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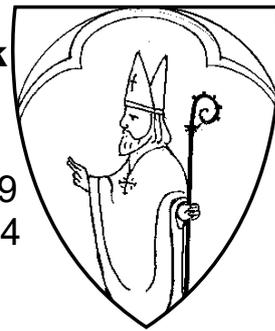
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Easter Week 4

8th May 2022

Gospel Reflection, John 10:27-30



Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love. Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way.

It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfil my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, I trust in You.

Say to the broken-hearted 'Do not be afraid'

Prayer and Reflection for
Mental Health Awareness Week



At

The Arenaeus Project Centre
32 Great Georges Road
L22 1RD

Wednesday 11th May
6pm - 8pm

Beginning with a light supper

DONATIONS WELCOME

To book Email
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk
Or Tel 0151 949 1199

Children's Little Church



Starting This Sunday
15th May at 11.30 Mass

If anybody wishes to help and
Become A Catechist
for little church please speak to
Cath Housbey to arrange
DBS and training.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Altar flowers
for
peace in Ukraine



The beautiful display
of altar flowers were
kindly purchased by
the Alt valley Group,
Yoga Class.





Saint John of Avila

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor.

In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

Our Lady of Fatima

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. On the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying, "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven."

The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon, but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart. In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.



Pray the Rosary for Peace

Peace Actions for May

Many still think of May as Mary's month. Remember this month to pray the Rosary for peace, particularly peace in Ukraine.

Care of Our Planet:-

Walk to School Week 17th-21st May.

There are a couple of dates coming where we are asked to consider our neighbours.

World Fair Trade Day 14th May and

World Hunger Day on the 28th May.

And a couple of opportunities to think about the ways we work to keep the peace on 29th May

World Communications Day

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

PLIGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Monday 18th July – Thursday 21st July

For those who have indicated they would like to go on the parish pilgrimage a deposit of £30 is now due with the remainder £198, full board, £162 half board, due by 18th June.

Money can be paid in cash or by cheque. Please put it in an envelope with your name, telephone number and email address.

Thank you

Why not!

Spend some time in prayer during this month of May, by attending a Holy Hour or praying the Rosary for your family, friends and neighbours.

Saint Matthias the Apostle



It was fitting, then, when “The Twelve” were reduced to “The Eleven” after Judas’ self murder, that the fullness of the biblical number had to be restored. And this is where today’s saint steps out from the shadows to play his role in Christian history. The first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the great history book of the early Church, tells us that, after the Ascension, **the eleven** Apostles returned to Jerusalem. There, Peter “stood up among the believers” to tell them that someone who had “accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us... must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” Two names were proposed to replace Judas: Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. Then the Eleven prayed to the Lord to show them the way. They cast lots. Matthias was chosen. An Apostle, for the first time, had a successor. And, of equal significance, the appointment came from the group, or college, of Apostles, led by Peter. Thus, was established, just days after Christ left the earth, a form of Church preservation and growth which would be repeated, and is still repeated, tens of thousands of times in Christian history.

The Church has placed the Feast of St. Matthias purposefully close to the Feast of the Ascension, just as his election in Acts occurred so soon after that event in the Bible. The Holy Spirit had yet to descend at Pentecost, and still the Church performed the will of God with authority in selecting Matthias. It was all there in the beginning. It is still here all around us. The miracle of the Church and her Apostles continues. It will always continue.

Saint Matthias, we beg your intercession from your powerful throne in the Heavenly Jerusalem, that you fortify all who govern your Church to emulate “The Twelve” in their wisdom, trust, prudence, and daring in leading and spreading the Faith. (Saint Matthias the Apostle is the Patron Saint of alcoholics and tailors his feast day May 14.)

Sandra Hamilton express’ her thanks for cards, prayers and flowers she received on her last day as Deputy at St. Swithins school.



Dear parishioners thanks for all the support. I'm on to pastures new, working for Hope University and OFSTED but will be running a music night 6 to 8 at Alt valley Communiversity on Mondays. All over 16s welcome. I'll also be starting a drum project with Clem Burke from Blondie soon for SEN children so will send more details over soon. Here's me at the Monday Blondie Concert in Liverpool. God bless Sandra and family xx

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for May 2022

Young people don’t grow into discerning adults by accident. As parents, teachers and leaders, we need to teach our youngsters how to discern. We need enable young people to understand how they can be manipulated by social media and TV. We need to teach our children that an ambition to make a difference for good in the world, will lead to happiness. This month, Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention for May. **“We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.”**



World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2022

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is held each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel of John read on this Sunday, in each of the three years, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd who has come so that people may have life to the full, the one who lays down his life for his sheep, the one who knows his sheep — they recognise his voice.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Pray the Rosary

World Fair Trade Day 14th May 2022

Of course every day should be a Fair Trade Day, but there are certain days throughout the calendar that focus our attention a little more and World Fair Trade Day is one of them.

- To Do:-** *
- Look for new products in the supermarket that have the Fair Trade logo.
 - Share any Fair Trade product that you have enjoyed on Facebook.
 - Pack Fair Trade products in your child’s lunch box and make sure that they recognise the logo.

Care for Our Common Home

National Walk Everywhere Month

May has been designated ‘Walk Everywhere Month’. The plan is to get healthy, save money but most importantly, reduce pollution and help improve the environment.

- To Do:-** *
- Use your iPhone to count your steps and beat yesterday’s record.
 - Leave the car at home if the supermarket, school or work is only a round walk of twenty minutes.

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at:

www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday Apr	7th	6.00pm	Parishioners Intentions
Sunday May	8th	11.30am	Colleen Reid Anniv Matthew Moore Anniv Elizabeth Moore B'day Baby Steven Aitchison S.I.
Monday	9th	9.00am	
Tuesday	10th	9.00am	Peter Davies L.D.
Wednesday	11th	7.00pm	Sr Edith Culliton G.W.
Thursday	12th	9.00am	Mary Hollis
Friday	13th	No Mass	
Saturday	14th	6.00pm	D & M For Healing
Sunday	15th	11.30am	Parishioners Intentions

Baptisms



- Evie Ann Oliver
- Rosie Jean Hagan
- Noa Edith Taylor
- Amelia Rose McCall
- Hughie Michael McCall
- Jenson Edward Russell
- Archie George Gregson
- Betsy Sofia Daley-Povall

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Peter Davies, Mary Hollis
Patsy Bennett

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Mary Reed, Kevin Storey
Vincent & Teresa Brocklehurst

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Angela Adlen	<i>Eileen Guy</i>	<i>Dave McLoughlin</i>	<i>Christine & David Fitzsimmons</i>
Angela Gregory	<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	<i>Paul & Kate</i>	<i>Eleanor Mawdsley</i>
Baby Bella	<i>Janet Clark</i>	<i>Peter Fraser</i>	<i>Joan, Andreas Samaras</i>
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Margaret & Joseph Maloney</i>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Vassilis Alamaniotis</i>
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Joan Turner</i>	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	<i>Canon Brendan Alger</i>	<i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i>
Eddie Unsworth	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	<i>David & Julie Pearce</i>	

WEARING A



FACEMASK

In Church is now

OPTIONAL

The Columban Fathers Mission.

The total collection amounted to

£393.80.

Thank you very much

for your generosity.

A cheque has been posted to

Fr. John.

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chance to win up to

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Spring Raffle!

Proceeds go to support

our poorest neighbours.

The raffle closes on 6 May

and the draw will take place

on 20 May. Play online

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