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Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were

baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Parish Prayer for the Dead and for Mourners

You are invited to join with Fr Allen and other parishioners in praying on Sundays for those who have died recently, and for their families and friends.

Texts are posted on the blog Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, but of course feel free to pray for these intentions as you choose!

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose.
 Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit.
 He guides me along the right path;
 he is true to his name.
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness
 no evil would I fear.
 You are there with your crook and
 your staff;
 with these you give me comfort.
 You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing.
 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever.

MASSSES: Mass is celebrated 'privately' at 0830 each day. A number of parishioners like to spend join themselves with this Mass as they pray at home. Each morning a brief reflection on one of the readings of the day is posted on our parish blog. One way of joining yourself with the daily parish Mass is to follow the following pattern: make a penitential act (eg, the I Confess or the Lord / Christ have mercy); reading the scripture reading and reflection, and making a spiritual communion

If there are people you would like prayed for at daily Mass, please email or phone them to Fr Allen, or simply add them to the lead post on the parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasboldmere

Sa	2	St Athanasius	Mass intention: Pauline Venables RD (Lawlor)
Su	3	4th Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 4	Mass intention: Breda McNabb (Devane)
M	4	ENGLISH MARTYRS	Mass intention: Joan & James Shipley RIP (Ord)
T	5		Mass intention: Pauline Venables RIP (Rhodes)
W	6		Mass intention: Mrs I Gillespie (Ints) (Perks)
Th	7		Mass intention: For the parish
F	8		Mass intention: Margaret Finlan RIP (Walsh)
Sa	9		Mass intention: Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	10	5th Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 1	Mass intention: Teresa Mulbey (Pitt)

Scripture readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, suspended until further notice

Nourishing prayer at home: *Living Eucharist:* <https://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/> Also universalis.com or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Please pray for sick parishioners including Jenifer Cummings, Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher and for all who are self-isolating at this time. **Please pray for those in the health and care services. Please pray also** for those who have died recently, especially for Gerry Coyle. Please pray also for those whose anniversaries of death are at this time, including Tony Hands, Mary Burgess, Pauline Handscome, Joseph Drozd, Monica Brugger.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the

A letter from Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.



For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity...

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Franciscus

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Parish Zoom-Rosary - every Monday during May.

Join other parishioners to pray the Rosary in a Zoom Meeting.

For details: <https://bit.ly/3d0Csoz>

May IS Mary's Month...

Each Tuesday to Friday during May there will be a posting to our blog - poems, music art and a focus on a Marian shrine...



We fly to Thy protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.
Amen

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for May is that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

To find the Pope's other current prayer Intentions please visit www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/praying-pope



The Stations of the Resurrection have become a popular devotion in recent years. Their focus is even more important this year, as we look for hope, and are reminded of our ultimate reason for hope.

One of *Stations* is posted on the parish blog/Facebook each weekday afternoon during the Easter season. Why not share the link with family and friends and encourage them to pray and engage with the fullest meaning of Easter.

righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. *Alleluia!*

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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Funerals during the present crisis

For details please go to the parish website: and follow the link on the front page.

Please note that the Council is strictly applying its revised regulations.

A maximum of 6 people are allowed to attend the service.

