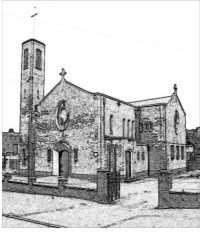


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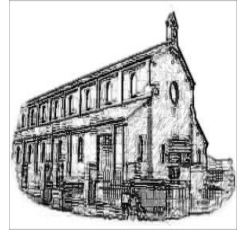
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

20th and 21st April 2024

Psalter Week 4 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Thomas F. Williams

Thursday 9.15 am Laly Chacko (Int)

Saturday 5.00 pm Derrick Brown

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm– 4.45 pm Saturday

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St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am David Buxton

Tuesday 9.15 am Peace in the Middle East

Friday: 10.30 am Salvatore Menonte (Funeral Mass)

Saturday 10.15 am Peace in Ukraine

Sunday 9.30 am Sarah Chesters/ Maria and
Antonio Angotti

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.40 am

Good Shepherd Sunday This Sunday is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Patronal Feast: St George's Day takes place on Tuesday. Mass will be celebrated with the academy at 9.15 am We will take the opportunity to pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan and in the Middle East. The Rosary will be prayed at the end of Mass.

Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2024: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, on Saturday 4 May at Midday. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by Sunday 21 April

Faithful Departed: Salvatore Menonte whose Funeral will take place on Friday April 26th at 10.30 am. His body will be brought into church the night before at 6.00 pm. Also please pray for Christopher Davies whose Funeral Mass will be 2nd May at 1.00 pm.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. Mel Shaw is the Safeguarding Rep for the Partnership. Direct contact details for her will be given shortly. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2024: This year's Diocesan Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024. The coach will leave Holy Trinity at 7:00 am to ensure that we arrive at the Shrine in good time to eat your packed lunch before Mass at 1:00pm. Around 3:00 / 3:30pm we will gather in the Shrine grounds and walk the Holy Mile together in procession. . This year we are going to stop for tea at the Anglia Motel which is opposite the site of the now closed 'Farm Café'. The cost of coach travel has gone down since last year and therefore the cost will be £20 per person plus a £2 donation when entering the Abbey Grounds so please consider bringing some change with you. We will be back at Holy Trinity by 9:30 pm at the latest.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations: Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord.

Clergy Training Fund: Retiring Collection this week-end. Envelopes will be collected next week in SGSM.

Nursery Places available in SGMA for September.