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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 24 Apr	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary Morgan RIP, Anniversary
Sun 25 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Phil Mason, for good health
	6.00 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Mon 26 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Eddie Wynne, for good health
Tue 27 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Kathleen Keenan RIP
Wed 28 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	David Enker for good health
Thu 29 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 30 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Mary Peak RIP
Sat 01 May	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory & donor's intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 02 May	9.30 am	St George's	Cissie Murrin RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Donor's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** This Sunday we turn to the Good Shepherd in prayer for vocations. For over fifty five years the Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and this is to remind us how earnestly we need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life especially from our own community, our parish, and our own families. All of us have a role to play in fostering priestly vocations. How important that there always will be good holy priests and parishioners who will lead us to Christ and share with us his love, a love that not only consoles and strengthens us, but indeed a love that changes us, transforms us, into his disciples and witnesses. Jesus is the Good Shepherd; he comes to us in the Eucharist. May we open our hearts to him in love and thank him for loving us infinitely and personally. May we listen to his voice and follow this Good Shepherd wherever he leads us.

**Please remember myself, Fr Peter and Fr Jude in your prayers.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** This Sunday we hear the comparison that Jesus makes



between himself and the Good Shepherd. Jesus makes a distinction between the hired man who is unwilling to protect his sheep versus the Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. During this Easter season we must remember that we are called to be both the sheep and the shepherd. First, we are called to be the sheep in our relationship with Christ. The pandemic has given us an opportunity to listen and take life slower but we may soon

return to that noisy, fast paced world we once knew, so we must be sure that we know and can recognise the sound of our Shepherd's voice. We must also be the shepherd to our flock, the Church. We are called by Jesus to lay down our own plans so that the Holy Spirit can work through our lives. When we do this we can serve our brothers and sisters in the way God intends for us. We too are called to entrust our lives to the Good Shepherd – to entrust to him our cares and worries, to allow him to lead us back when we stray; and to allow him to teach us how to serve one another, just as He cares for us. In reflecting on this story we should ask ourselves the following questions: Do we truly hear the voice of our Christ, our Good Shepherd? And do we follow His example and lay down our lives for the sake of others? May we always seek Jesus Christ first in our lives in order to do his will.

God Bless, Fr Alan

**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for Patricia Brown, Kath Keenan and Larry Kennedy who have died recently. We extend our sincere sympathy and promise of prayers to the families. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PLEASE USE MASS BOOKING SYSTEM:** As lockdown and shielding are no longer a requirement, more of our congregation are likely to return to Mass in person, and with more people wanting a seat at both churches, Masses will be booked up quickly. Therefore, we request that if you could, please book into Mass. Those who have not booked, please arrive at least 10 minutes early to assist the stewards in trying to find everyone a seat BEFORE MASS COMMENCES, thereby helping to lessen distractions to everyone inside the Church. We want to welcome all, so please assist us - book or arrive early.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATION:**

We have received 59 applications for FHC; applications for Confirmation from 2020 will be carried over but any further enquiries please contact Karan on 07968059768 0706. Children will now begin preparations for FHC in May 2021 and Confirmation in August 2021 with the Bishop celebrating in Oct 2021.

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 – 10:45.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION this weekend for the Clergy Formation Fund.**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>:** St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>:** St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May:** St Joseph the Worker

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**



**Good Shepherd Sunday**, is our yearly opportunity to reflect on the Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. Also, you can contribute to the Clergy Formation Fund which helps train our future priests and contributes to our priests continuing

formation. Please pray for the Fr Alan, Fr Peter and Fr Jude who serve you and encourage the young men to either consider the call to the priesthood for themselves, or encourage among their peers those whom they think would make good priests.

**BEAUVALE PILGRIMAGE 2021:** On Sunday 2nd May at 3pm, Bishop Patrick will celebrate our annual Mass to honour the lives of the Beauvale Martyrs, Ss John Houghton and Robert Lawrence. Due to Covid restrictions, this year's Mass will not take place at the ruins of Beauvale Priory. Instead, it will take place at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Eastwood NG16 2AQ. The number of people coming to this Mass unfortunately has to be limited to a maximum of 48, but Mass will be live streamed. Go to YouTube and search 'Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Eastwood' and you will be able to follow the Mass with us. For more information please make contact directly with Fr Paul ewman: paul.newman@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**SPONSORED WALK IN MAY:**

Fr Joe Wheat is walking 80 miles (130km) over 5 consecutive days to raise money for Rainbows Hospice, Loughborough, and the Lewis Sewell Memorial Trust. Lewis died last year aged 18 and was the son of friends of Fr Joe. He was an aspiring young actor. So, a group are walking between the theatres in Nottingham, Leicester and Derby, taking in the hospice in Loughborough and Lewis' home village of Castle Donnington. If you want to sponsor Fr Joe, go to this link <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/WalkforLewis18milesfor18years> Monies raised will be split equally between the hospice where Lewis died and the Memorial Trust set up in his name to support young actors.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Embrace your life together in love -15th -16th May:** Marriage Encounter is now available live. Online Experience, an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. WWME has helped Catholic couples for 50 years throughout the world, unlock the power of their relationships. There is no group discussion, it is just about the couple learning to be the best, most loving couple they can be. The new format has proved popular, especially with younger couples and is being rolled out during 2021. To book or to find out more information about WWME follow the link: [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)