

Sunday Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



We are now in the Month of May, a time when we express with intensity our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. But why month of May?

St John Henry Newman in his book of Meditations and Devotions gives us several reasons. Here is just one of them.

May is the Month of Promise

May is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold. A man may say, "True; but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May." This cannot be denied; but still, so much is true that at least it is the month of *promise* and of *hope*. Even though the weather happens to be bad, it is the month that {4} *begins* and heralds in the summer. We know, for all that may be unpleasant in it, that fine weather is coming, sooner or later. "Brightness and beautifulness shall," in the Prophet's words, "appear at the end, and shall not lie: if it makes delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and shall not be slack."

May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of *promise*; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated?

The Prophet says, "There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise out of his root. Who is the flower but our Blessed Lord? Who is the rod, or beautiful stalk or stem or plant out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of our Lord, Mary, Mother of God?"

Throughout May I encourage you all to discover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home, together as a family.

I would also ask that you crown your statue of Mary, adorn it with flowers, beads, foliage or whatever you think fitting for our most precious Mother. If you do, please do post a picture on a FB page for all to see.

Live Streaming in the Parish

Sunday 3rd May	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass
Monday 4th May	Fr Gerry's Day off
Tuesday 5th May	9am – Morning Prayer 1.30pm – Rosary 7pm – Evening Prayer 7.30pm – Mass 8.15pm – Bible study via Zoom
Wednesday 6th May	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 7th May	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer
Friday 8th May	No Streaming today



Whilst our church buildings are closed it is a great comfort to be able to live stream these acts of worship and I urge you all to do so whenever you can.

Streaming can be found at [St Teresa's Catholic Church](#)

Readings this Sunday

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm 22 Response: **The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia**

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Quote from the Legion of Mary

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" Archbishop Sheen

Notices



Congratulations to **Maureen Lumholst-Smith** who reached the grand age of 100 Years last week. We wish you a very happy birthday Maureen and the whole parish sends you their love and prayers.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Required for September 2020

Salary Range: Group 2, L9-14

Assisi Catholic Trust and Governors of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School are looking for an enthusiastic, inspiring Deputy Headteacher with exceptionally strong values.

Applications are welcomed from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified practising Catholic Leaders to play a key role in building on the school's successes and reputation.

Candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school.

Please contact Mrs Victoria Blake-Lawson to arrange a telephone conversation or virtual tour on 01702 475689 or email office@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk

Application packs are available from Miss Nikita Parr at the Assisi Registered Office on 01702 606762 or email nparr@assisicatholictrust.com. Full details of the post are also available on the school's website <https://www.olol.co.uk/>

Applications should be sent to nparr@assisicatholictrust.com.

Closing Date: 13th May 2020 (noon).

Shortlisting: 15th May 2020.

Formal Interviews: 21st and 22nd May 2020 (to be held virtually as necessary)

CVs or applications from agencies are not accepted. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



We would like to thank all the staff at **St Teresa's Catholic Primary School** for all they are doing during this time of uncertainty. Staff are working hard to ensure that all keyworker children can still be cared for which allows much needed services to continue for the benefit of us

all. Please be assured that you remain in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and protect you all.

Hospital Visiting



Please continue to pray for our Hospital Chaplain, **Fr Gerry** as he continues to visit the dying in hospital. We give thanks for his pastoral care and pray that our Lord grants him protection during these visits.

Prayers we can say together at this time

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

And I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Regina Coeli - The Easter prayer Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen

Mass Times

Sun	3	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)	Helen Clapp RIP	BS
Mon	4	No Mass Today	The English Martyrs		
Tues	5	7.30pm		Ron Gravestock RIP	JG
Wed	6	9.30am	St John Payne, PR,M	Members of the Legion of Mary	LOM
Thur	7	9.30am		Tony Camello RIP	cc
Fri	8	No Mass Today			
Sun	10	10.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)	The deceased members of the Gravestock & Clark families	JG

Daily Prayers:



Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

Sunday: The Sick: Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somerville & Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Elaine Liddon, Cory Lees, Anthony George and Mary Smith. Those who live in Claybrick Avenue, Rose Way, Jubilee Close and Wood Lane.

Tuesday: The Sick: Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Hockley Methodist Church and their Minister Rev Dr Calvin Samuel.

Wednesday: The Sick: Geraldine Stevens., Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her Ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own parish priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick: Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver and Len Smith. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Helen Clapp, Robert Hill, Colville & Fr Tom Scully. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: Frederick Joyce, Harry Paris, Christine Thompson and Tony Camello

Saturday: The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Pdraig Evers, John Rice, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly & terry Lewis. Our Student priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Paschal and Damian

Parish Finances

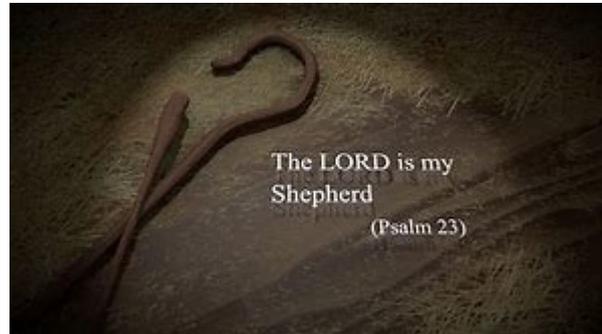
During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, weekly offering donations can be made via

Hockley: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=hockley>

Rochford: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=rochford>

It is a very simple process and it also allows you to gift aid all donations. Please continue to support our parish as we receive no government funding and rely entirely on your donations. Although our buildings are shut, we still need to maintain them, and every penny raised goes towards ensuring that our church is there for us now and in the future.

If you are lonely, worried or feel isolated please let us know – your parish is here for you. We have several volunteers who are happy to help those feeling alone and vulnerable with shopping and errands. Please do give us a call.



**Please be assured of my prayers always.
Wishing you every blessing,
Fr Gerry**