

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

12th May 2019

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Having listened to the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus in the Gospel of John we now consider some of the words of Jesus from earlier in the Gospel, which richly illustrate his mission and identity. We read from this Gospel throughout the Easter period due to its profound insights into the person and work of Jesus. It is most appropriate to reflect on these deep truths and rich images as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his gift of new life to us.

Today's passage is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel, which is renowned for Jesus' words: 'I am the good shepherd'. In fact, the chapter includes various sayings of Jesus relating to the image of the shepherd and his sheep. The use of this image, or parable, takes us back into the books of the Old Testament, where God is on several occasions described as a shepherd who has to care for the sheep. The most famous instance of this is of course Psalm 22 (23), which begins with the words 'The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.'

How do I respond to the call to follow Christ as my shepherd?

What consolation does this Gospel passage provide?

***We pray for a deeper sense of belonging
to the world-wide 'flock of Christ'.***

***We pray for reverence and love for the mystery of God,
who is Three in One.***

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £628.13. Loose Plate: £348.21. Standing Orders: £434.98. Total: £1,411.32. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital: Barbara Brabon, Gwen Rushton, Val Harding, Cecilia Omoyinbo and Kathleen Haigh.

ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Sochan, Mary Blackmur, Erika Peagram, Maria Castellazzi, Maria Sarnicka, Marie Day, Violet Amos, John Fahy, Catherine Smoothy, Tony Geary and Anthony de Souza. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Available after the **9.00am Mass** in the hall. There won't be any refreshments provided after the **11.00am Mass** because of the AGM.

PRAYERS; Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frances (Frankie) Gall** who died last week. She supported our parish for many years and was also a reader at the 11.00am Mass. Her Requiem Mass will be on **Friday 7th June**, at **12noon**, in the church, followed by burial at Bocking Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL: The Funeral Mass for **Rose Millar**, will be held in the **Convent Chapel**, on **Monday 13th May**, at **12.15pm**.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, **11th/12th May**, is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray in a particular way for Vocations. There will be a Second Collection for the work of promoting vocations within the Diocese.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM: Will be held in the church, on **Sunday 12th May**, after the **11.00am Mass**.

PARISH MISSION: In preparation, for our Parish Mission, in **October**, there will be time made available during **this weekend's Masses (11th/12th May)**, to complete a questionnaire about your wishes and expectations for the Mission.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: On **Sunday 12th May**, at the **9.00am Mass**, we will welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: A coach has now been booked to go to Walsingham on **Saturday 25th May**. It will leave the bus station at **8.30am**, stop for a pick-up at Stansted, to arrive at Walsingham for 11.00-11.30am. The coach will return at **5.00pm**. The cost is £15 per adult and £5 per child (up to age 18). If you would like to go, please complete the form at the back of church and put the money in an envelope. Give this to Fr David or Sue. If we have too many people for the coach, there will be a waiting list. Money will not be refunded unless the seat can be filled. Thank you.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS: Please collect your statements as soon as possible.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: There will be a coffee morning, after **9.30am Mass**, on **Friday 10th May**. There will also be one on **Friday 17th May** where funds raised, from refreshments/cake sales, will be supporting Arthritis Research. We will be holding a raffle on 17th May - it would be wonderful if you could donate a raffle prize - prizes can be handed to the Presbytery before that date - thank you.

FOODBANK: Latest information regarding the FoodBank is on the noticeboard. Shopping lists are also available, on the table, for your convenience.

RACE NIGHT: There will be a fund raising social event on **Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm** held in St Francis School. Supper will be provided (fish & chips, etc) with tables for up to 8 people. 'Jockeys' can be purchased in advance for those unable to attend. More details will follow soon.

FAMILY CONCERT: On **Sunday 19th May, 2.00pm**, Have you got your ticket yet?! You can still buy one in advance after morning masses on Sunday, from the Presbytery and on the door. Please come and support those who are performing in aid of the church organ fund. See poster at back of church. Also, if you would like to bake a cake to support us on the day, please put your details on the list at the back of the church. If you donate a cake, you don't need to make a contribution to eat some afterwards!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Every year, our parish, receives four invitations to a Holy Mass, held at Brentwood Cathedral. We then invite parishioners who are celebrating a special anniversary during the year. If this applies to you, or indeed you know of anyone else, then please contact Sue in the office.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PILGRIMAGE - CLARE PRIORY: There is a pilgrimage on **Sunday 12th May**, starting with the Rosary and Procession to the Shrine at **11.30am**. Refreshments available. Parking available at the Priory. More information on the noticeboard, or email: clarepriory@clarepriory.net or telephone: 01787 277326.

CARPET BOWLS: Our Parish has a successful Carpet Bowls Club who meet most Mondays in the Jubilee Hall. They presently have openings for new members. If you would like to come and have a go, no experience necessary, then they are offering free sessions on **13th and 20th May**, at **7.00pm**.

DAY OF RENEWAL: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are holding a Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' on **Saturday 18th May** at the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00am until 4.00pm. The speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

A STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION): Will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on **Saturday 1st June**. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30am and ends at 3.00pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Book by emailing: GPstudydays@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: 24th-26th May, in Liverpool. This weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you would like to find out more, why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just attend on the Saturday. There will be prayers, reflections, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For information, contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit: www.fcjsisters.org.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th May Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Peter Breed RIP and Elvera D'Souza RIP (Breed)
Sunday 12th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish P J Cunningham and Family RIP (Hill)
Monday 13th May St Erconwald Second Co-Patron of the Diocese	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 14th May ST MATTHIAS	9.30am	Peggy and Hughie McCallion (Bernadette)
Wednesday 15th May	9.30am	E Norton Family and Intentions
Thursday 16th May	9.30am	Saelius Price Associates Family and Intentions
Friday 17th May	9.30am	Frankie Gall RIP (Hardy)
Saturday 18th May	9.30am	Della Mather RIP (A) (Paul)
Saturday 18th May Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ken Pannell RIP (Parish Women's Group)
Sunday 19th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	9.00am 11.00am	Sabina de Maio RIP (Dobrowolski) People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 16th May	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 21st May	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 17th May	7.30pm

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