



Ordination: the gift of service

The sacrament of ordination is a sharing the ministry of the Apostles. Those who are called to minister as deacons, priests or bishops are ordained for the task. They are given the gifts needed to carry out their work and for their life of service. Those who receive this sacrament (which is administered only by a bishop, with the sign of the laying on of hands) are called to a life of service through preaching, charity and administering the sacraments, so continuing the saving work of Christ.

FOCUS ON... The Paschal Candle

The great candle which stands by the lectern is the Paschal (or Easter) candle. It is a symbol of Jesus risen from the dead, and stands among us for all celebrations during the Easter season, as a reminder that the risen Lord Himself is in our midst. Outside of Eastertide it stands by the font, and is only lit for baptisms and funerals – the beginning and end of our Christian life on earth is



marked by the hope which the risen Christ brings. The Paschal Candle is renewed each year, blessed and lit for the first time from the Easter fire at the vigil on Holy Saturday night (pictured). It dispels the darkness in the church as a sign that Christ, through His resurrection, casts away the darkness of death and brings us the light of eternal life. This year's candle includes the symbols of wheat and grapes, pointing us to the Eucharist – we know that the risen Lord is here with us in the form of bread and wine, consecrated to become His Body and Blood.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 261

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of the Easter season

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 21 st	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mary Sinnott RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	ST GEORGE	Ints of Marie Culshaw
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	11am	Requiem	Rita Lyons RIP
	7pm		Anne Topping RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	St Mark	Thomas Hamilton RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Carol McCarthy RIP
Friday	12noon		Eddie Sinnott RIP
Saturday 28 th	10am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Bernard & Teresa Nicklin RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Frank & Molly Sinnott RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 29 th	9:30am		George Oldcorn RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Carol McCarthy**, whose Requiem took place last week, **Rita Lyons**, whose Requiem will be on Tuesday at 11am, **Annie Green**, whose Requiem will be on 2 May at 12noon, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon

Sundays 4-5pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, Monday and Wednesday.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during April will go to CAFOD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Topping, Irene Wilson, Lavinia Brennan, Ann Counsell.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the side chapel, beginning again this week. All are very welcome to this time of praise and prayer.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting is on Sunday 20th May at 7pm. The book for this month is "The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit"; copies are now available from Fr A.

CTS RACKS: new titles now available, including booklets on Padre Pio, Saints of South Asia, Mary, the Holy Spirit, and some booklets for children. Take a look!

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: brief meeting for all leaders after 9:30am Mass this Sunday.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: During Eastertide, Sundays at 4pm, Exposition and a scripture reflection followed at 4:30pm by sung Vespers (evening prayer) and Benediction.

NCW ANNUAL CATECHESIS: Christ came so that we may have life and have it to the full. Do you want a renewed, personal encounter with Jesus Christ? Come and listen, no commitment. Just Good News, hope and encouragement. Mondays and Thursdays in the side chapel. No one is excluded from the Lord's joy.

STREET EVANGELISATION: members of the NeoCatechumenal Way will speak about the Gospel and their experiences outside Booths, 2:30-3:30pm on Sunday 29th April. All parishioners are very welcome to come and support this initiative, and to pray that it may help more people to discover Christ.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (13th-19th May): Collectors are urgently needed for the St Clare's "patch", which is mainly the roads off Sherwood Way. Please call 01772 717376 or 07803 071936 if you think you can help.

CAFOD: The government is currently doubling donations to CAFOD, until early May. You can donate using the St Anthony wall box (until the end of April) or in a marked envelope handed in at the presbytery or in the collection.

MILES FOR SYRIA: The overall total for Syria now stands at over £15,000. Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milesforsyria to donate online.

SCOUT LEADER REQUIRED: for more details please see the notice in the narthex.

HCPT LOURDES: NURSE OR DOCTOR required for a trip to Lourdes (Hosanna House), 31st August-7th September. Families also welcome. Speak to Fr Andrew.

LIVING WATER: Thursday evening spiritual refreshment from Metanoia Project. Takes place at St Wilfrid's, 7:30pm-9:30pm each Thursday. All welcome.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAINS: Next Saturday (28th), 11am-1pm on London Road, to give silent witness to the millions of babies killed by legalised abortion in Britain.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday: a presentation, "Canaletto - a Venetian Artist", by Brenda Fox. OLSE Parish Centre, 8pm; admission £2.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 453; Collection: £983.14; thank you.

Events this week (one off/occasional events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (5)	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (3)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer group	Chapel
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (4)	Chapel
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Confirmation Preparation (5)	School
Sunday 29 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (6)	Parish Hall
	11am	Holy Communion Parents' Session (3)	Chapel
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church

Advance Diary Dates:

4th May: First Friday: Mass at 12noon, Holy Hour 7-8pm

10th May: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – a Holy Day of Obligation

16th May: Franciscan Crown: devotion based on Seven Joys of Mary, 7pm

20th May: Next meeting of the CTS Book Club, 7pm

25th May: May Procession, 1:45pm