

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

“What are the pastures of these sheep if they are not the deepest joys of the everlasting fresh pastures of paradise? For the pasture of the saints is to see God face to face; when the vision of God never fails, the soul receives its fill of the food of life for ever. And so, dear brothers and sisters, let us seek these pastures and there join in the joy of the celebrations of so many citizens of heaven. Let their happiness and rejoicing be an invitation to us. Let our hearts grow warm, let our faith be rekindled, let our desires for heavenly things grow warm; for to love like this is to be on the way.”

Pope Saint Gregory the Great.

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he's leading, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feeding.

You spread a table in my sight; your saving grace bestowing; and O what transport of delight from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house for ever.

Henry W Baker, Hymn Writer of the Nineteenth Century.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Bernard Perry, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Mary Bodman, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Sharon Dobson.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Doreen Utley, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, John Barry, Phyllis Shannon.

**URGENT PRAYERS FOR
MRS DOREEN UTLEY**

Doreen has been taken into hospital and is critically ill. Fr John celebrated the Sacrament of Sick with Doreen in the hospital on Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers.



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25th April – 2nd May 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle B

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12.

St Peter had healed a crippled man outside the Temple and now he is interrogated about this 'act of kindness' by the Elders of the People. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles we discern the implicit thread that reveals the miracles worked by the Apostles as mirroring what Jesus did in the Gospels. The power of Jesus, made manifest during his Public Ministry in Palestine, is now manifest in the life and ministry of the Church. Peter says, "it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by his name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today." In full communion with the Apostolic age, we can rightly be defined as the people who call upon the name of Jesus, for his name is holy and it is powerful. Peter goes on to declare that though Jesus was "the stone rejected by the builders", none-the-less he is the keystone. Only in the name of Jesus can we be saved.

Psalm 117.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

I John 3:1-2.

"Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children." We are granted this privilege in and through Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Our present and future identity, together with our abiding dignity, are rooted in Christ. This magnitude of this privilege is staggering, for it is established not by mere association with the nature of God but by something more. In Christ we gain not only a similarity to his human nature by we are refashioned according to his identity as the Divine Word made flesh. Our very 'flesh', our identity, is refashioned in Jesus Christ the Nazarene. "What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, but, when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is."

John 10:11-18.

We can too easily be tempted to reduce the imagery of shepherding flocks to a sentimental depiction of country life. As we listen to the Gospel, we must place ourselves within the rocky semi-wilderness of Palestine rather than some safe idyllic rural enclosure. Shepherds were nomadic outsiders who, despite serving the needs of sedentary communities, were distrusted by those who enjoyed the stability of village life. The shepherd must contend with the fact that sheep are fearful and uncooperative. There is, or was, the threat of wild predators, including mountain lions. Jesus declares himself to be the good shepherd and the good shepherd is "one who lays down his life for his sheep." The good shepherd selflessly nurtures and courageously protects the flock entrusted to his care. Trust is built upon the knowledge of experience; the sheep recognise the voice and smell of the shepherd and the shepherd knows each animal within his flock. Jesus challenges the House of Israel when he makes it clear that membership of the flock is now expanded to include those who lay outside the recognisable boundaries of Israel. Jesus speaks of his freedom in choosing the pathway that will lead to sacrifice. He has power to "lay down his life" and he has power to "take it up again" in accordance with the Father's will.

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (25th April)

Good Shepherd Sunday

6pm Vigil Mass Sharon Dobson

11am Paul Mantle

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter (2nd May)

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Louise Macpherson

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (25th April)

Good Shepherd Sunday

10am Gwen, Fred, Susan & Betty Lee Baker

12pm Wayne Grant Lewis

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

Monday, 4th Week of Eastertide (26th April)

9.30am Bishop Daniel Joseph Hannon

12.15pm Intentions of the Holy Father

Tuesday, 4th Week of Eastertide (27th April)

9.30am Coulson Family Intentions

12.15pm Stephen Harris RIP

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday: St Peter Chanel (28th April)

9.30am

12.15pm Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

Thursday: St Catherine of Siena (29th April)

9.30am

12.15pm

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: St Pius V (30th April)

9.30am

12.15pm Mary Catherine Harrington RIP

Saturday: St Joseph the Worker (1st May)

12.15pm Maisie Molloy

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter (2nd May)

10am Sam Cross

12pm

6pm Bernard O'Hanlon

The Angelus and Prayer During the Day live-streamed at 12pm daily. Evening Prayer live-streamed at 7pm daily except Sundays.

Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer).

Confessions on Saturday 10am to 11am. Access to the children's liturgy room via the side gate.

Wednesday 28th April:

Optional Memoria of St Peter Chanel.



Peter Chanel was born of peasant stock at Cras (Clet), France, in 1803. Despite his having been born into poverty, Peter's Parish Priest (Abbe Trompier) recognised his natural intelligence and piety. Peter was provided with a sound education and was eventually sent to the local seminary. He became a diocesan priest and was renowned for his work in revitalizing the life of the parishes he served. He developed a desire to undertake missionary work and he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists), a missionary congregation founded by Jean Colin at Lyons. However, having joined the Marists he was soon appointed to teach in the seminary of his home diocese of Belley. This brought him great consternation and disappointment. In obedience to his superiors, he worked diligently and remained in post for the next five years. In 1836, Peter was finally given charge of a small group of missionaries who were sent to the New Hebrides in the Pacific. The journey took over ten months. The members of the group were dispersed to different locations. Peter, together with two companions, headed for the island of Futuna. Within living memory, cannibalism had been rampant. The missionaries were well received and were well respected for the quality of their pastoral care and for the provision of medical interventions. Peter Chanel was very successful in evangelizing a significant proportion of the island's population. The son of the local King eventually asked for baptism. The King had long been disgruntled by the developing influence of the missionaries and became utterly incensed by the decision of son to become a Christian. The King despatched warriors to Futuna to confront the situation. On April 28th 1841, Peter Chanel was seized by one of the warriors and clubbed to death and his body was then dismembered. As a direct result of his martyrdom, the entire population of the island converted to the faith within one year. Saint Peter Chanel was canonized in 1954 by Pope Pius XII and is considered as the Protomartyr of Australasia and the South Pacific.

ALSO

Optional Memoria of St Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort.

Louis Grignion was born into a poor family on 21st January 1673 at Montfort, Brittany, France. He was first educated at the Jesuit College in Rennes. In 1693 he moved to Paris and commenced his seminary formation at Saint-Sulpice being ordained there in 1700. He dedicated himself to the care of the poorest in society, first in Paris and then in Poitiers. He was assigned as Chaplain to a hospital at Poitiers where he applied himself to reorganising the staff structure but his efforts caused much resentment and he subsequently resigned. Despite this disappointment, it was at this time that he successfully gathered a group of women into a religious congregation with the title of the Daughters of Divine Wisdom. Louis went to Rome where Pope Clement XI soon appointed him as a 'Missionary Apostolic' and he was then sent to preach in Brittany. Louis had a very emotive style that was not universally appreciated, however, his preaching proved successful in furthering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. His best known written work is entitled 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary'. In 1715, Louis attracted several priests to form the Missionaries of the Company of Mary. He died in 1716 at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre. He was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII.



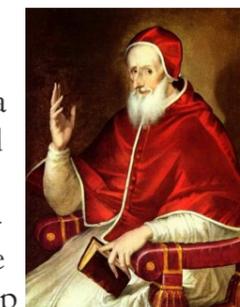
Thursday 29th April – Feast of St Catherine of Siena.

Catherine was born at Siena in 1347, the youngest of twenty children. Her father was a merchant, a dyer of fabrics. Even in childhood, she consecrated herself to Christ. Her parents wanted her to be married and they did all they could to thwart her more pious inclinations. The tensions within the family grew and it would not be an exaggeration to say that she suffered persecution within her own home. She successfully resisted the manipulations of her parents, with them eventually granting her permission to follow a religious pathway. In 1365, Catherine received the habit of the Third Order of St Dominic. She first became a hermit but then devoted herself to apostolic work. In 1374, in the midst of the Great Plague, Catherine devoted herself heroically to nursing the sick and afflicted. The example of her spiritual life began to influence many people across society. Catherine was very successful in gathering many disciples around her, lay and clerical, including a number of Augustinian Friars as well as Dominicans. In 1376 she travelled to Avignon to intercede with the Pope on behalf of the City of Florence which had been placed under interdict for its part in undermining the interests of the Papacy. The rest of her life saw her deeply involved in Church and State politics. In part as a result of the influence exerted by Catherine, Pope Gregory XI transferred the Papal Household from Avignon back to Rome. The decision to move to Avignon and the eventual return to Rome was part of the politico-religious tensions between French and Italian interests. It was following the death of Gregory XI that the 'Great Schism' began. When Urban VI was elected in Rome a rival was established in Avignon. These events caused great damage to the Church. Through her support of Pope Urban VI, Catherine was untiring in her efforts to bring about a resolution to the conflict. Whilst engaged in this work, Catherine suffered a stroke and died eight days later on the 29th April 1380, at the age of thirty-three. Her friend, Raymond of Capua, a future Master General of the Dominican Order, wrote her biography. She dictated many letters to significant persons which survive. Her most famous work is entitled 'Dialogue'. Her head was taken to Siena and her body was buried within the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome, close to the resting place of Fra Angelico. She is often depicted wearing a crown of thorns. She was canonized in 1461 by Siennese Pope Pius II. Saint Paul VI declared Catherine a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

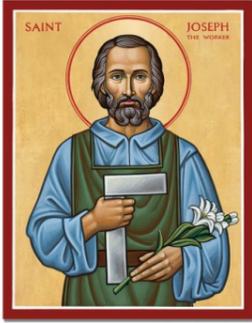


Friday 30th April – Memoria of St Pius V.

Michael Ghislieri was born at Bosco in 1504. He would become a Dominican Friar, a Bishop and Pope. Although his papacy would last only six years, he would be seen as the most significant Pope in the period following the Protestant Reformation. He was a pious child and youth. Aged fifteen, he received the Dominican habit. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1528. For the next sixteen years he was engaged in the teaching of philosophy and theology. During this time, he was appointed to a succession of significant posts within the Order. From 1551 he worked closely with Cardinal Caraffa of the Inquisition. When Caraffa became Pope Paul IV in 1556, Ghislieri was named as Bishop of Nepi and Sutri in the Papal States. Two years later he was appointed Inquisitor General and became a member of the College of Cardinals. He was moved to the ravaged diocese of Mondori in the Piedmont of Lombardy. He renovated the diocese most effectively. The next Pope, Pius IV, called Ghislieri back to Rome. Pius IV practised a great deal of nepotism, which was much criticised by Ghislieri. At the conclave following the death of Pius IV, St Charles Borromeo exerted much influence in the election of Cardinal Alexandrinus (Michael Ghislieri) who would become Pope Pius V in 1566. He had lived an exemplary life as a Dominican Friar and he continued to follow the path of virtue as Pontiff. With the support of Charles Borromeo, Pius V carried forward the implementation of the decrees formulated by the Ecumenical Council of Trent. He promulgated the feast of the Holy Rosary following victory at the decisive Battle of Lepanto. The year after this victory, Pius V died on the 1st May 1572. He was canonized in 1712 by Pope Clement XI.



Saturday 1st May – Memoria of St Joseph the Worker.



In an address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers on the 1st May 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the 1st May as the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. May Day had become the marker for communist and socialist secular influences. The Pope desired that the Church and World recognise the religious significance and dignity of human work. All workers and labour organisations should draw their inspiration from the Gospels before any other considerations. St Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, also personifies the dignity of the worker. With creativity and dexterity, we are responsible for employing our talents to the full in service to the common good and in service to the promulgation of the Kingdom of God.

PRAYER OF SORROW / ACT OF CONTRITION

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. Psalm 50:4-5.

Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke 15:18; 18:13.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

LET US DAILY OPEN OUR HEARTS IN CONTRITION TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND
REMINDE OURSELVES HOW ESSENTIAL IT IS TO GRANT MERCY
IF WE EVER EXPECT TO RECEIVE MERCY.

ACTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Prayer by St Alphonsus Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A Prayer by St Thomas More.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ... give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER FOR WALES

O Almighty God, who in your infinite goodness have sent your only-begotten Son into this world to open once more the gates of heaven, and to teach us how to know, love and serve you, have mercy on your people who dwell in Wales. Grant to them the precious gift of faith, and unite them in the one true Church founded by your divine Son: that, acknowledging her authority and obeying her voice, they may serve you, love you, and worship you as you desire in this world, and obtain for themselves everlasting happiness in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for Wales.

Saint David, pray for Wales.

Saint Winefride, pray for Wales.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary,

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary,

V. And the Word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary,

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE REGINA CAELI.

Regina caeli, Laetare! Alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit; alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum; alleluia.

Joy fill your heart, O Queen most high, alleluia! Your Son who in the tomb did lie, alleluia! Has risen as he did prophesy, alleluia! Pray for us, Mother, when we die, alleluia.

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

18th April - £436.33

Holy Places - £365.58

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

18th April - £257.99

Holy Places - £155.49

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

COPIES OF 'THE UNIVERSE' ARE ON SALE FOR £2.40

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Envelopes are available for collection in both parishes.

Please collect them from the church if possible.

FROM DEACON MAURICE – UPDATE AND APPEAL FOR REACHING OUT

As you may be aware we have obtained funding from the SVP (London - £50k) and the Welsh Government (£25k) to refurbish the former St Clare's Church on Mill Road in Ely as a Vincentian Community Centre to provide help to those in need in our communities. This will form an important link between the SVP groups and all our volunteers in St Mary's, Holy Family and St Francis Parishes. The work is due to start in the next week or so and the projected time scale to completion is around 4 – 5 months. Our food distribution/food bank programme, which forms part of our 'Reaching Out' service, will move from Holy Family parish hall to this new community centre when refurbishment is complete and in addition we plan to open a charity shop for good quality clothing, a café/meeting room and facilities for counselling/support. This is an exciting and important development and we will need volunteers to help bring it to fruition. So please, please let me know if you would be willing/able to give a few hours of your time to take this important and exciting charitable project forward, remembering that more hands make light work. (mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or 07747038274).



Our food distribution work continues really well, so many thanks to all who have made donations so far and to all our volunteers who are enabling us to provide food boxes to 60-70 families on a weekly basis across Ely, Caerau, Canton, Fairwater and Pontcanna. We need ongoing funding of around £500 monthly so please continue to help if you can with money or food donations or both. Perhaps you may be able to make a regular weekly or monthly donation of £5, £10 or £20 - or more or less, by Standing Order? If you are willing and able to contribute with a one-off donation or on a more regular basis please contact me on 07747038274 or email: mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or Neil O'Toole on 07860647367 or email: neilgot@me.com Thanks for your ongoing generosity in these troubled but improving times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient for just a little longer (hopefully).

ANNUAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we host the annual collection in support of the Priest Training Fund. This collection was not taken last year due to the pandemic restrictions which required our churches to be closed. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often termed as 'Good Shepherd' Sunday as the Gospel Reading relates how Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. An information leaflet together with a donation envelope were distributed last Sunday - they remain available today. We currently have three seminarians in formation for the Archdiocese of Cardiff: Elliot Hanson in Rome, Dale Cutlan in London and Gwyn Jones who should be in Valladolid, Spain, but who is still resident with us at the Priory. The annual cost per seminarian amounts to over £20,000. N.B. Please take note of the text provided below by Gwyn.

ARTICLE BY GWYN JONES

We often hear people say at the moment that we are living in "Strange Times" as a result of the upheaval that the Global Pandemic has caused, and indeed it has changed our perceptions and whole way of life, none more so than undertaking Priestly formation at this time. Having been accepted to commence my formation as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Cardiff in 2020, I began my studies at the Royal and Pontifical English and Welsh college in Valladolid in Spain in October 2020. Having been away from full time academic study for quite a number of years, and set against the backdrop of the pandemic, I began my studies in Spain on what is described as a Propaedeutic Year.

My days began with meditation in the college chapel at 7.00a.m. Spanish time, which made it 6.00a.m. United Kingdom Time! Morning Prayer then followed immediately after, followed by Mass. After Mass there would be lectures until Midday, then we had lunch, immediately followed by prayers for the Pope, then lectures would resume in the afternoon, we had around Two to Three hours private study periods before Evening prayer in the college chapel followed by our Evening meal, and our day would end around 10p.m. with the office of Compline. These were the main elements of our days, but there would often be other things like Exposition of the Blessed sacrament, Rosary recitation, Lectio Divina, and other devotional things.

My life in seminary continued in this pattern until December 2020 when all Seminarians returned home for the Christmas Holiday. I returned to the Presbytery at Saint John Lloyd church in Trowbridge here in Cardiff, which the Archdiocese has kindly made available for the use of Seminarians such as myself and the other two Seminarians, Elliott and Dale, as a kind of Base during holidays. I remained at the Presbytery in isolation due to covid restrictions, and the first day that I was able to come out of isolation, Wales returned to Lockdown!! As this situation continued, it became apparent that I would have to continue my studies and formation some other way.

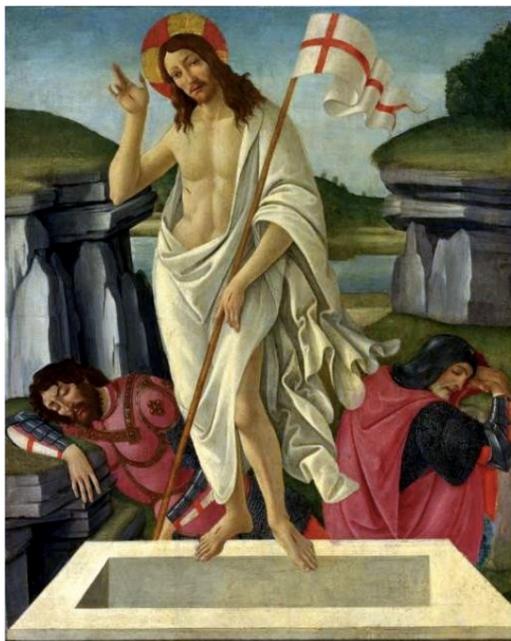
Father Nicholas Williams, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Cardiff, and Canon Peter Collins, Parish Priest of St May's and Holy Family, kindly made some rooms available for my use in order for me to continue my lectures and seminars via Zoom, and where I have their ongoing support during my formation, together with the opportunity to be involved with the Liturgical life at both these churches under the current guidelines. I am still unable at this moment to return to Spain due to the Pandemic and the changes to travel requirements for United Kingdom residents since Brexit. Currently I am awaiting special permits and Visas etc, but I continue to daily access all my studies via Zoom, I complete all my written Tests and Essays etc via Zoom, and although this might seem to be an inconvenience, I thank our Gracious God for this opportunity to learn how to use Technology to better serve Him.

FR DWAYNE BEDNAR

Following the death of Canon William Isaac, Fr Dwayne has now moved out of The Priory and has taken up residence in the presbytery at St Teilo's in Whitchurch. It was a joy to host Fr Dwayne for the past five months and we offer him the assurance of our prayers as he ministers to a grieving parish community.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

I will be contacting the parents of candidates during the coming week to inform them of dates for meetings at St Mary of the Angels and at Holy Family during May. It is likely that the celebrations will take place in October.



MASS INTENTIONS

There are a number of Mass intentions available at the moment, particularly for weekday Masses. Why not take this opportunity to have a Mass said for a family member or simply a private intention?

GEORGE FLOYD R.I.P. – MURDER TRIAL VERDICTS

This past week saw the jury in Minneapolis bringing in a guilty verdicts against the former police officer accused of killing George Floyd. The policeman was recorded on social media forcefully inflicting his knee upon the neck of Mr Floyd for nearly ten minutes whilst conducting an arrest, action that has now been proven to be the indefensible direct cause of Mr Floyd's death. Guilty counts were recorded against the three indictments, including second degree murder.

I am sure we can all remember vividly the disturbing images of the incident and the accompanying sound of Mr Floyd's voice pleading for relief when he said "I can't breathe." This tragic event has focused our attention upon the many endemic problems afflicting the justice system in the United States. We have also become more aware of issues concerning race nearer to home, where the dangers of inherent prejudice can easily distort many of our own social systems and processes.

