter Feria	Sr Marie Inglis
	10:00 OLAM		FHC Mass - PoPs
	12:30 CTK		Alf Broth (Anni)
	18:00 OLAM		Eileen Zegiestowski (Anni)
Sun 08/05/22	10:00 CTK	4th Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	Rice and Wood families (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		James Head (Private Intention)

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, 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, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Sean Mulkeen, Rose Lewsley and Carol Timmis. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for Kathleen Butlin and Linda Ollerenshaw who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Julia Casey – Fri 06/05/22, 19:00, CTK; Kathleen Butlin – Wed 11/05/22, 11:30, OLAM; Deacon Jack Foxall – Thu 19/05/22, 11:30, CTK; Linda Ollerenshaw – Mon 23/05/22, 10:30, CTK.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT – TRUSTEES

Oscott College, the diocesan seminary, which forms men for the priesthood and the diaconate from England Wales, Scotland and further afield, is looking for additional trustees.

The particular areas of expertise which are needed are: Diversity and inclusion, Education and academia, HR and training, IT and digital, Media/PR Trusteeship is a voluntary role, and is a way to put your skills at the service of the church. If you would like any further information please contact Jackie Hall, College Bursar at Oscott

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Gospel Commentary – Fr. Donagh O'Shea OP

When we are in doubt we return to what we know: the past. When we don't know where we are going, we turn back. When Jesus was dead his disciples returned to their former way of life: they tried to go back to fishing. But "they caught nothing that night." Even the past could give them no reassurance; they had nowhere to go. They had no future, they thought, because Jesus was dead; and now they seemed to have no past either. Tragedy and failure drove them into the present moment. It was in that cataclysmic Now that they saw Jesus. The Good News reveals itself in the Now. 'Now' is like a bomb thrown through our window, and ticking.... The Resurrection of Jesus is God's new deed.

There on the shore of the lake Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" People like to connect this with Peter's triple denial of Jesus: he was being given a chance to undo the damage, layer by layer. In addition, something else is happening in the original language, something that doesn't appear in English. There are several words for 'love' in Greek. Look at two of them. 'Philein' means to love someone as a friend; 'agapan' means to love someone in the distinctive way that Jesus loved: unselfishly, creatively, unconditionally, endlessly. This second kind is mysteriously deeper and wider than the first, because it doesn't depend on like-mindedness as friendship does; it can even reach out to include one's enemies. Now, Jesus first asked Peter, 'Agapas me?' (Do you love me with this kind of love?) Peter replies, 'Philo se'. (I love you as a friend.) The second time the words are the same. But the third time, Jesus asks him, "Phileis me?" And Peter answers as before, 'Philo se'.

Peter wasn't yet able to love Jesus in that heroic way; he could love him only as the friend he had known for three years. But the third time around, Jesus steps down, as it were, to accept what Peter was able to offer at that time.

Can we put it this way: all forms of love and friendship are capable of advancing gradually towards 'agapè', the heroic kind of love Jesus shows. How do we go along that road? By doing the best we can at the time. Peter was not able to rise to heroic love on that occasion. But he understood friendship. Friendship is the best rehearsal for agapè. It is a deep mystery in itself. "I have called you friends," Jesus said. But agapè is even deeper.

Peter's first instinct, once he had turned his back on Jesus, was to go back to the past. Like Jonah he set off in the wrong direction. But also like Jonah he didn't get very far; God's mercy caught up with him. Then when he was brought face to face with Jesus he couldn't quite grasp what was being brought into. He would have to be dragged into the future. "When you grow old you will stretch out your hands and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go".

Peter's task was to let himself be dragged into the future, even though all his instincts rebelled against it. He is a sign to every believer. My temperament may try to drag me into the past, persuading me to call cowardice by some fancy name: faith, or safety, or responsibility, or fidelity.... But there before me stands the humble figure of Peter, the crowing cock by his side. If the compassion of Christ extends to him it extends to me too. If Christ trusts him to feed his lambs, his sheep, he trust me too.

In early Christian art Peter was always portrayed with the crowing cock beside him; this identified him. It was to give courage to the many Christians who had buckled under persecution and, like Peter, had betrayed the Lord. If he was received with mercy by Christ, so, they knew, would they be received. But in later times, when the Church turned to ways of power, Peter was portrayed holding the keys of the Kingdom.

St Paul knew the paradoxical ways of God: "When I am weak," he wrote, "then I am strong" (2Cor 12:10). It is true of Peter too. Peter was told by Jesus, "Strengthen your brothers" (Lk 22:32). It is in his very weakness that he does it.

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Loose	£ 259.88
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 522.07

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Total	£ 272.22

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Marriage Encounter England and Wales recognise that the very pillar of vibrant church communities are good couple relationships, leading Christian families to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. We are therefore delighted to offer the opportunity for all couples to experience a life changing Marriage Encounter Weekend in 2022, in person or online. Our next experiences are: 1. Online Saturdays – 14 and 21 May 2022 and 2. Non-Resident experience on the 11-12 June 2022 at Savio House Near Macclesfield. The Barn, Savio House, Ingeresly Road, Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5RW. The Marriage Encounter Experience offers the opportunity to refresh, enrich, deepen and bring love back into all relationships. The experience offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context. The programme is delivered by experienced laity couples and a priest and is supported by the Bishops' Conference.

Quo Vadis? (Where are you going?)

A series of **three Zoom sessions** for **university students** on the theme of **discernment**, including a presentation on the life of the *beatus* (blessed) by a speaker working within university chaplaincy, followed by a time of prayer.

- **Tues. 10th May – Bl. Carlo Acutis** by Mgr. Marl Crisp (Wolverhampton University Chaplaincy)
- **Mon. 16th May – Bl. Chiara Badano** by Alvea Fernandes (Oxford University Chaplaincy)
- **Thurs. 26th May – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati** by Fr. Ray Corbett (Aston University Chaplaincy)

Sessions run 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.

For more information and to register for Zoom links, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis