

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Ellen Irwin R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Tuesday 26th April at 9.45am.

Mr Mary O'Sullivan R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at All Hallows, Miskin, on Tuesday 3rd May at 1.00pm.

Mr Anthony Cunningham R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Wednesday 4th May at 3.45pm.

Miss Mary Whittle R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 11th May at 12.00pm.

Mr Pietro Cannatella R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 12th May at 12.00pm.

Mrs Ellen Carpenter R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 26th May at 1.00pm.

N.B. THE FUNERAL OF MR ROBERT HANSON R.I.P., DEACON ELLIOT'S FATHER, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY AN ANGLICAN MINISTER AT THE CARDIFF AND VALE CREMATORIUM ON WEDNESDAY 4th MAY.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR FR CHRIS DELANEY

I have been informed that Fr Chris recently suffered a fall and this has caused a significant deterioration in his health. Please keep him in your prayers at this time.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Vivian Miller, Collette Griffin, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Susanna, Chris Collins, Zaid Saffo, Joseph Stancombe, Peter Macpherson.

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, Ben Foster, Carina Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin, Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones, Connie Greck, Owen Williams and Andrew Nash.

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MGR MAGUIRE ON HOLIDAY IN IRELAND FOR TWO WEEKS

Fr John will leave for Ireland after celebrating the 11.00am Mass at Holy Family this Sunday. His Sister-in-Law has been in hospital for a number of weeks and he is looking forward to visiting her and the rest of the family. We wish Fr John a safe journey and we pray that his Sister-in-Law will soon recover and return home.

Please note that there is no Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this week in Holy Family. Sunday Masses will also be affected in both parishes (see details overleaf)

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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24th April - 1st May 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16.

The Acts of the Apostles make manifest that the life of the Church is the continuance of the life of Christ, for the Church is nothing less than the Body of Christ. All the baptised have the responsibility to continue the work of Christ. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples of Jesus are empowered for the task of bringing the Gospel to the world. In communion with Christ, we are to bring healing to those who need it most. The miracles carried out by Peter and his fellow Apostles, mirror the miracles undertaken by Christ himself. We, the Church, are to address the physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in the midst of the world.

"The faithful used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 117.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19.

During the Easter Season, alongside the Acts of the Apostles, we will listen to the message of the Book of the Apocalypse. This book of scripture was written to provide encouragement to the nascent Church as it endured a cascade of persecutions across the first two generations of the Christian era. There is no attempt to underplay the severity of the persecution but rather to emphasise the promise of a glorious outcome to the experience of suffering. The triumph of Christ will provide rescue from oppression and will ensure the establishment of a kingdom of peace that will outlast this world. The Book of the Apocalypse is traditionally seen as being written by the Apostle John toward the very end of the first century. Its prophecy is expressed in highly poetic symbolism. The symbolism is drawn from the Old Testament and should not be interpreted as holding direct correspondence with particular events in subsequent human history. Christ, the First and the Last, is at the centre of all. Christ is the Lord, robed in divine majesty. Christ is Lord of history. Whatever befalls us, we can be assured that we will never be abandoned by the Lord.

"Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that see of present happenings and things that are still to come."

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

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John 20:19-31.

When the Risen Christ appears to his Apostles he breathes the Spirit over them, into them. We are not merely enabled to remember the Lord but are empowered to undertake his work. His work must become our work. We are charged with embracing the Lord's own mission in the world. We are not merely Christ's representatives in the world, we are all 'Christophers', that is 'Christ-carriers'. We are called to undertake a daunting task but we are empowered by the Spirit to fulfil our responsibility.

Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side.

Jesus spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe."

Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!"

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Second Sunday of Eastertide / Divine Mercy Sunday (24th April)

6pm Vigil Mass Daniel & Mary Fitzmaurice

11am Paul Mantle RIP

1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism

NO MASS ON TUESDAY OR THURSDAY THIS WEEK

Sunday: Third Sunday of Eastertide (1st May)

6pm Vigil Mass

11.15am Johanna Marengi RIP

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Second Sunday of Eastertide / Divine Mercy Sunday (24th April)

10am Mary, Arthur & John Sparkes

12pm Paul Eugene Irwin RIP

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

Monday: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist (25th April)

9.30am Wayne Grant Lewis

Tuesday: Feast of St George (26th April)

12.15pm Baker Family (Gwen, Fred, Susan & Betty Lee) RIP

Wednesday of Eastertide (27th April)

9.30am Fatima Silveira RIP

Thursday of Eastertide (28th April)

8.30am

Friday: Feast of St Catherine of Siena (29th April)

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday: Memoria of St Pius V (30th April)

NO MASS TODAY

Sunday: Third Sunday of Eastertide (1st May)

10am Dora Dorizas

12.30pm Anthony Irwin RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Spiro Abela RIP

Confessions will be celebrated in children's liturgy room on Saturday from 10am to 11am. Access via the Church.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and for all who suffer as a result of war. Stand with them now just as you stood beside your Son as he suffered on the Cross at Calvary. Give the people of Ukraine strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be abiding peace after war. Amen.

