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DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



“I am the good shepherd”

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

THIS WEEK

Sat 10 th	10.30am	Abbot's intentions	Saturday of Easter 3
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun 11 th	9.30am	Maureen Spencer	
Mon 12 th	No Mass today		Monday of Easter 4
Tue 13 th	9.30am	Brenda Ward	The Dedication of the Cathedral of Christ the King (feast)
Wed 14 th	9.30am	Pope Leo	St Matthias (feast)
Thu 15 th	9.30am	Norman Jackson	Thursday of Easter 4
Fri 16 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Friday of Easter 4
Sat 17 th	10.30am	EBC	Saturday of Easter 4
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun 18 th	9.30am	Stuart Dolphin	

First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 10 th		M Sherry		L Gardner	
Sun 11 th		K Slater		J Kitchen	
Bidding prayers	J Beeley	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C Moffatt & C Williamson
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 17 th		M Russell		J Hothersall	
Sun 18 th		R Conboy		J Slater	
Bidding prayers	G Hopkinson	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C & K Snape

Last weekend attendance: 137, collection £331.90 – thank you!

God moves in mysterious ways – one minute nothing, then the next...

What week! Two top stories vying for headlines: trade deals with America and India and the election of a new Pope, services of remembrance for VE day when we remember through the courageous goodwill of the people of this country, along with our allies, good overcame evil, all at great cost: *'but we were just doing our job'* the few remaining veterans are saying.

World War II was a life- and culture-changing event as was COVID for our generation. But by prayer and God's grace we get through these calamities, perhaps even to something better than what went before.

We have our own little calamity as we face an uncertain future for our parish. But let us always draw strength from these positive outcomes in our history, knowing that where God is concerned, though it may be slow in coming, after the darkness comes the light and God's goodness will prevail.

Let us pray for our new Pope as he takes up his responsibilities as a sign of unity and love, that he may have the strength to persevere through the darkness to bring Christ's light and peace to our troubled world. Amen.

Reflection

Pray with great confidence, based upon the goodness and generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray. (*St Louis de Montfort*)

With prayers,

Fr Raphael

Please remember in your prayers **BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON**, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, who is to be the new Archbishop of Liverpool, replacing Archbishop Malcolm who is retiring. The installation will be on May 27th. There is more information at the back of church and on the Archdiocesan website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk.

This Week's Feasts

The Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King

The Cathedral reminds us that the little parish or community of faith here at St Joseph's is part of the larger community of parishes that make up the (arch) diocese of Liverpool where resides the Bishop who rules from his *Cathedra* (chair/throne) uniting us all as one community of faith.

The building itself is obviously a place for gathering for prayer and praise of God as all churches are. But, built of stones bonded by cement, it is also an outward sign of its members themselves living stones and bonded in the love of Christ...the King.

St Matthias. After the Ascension of our Lord, Peter proposed the need to replace Judas Iscariot with someone who had been with them from the beginning of Jesus' ministry to the Ascension. Matthias and Joseph (Barsabbas) Justus were chosen. They prayed and drew lots and the lot fell to Matthias and he becomes one of the twelve Apostles. (Acts 1:15-26).

In the "Transition Communications" section of our website, you can find Abbot Robert's statement regarding the **CLOSURE OF OUR PARISH**. There are other documents there as well including responses from parishioners and others as well as a letter from the Handover Group to the Ampleforth Abbey Trustees.

There will be a **PARISH MEETING** in the Hall after Mass **THIS SUNDAY** (11th May) to which you are all invited to air your views, share your concerns and ask questions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION meeting **THIS THURSDAY**, 15th May.

We will say a **DECADE OF THE ROSARY** after weekday Masses throughout May.

PLEASE PRAY for Maureen O'Hara and Evelyn Farnworth who have died, for those who are sick or housebound including Ann Green, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

100 CLUB: The winner for week 22 is number 58, Chris Bullen. The next block of 10 weeks starts this weekend so **subs are due** unless you've paid for the full year.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Easter we are asked to pray for: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

Preston Orpheus Choir (which includes a number of our congregation) are having an **"INTRODUCTION TO HANDEL'S MESSIAH"** on Saturday 31st May in St Leonard's church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA. There's a "Come and Sing" workshop in the afternoon followed by an informal performance in the evening. It's a brilliant way to have a go at highlights of one of the most famous choral works or just come along and listen. More details on the poster at the back of church and on the choir's website: www.prestonorpheuschoir.org.

In aid of the **GREGSON GREEN CHARITY**, there is a Ladies' Pop-up Shop and Fun Fashion Show in the Community Centre, Gregson Lane, **THIS FRIDAY** 16th May. Doors open at 7.00pm, show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Ann Atkin (07512311857) or see Frances Fordyce or Gill Fowler.

Bidding prayers – Sunday 11th May 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Priest: On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we bring our prayers and intentions to Our Lord.

Reader: We pray for our new Pope, Leo. May he guide the church with tolerance and humility. Lord, in your mercy....

As today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that seeds may flourish and prayers be answered. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for world leaders; may they work together to bring peace to the world. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our parish. That even though St Joseph's may be going to close, people will be guided to celebrate their faith in other churches. Lord your mercy...

We pray for all people whose loved ones have died, who are sad or lonely, that they may find the support and comfort they need. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends. May we have open hearts and ears, and help and listen to those in need. Lord, in your mercy...

Let us think about all those who need our prayers, as we turn to Mary our Mother: Hail Mary...

In silence, we offer our own private prayers.

Priest: Loving Father, accept these prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.