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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99(100): 1-3,5

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 07/05/22	12:30 CTK	4th Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer of Vocations</i>	Alf Broth (Anni)
	18:00 OLAM		Eileen Zegiestowski (Anni)
Sun 08/05/22	10:00 CTK		Rice and Wood families (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		James Head (Private Intention)
Mon 09/05/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Norah Doonan (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Alice O'Toole
	12:00 CWS		Patricia Morriscoe - Get well
Tue 10/05/22	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	David MacLaurin (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Annie Rochford (RIP)
Wed 11/05/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Feria	Angela Caffery - Get well
	09:30 Mon.		Mr Czeslaw Trapszo (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Requiem Mass - Kathleen Butlin
Thu 12/05/22	09:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Private Intention
	10:30 OLAM		Rev Gary O'Brien
	12:00 CTK		Rachael O'Neill (RIP)
Fri 13/05/22	09:00 CTK	Easter Feria	Margaret Ali (Recovery)
	10:30 Mon.		Julia Casey (RIP)
Sat 14/05/22	10:00 Mon	St Matthias, Feast	Michelle Green
	10:00 CTK		FHC Mass People of the Parishes
	12:00 CTK		FHC Mass - Ellie Cunningham (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Bridget Clarke (Anni.)
Sun 15/05/22	10:00 CTK	5th Sunday of Easter	Freda McCarthy
	11:30 OLAM		Marie Brady (RIP)

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, 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, Rose Lewsley and Carol Timmis. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for Sheila Ferns and Patrick Joseph Bradley who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: 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 – Sister Anne Arabome, S.S.S.

These days, it is impossible not to notice the pain, hurt, and tears of people in many parts of our world. Think of the pain of war: Women, men, and children scurrying to hide in bomb shelters; innocent lives trapped in burned out or collapsed buildings; and abandoned and traumatized elderly people without relief amidst the senseless devastation of war.

Or, think of the pain of natural disasters: lives and livelihoods destroyed in raging fires and floods. The pandemic still causes us pain, the pain of sickness and the sorrow of losing loved ones. Then there is the pain of simply living. Daily, people across the world wake up to a steady rise in the cost of living. The poor struggle to survive and parents wonder how to care for their children.

As I reflect on these experiences, I am reminded of “the time of great distress” in the second reading from the Book of Revelation. John tells us that the people who are gathered in the presence of God are those “who have survived the time of great distress.” They have endured persecution, torment, and tribulation on account of their faith. The good news is that their survival was not an accident. They survived because God sheltered and protected them. God did not abandon them to their fate. It is an important lesson to remember that, in times of trouble, we are always before God—or rather, God always gathers us into God’s presence.

John’s vision of the multitude of people before God’s throne reveals God’s desire for us. God desires to satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst; God desires to protect us from anything that would hurt us. Pause and listen to God’s promise: “They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.” God will lead them “to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away tears from their eyes.”

As you hear these words, I invite you to reflect: Where is your pain? What hurts are you carrying in your life? What brings you tears? Your pain, hurt, or tears are not alien to God. Like the Good Shepherd in today’s Gospel, who knows every sheep by name, God knows your pain, feels your hurt and sees your tears. For your pain God promises new life; for your hurts God promises healing; and for your tears God promises consolation.

Wherever we may find ourselves in our lives, Jesus the Good Shepherd desires to shepherd us beyond our tears, beyond our hurts, from death unto life, from darkness unto light. The Good Shepherd gives us each day as a time of grace—a time to thrive rather than simply survive—because we are inheritors of God’s grace. God clothes us in robes of consolation, garments of comfort, and cloaks of healing. In times of distress, God leads us tenderly to springs of living water.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for we are God’s great and beloved multitude from every nation, race, people, and tongue. Amen!

Last week’s collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 105.50
Loose	£ 318.41
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 630.60

Last week’s collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 156.50
Loose	£ 143.29
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 333.25

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THINKING OF BECOMING A TEACHER IN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL?

At Bishop Challoner Secondary Catholic School, we are working with Catholic schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into this rewarding profession. We have Primary and Secondary School Direct places available. We are also offering School Experience Days to gain an insight into life in a school and they will be on **Wednesday 27th April 2022 and Wednesday 25th May 2022**. See our website www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

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