LENTEN ALMS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

I am immensely grateful for the generosity of parishioners at St Mary of the Angels and at Holy Family which was expressed through your contributions to the Lenten Alms for Ukraine. We have sent £3,000 to the Archdiocese which will now be forwarded to the Caritas Network for immediate distribution. The people of Ukraine will require the support of our nation, alongside many others, over the coming weeks and months. It is only right and just that Ukraine obtains that victory which will fully restore and defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

N.B. I attended St David's Hall last Thursday to see a production of Puccini's Tosca performed by the Ukrainian National Municipal Opera of Kyiv. The performance received an emotional and rousing ovation and concluded with the company singing the Ukrainian National Anthem. I happily encountered a number of parishioners at the event.

IMPLICATIONS OF MGR. MAGUIRE'S ABSENCE

Fr John will be in Ireland until the 11th May. I am unable to obtain the assistance of a priest for the Sunday Masses on 30th April / 1st May and on 7th May / 8th May. As a result, I will have to alter the times of Sunday Morning Masses for the next two weeks.

SUNDAY MORNING 1st MAY:

Masses will be 10.00am at St Mary's, 11.15.am at Holy Family and 12.30pm at St Mary's.

SUNDAY MORNING 8th MAY:

Masses will be 10.00.am at St Mary's, 11.15.am at Holy Family and 12.30.pm at St Mary's.

I WILL TRY NOT TO BREAK THE SPEED LIMIT AS I TRAVEL UP AND DOWN!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE ALSO SOME ENFORCED CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST MARY'S DUE TO MY COMMITMENTS IN THE COMING WEEK.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PARISHES

It was a great joy to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil, welcoming so many into the fullness of apostolic faith within the life of the Church. We pray that God's graceful blessing will sustain them all throughout this Easter Season and beyond.

We pray for Daniel, Alicia, Ava, Esmee, Harley, Josie-Mae, Victorine and Incarnato who were baptised at the Easter Vigil.

We also pray for David, Fortunato and Luke who completed their Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, entering into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

SVP AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

I recently met with the regional recruitment officer of the Society of St Vincent de Paul with a view to her delivering an address to the parish. It was agreed that this address would take place on the weekend of 23rd/24th April. The S.V.P. is a magnificent organization that continues to serve the Church in so many ways. Its members provide the hearts and hands that offer an outreach to so many vulnerable people, providing a wide spectrum of spiritual and practical advice and support. I hope that a new cohort of members will soon step forward.

St Vincent de Paul – Pray for us.

NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO STAFF THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

One family have already volunteered to assist with the provision of refreshments following 10.00am Mass at St Mary's. I would hope to arrange a monthly rota so that the responsibility can be shared. Please consider participating so that we regain an important opportunity for parish social interaction. Could volunteers please contact Deacon Elliot or myself.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR CELEBRATION

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession).

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 7th May 2022 at 10.30am.

*** Holy Family - Saturday 14th May 2022 at 10.30am.

First Reception of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion).

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 25th June 2022 at 10.30am.

*** Holy Family – Saturday 9th July 2022 at 10.30am.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (United celebration for both parishes)

*** Sunday 10th July at 12.00pm.

ROSARY PROCESSION AT BELMONT ABBEY

The Annual Rosary Procession at Belmont Abbey will be celebrated on Wednesday 11th May. It is my intention to arrange a bus to take parishioners to the event. The cost will be £10 per person. The bus will collect parishioners at Holy Family at 5pm and then move to St Mary's for 5.30pm.

May is a month of particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and I would encourage you to join our pilgrimage to Belmont. Please speak to me or email the parish office if you are interested.



FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

17th April - Gift Aid £44.83

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

17th April - Gift Aid £62.00 Loose £154.48

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE KITCHEN AT ST MARY'S PARISH HALL

I am happy to report the commencement of work for the refurbishment of the kitchen in St Mary's Parish Hall. We will be expending monies received from various grants amounting to £50,000. The work will ensure that our kitchen facilities are up to the standard required for the provision of meals for the Night Shelter and other events. The preliminary clearance has been completed over the past week. The new cooker and other units should arrive in the coming week for installation.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND ANNUAL APPEAL

This is advanced warning that the annual appeal will be held this year on 7th and 8th May.

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS PUBLISHES HIS SECOND CHILDREN'S BOOK

Jack Meggitt-Phillips, a member of our parish safeguarding team and a confirmation catechist, has published the second of his three-book series entitled 'The Beast and the Bethany', this volume being 'Revenge of the Beast' published by Farshore (Harper Collins). I have just received a copy and am looking forward to the read. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the first part of the story last year. Congratulations to Jack.

Feasts of the Week

Monday 25th April – Feast: St Mark, Evangelist.



Mark the Evangelist is often identified with John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem provided a meeting-place for the Apostles. He is also spoken of as the man described in Mark 14:51, the one followed Christ after his arrest and who then managed to escape capture.

Mark became the companion of both Peter and Paul. Mark was the cousin of Barnabas and he accompanied Paul and Barnabas on the First Missionary Journey. Mark did not complete the journey with his two senior companions, turn-

ing back to Jerusalem when they arrived at Perga in Pamphylia. Paul was displeased with Mark's decision and this caused an argument between Paul and Barnabas. We can reference chapters 13 and 15 of Acts to discover how Barnabas, accompanied by Mark, left Paul to preach in Cyprus. There was a later reconciliation between Paul and Mark, for we are told in Colossians 4:10 that Mark was in Rome helping Paul during his captivity. Peter also affectionately refers to Mark in I Peter 5:13. Clement of Alexandria later describes Mark as Peter's 'interpreter', for Mark's Gospel is seen as providing the memoirs and perspectives of Peter. Mark's Gospel was possibly, even probably, written in Rome.

A later writer, Eusebius, asserted that Mark left Rome for Alexandria and became its first bishop – though this is not attested by either Clement of Alexandria nor by Origen (more reliable sources). The ninth century sees the relics of Mark's body brought from Alexandria to Venice where he is honoured as the city's patron (the transfer caused by the threat of Islamic desecration). The lion is the symbol of Mark the Evangelist.

Tuesday 26th April – Feast: St George, Martyr, Patron of England.

Tradition places the martyrdom of St George at Lydda (Diospolis) in Palestine in the year 303 AD, during the persecution perpetrated by Diocletian. He is said to have been a soldier. Veneration of St George became widespread across East and West. The legendary depiction of him slaying a dragon came much later than the original devotion, spread through the printing of 'The Golden Legend' by Caxton. As well as being Patron of England, St George is honoured as a patron in Catalonia, Genoa, Portugal and Venice among many others.



Friday 29th April – Feast: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe.

Catherine was born in 1347, the youngest of twenty siblings, a daughter of Giacomo Benincas, a Sienese dyer. Catherine adhered to a strong devotional life from a young age. She resisted parental requests that she enter marriage, insisting she be allowed to follow a religious pathway. She became a Dominican tertiary and dedicated herself to caring for the sick. The quality of her spiritual example and the strength of her character attracted a number of followers into her presence, men and women.



A number of Dominicans and Augustinians accompanied Catherine on her journeys. These expeditions resulted in a significant number of spectacular conversions. Catherine called for repentance and reform within the Church. She declared that this objective could only be achieved by a renewal of our total love of God. Catherine expressed her ideals in her great 'Dialogue' and in her many Letters.

In the last five years of her life Catherine became heavily involved in Church / State relations. She attempted mediation in the political tensions between Florence and the Papacy. She confronted the most important political issue that afflicted the Church of the time, that being the inflated influence of France on the life of the Church Universal and on the Papacy. Catherine played an important role in persuading Pope Gregory XI to end the Avignon exile.

When Gregory XI died there came the 'Great Schism' when Urban VI was elected and a rival anti-pope was established back in Avignon. Although Catherine was an ardent supporter of the authentic Pope, Urban VI, this did not prevent her from heavily criticising his attitudes and actions. Catherine wrote many letters on these matters to civil and ecclesiastical leaders across Europe.

Having exhausted herself in this task, Catherine suffered a stroke in Rome on the 21st April 1380 and died eight days later. Raymond of Capua, later Master General of the Dominican Order, wrote her 'Life'. She was canonised in 1461 by Pope Pius II, himself from Siena. Her head resides as a relic in Siena and her body is venerated at Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome. Catherine was declared a Doctor of the Church by St Paul VI in 1970.

Saturday 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 Mondorì 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.