


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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4th Sunday of Easter Yr. C

*The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want*



12th May 2019

Mass Book: 268 Psalter Week 4

Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 99:1-3, 5 *resp v3*
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
John 10:27-30

Summer Hanging Baskets

Dear Father Paul,
I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets

Name:
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Mass Times

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| Saturday | 11 th May | 6:00 pm | Mass | Sharon Hayward |
| Sunday | 12 th May | 8:30 am | Mass | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:30 am | Mass | Patrick Lagan |
| Monday | 13 th May | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 14 th May | 9:15 am | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass | |
| Wednesday | 15 th May | 9.00am Yr. 1 Class Mass at Sacred Heart School | | |
| Thursday | 16 th May | 6:45 pm | <i>Evening Prayer</i> | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Mass | P & D Fitzpatrick |
| Friday | 17 th May | 9:15 am | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass | Mary Burge |
| Saturday | 18 th May | 6:00 pm | Mass | Mammie Doran |
| Sunday | 19 th May | 8:30 am | Mass | Monica Loader |
| | | 10:30 am | Mass | People of the Parish |

Mass of First Holy Communion 12.00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 50.00 (NGA) £

Loose £ 380.84 **Contactless £20.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 17.50 (NGA) £ 17.00

Donations: £260.00

Many thanks

Contactless Payments: You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*
You can also register your Credit/Debit card for Gift Aid purposes.

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis. *If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

Those who have died: **Coral Leg and Barbara Brogan.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Peggy Lindsay, Ray Thomas, Audrey Hutton, Maureen Keeley, Javier Astrada, John Flanagan, Monica Loader. *May they rest in peace*

✠ Please remember in your prayers **Coral Leg** and **Barbara Brogan** who have died. Their funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed. ✠
Lord, grant to our sisters peace and joy in your kingdom.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Andrew Robinson**, from Oscott College to celebrate our 8.30am & 10.30am Masses. This is because I am at a family First Holy Communion celebration at 10.00am!!

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday

We pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please pray for Vocations in this parish, and for all who work with those discerning or preparing for the Priesthood. There will be a **Second Collection Today for the Clergy Training Fund.**

Churches together in Henley

The next Ecumenical meeting of the Churches together in Henley, takes place on Thursday 9 May at 7:45pm at the Friends Meeting House on Northfield End. This is the ecumenical forum and AGM.

All are welcome to attend this event.

Sunday 19 May, First Holy Communion Mass at 12.00 Noon

We celebrate First Holy Communion next Sunday at 12.00 noon with the first group of children . Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

First Communion Practice – Thursday 16 May at 6:00 pm

There will be a First Communion Practice for all those young people receiving the Sacrament on Sunday. **This Thursday at 6:00 pm.**

Baptism: We welcome *Athena Jenkins* into the family of the Church today.

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk – See poster in Narthex

Saturday May 18th. Sponsored Walk, starting (any time between 8.30 and 10 a.m.) and finishing at Bix Village Hall: choice of 5, 10 and 15 miles. Register with Mike Hails (572194) for a sponsorship pack or turn up at Bix on the day and make a donation.

A strange fact! Recently, we have updated the anniversaries for the newsletter, and discovered that over the last 10 years, more people have died on 16 May than any other day in the year.

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at £64 each. If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets, please see overleaf.

The Holy Spirit.

Today we consider the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel.

After the Ascension of Jesus, the apostles retreated to the upper Room where they stayed, 'out of fear of the Jews.' Nine days later these frightened men were preaching fearlessly in the Temple, throughout Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. It was the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which transformed them and gave them the impetus and courage to spread the gospel. On Pentecost day the Church was born, and it was on that day that its mission of proclaiming the gospel and bringing the presence of Jesus to the world began.

Sometimes when we speak of the Church's mission, or supporting the missions; visions of foreign missionaries in distant lands spring to mind. The necessity to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth is undoubtedly true. However, we should not only associate the work of a missionary as someone abroad. The Church is called to spread throughout the whole world. The people of Europe have a great need and yearning for the gospel, and there are more people now who are *not* fully aware of what it means to be a Christian in this country than for hundreds of years. The harvest is rich!

The presence of the Holy Spirit strengthened the apostles to enable them to witness to Jesus. This same gift has been given to each of us, for the same purpose. Faith is a gift from God, which is freely given; but we can pray that God will pour the Holy Spirit upon each of us and the whole church that our faith may be strengthened.

We can also endeavour to try and understand our faith in a deeper way, by devoting time to the study of our faith or scripture. Faith seeks understanding: *"I believe in order to understand; and I understand the better to believe"*, said St Augustine. A common phrase today may be *'you cannot give what you haven't got.'* We can pray for ourselves and the whole Church that we may be faithful to the example of the apostles, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to us to help us in the role of evangelisation.

Fr Paul.