We remind ourselves of the most fundamental truth within this arena, that there is but one race, the human race. Whilst acknowledging our rich diversity of ethnicity and culture, we none-the-less form one human family.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO HER MAJESTY

Last Wednesday, 21st April, was the ninety-fifth birthday of the Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We are all conscious of Her Majesty's grief in the aftermath of the recent death of her beloved husband, Prince Philip. As we offer our birthday greetings to Her Majesty, we extend the assurance of our prayers for her comforting within the company of the entire Royal Family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK MEGGITT-PHILLIPS

Jack assumed the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative at St Mary of the Angels in 2020. I wish to congratulate him upon the publication of his first book, the first in a trilogy that are to be published. He writes for children and this first volume is entitled "The Beast and the Bethany", published by Egmont. I already have my copy and I look forward to reading it. You'll have to buy your own copy to discover the story! Well done Jack.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

*** Archbishop's Food Voucher Scheme.

The third round of applications for this scheme closed on 2nd April. Twenty nine Schools and eleven Parishes have applied for a total of £36,610.

A total of £127,251 has now been distributed through this scheme thanks to the generosity of various donors and charities.

The issue of food poverty will remain with us well into the future, not least as a result of the economic impact of the pandemic. Donations to this important work can still be made through

www.rcadc.org/donations

*** Combined Project between the Archdiocese and the S.V.P.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is working with the Society of St Vincent de Paul (National and Local) to create an outreach centre at the former church of St Clare's, near Ely Bridge. The Archdiocese is providing the building and its site with the S.V.P. investing a significant amount to upgrade the premises so that a variety of services can be offered to various groups of the vulnerable and needy. A full pastoral plan will be published once the preliminary works are completed. Deacon Maurice Scanlon and Mr Christopher Jones, Diocesan Projects Manager and a parishioner of St Mary of the Angels, are key figures in progressing the scheme. Let us keep this project at the heart of our prayers.

*** Emerging from the Pandemic.

Fr Bernard Sixtus represents the Catholic Church in Wales on the Welsh Government Places of Worship Task and Finish Group. Many Christian denominations and other religious groups are represented. The Welsh Government is as yet reluctant to provide guidance as to how and when restrictions will be lifted regarding places of worship. The U.K. Government has provided some indicators that will apply in England by the end of July. The purdah that is imposed as a result of the forthcoming elections here in Wales will further delay the issuing of such guidance. We await further clarity following the Election Day.

Press On!

A Life in the Spirit Seminar by Cardiff Cathedral

Join us at 7pm each week with a Guest Clergyman. Zoom Link ID : 868-571-167
Password: cathedral

Session 4 (29th April 2021) Receiving God's Gift – Discipleship

Session 5 (6th May 2021) Receiving the Holy Spirit

Session 6 (13th May 2021) Keep Growth, Press On!

Session 7 (20th May 2021) Transformation – Be His Witness

REMINDER NOTICE REGARDING SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK before 31st December 2020 have until 30th June 2021 to apply to the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their right to live and work in the United Kingdom. Access to such services as healthcare could also be denied. It should be noted that the requirements of this scheme do not apply to Irish citizens.

Information can be referenced on the following websites:

1.U.K.Government.

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

2.European Commission

www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know

3.The Charity 'Settled'.

www.settled.org.uk

44 begin the New Archdiocesan Programme!

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce that 44 parishioners and clergy from parishes across the Archdiocese began the new Evangelisation Programme on Wednesday, April 21st. We had more applications than we could take on the first run as 44 was our optimum number and applications are still coming in. A second run of the Programme has now been arranged to accommodate the continuing interest. The dates will be Tuesday, September 28th, October 5th, 12th and 19th, and November 2nd, 9th and 16th 2021.

The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese. It is a seven-week programme, running for one and half hours via Zoom on one evening a week. The Programme will remind participants of the Great Commission and the basic Gospel message. It will cover a rudimentary history of the early church and will consider important messages from recent papal papers, how to give witness testimonies, evangelise non-church going Catholics with practical approaches and tools for building a parish team to evangelise.

The Genesis Mission will be an important follow-on activity offered to participants, providing the necessary skills for successful encounters. For more information and to register for the second run of the Programme, please email Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org

