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*Dixit Jesus Pharisaeis:
Ego sum pastor bonus.
Bonus pastor animam suam dat
pro ovibus suis.*



Jesus said to the Pharisees:
I am the Good Shepherd.
The Good Shepherd gives His life
for His sheep.

John 10: 11

*Services for the Fourth Week of Eastertide 2024
21st – 27th April*

Saturday 20th April,

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

May & Dennis Stanbridge & Tim Ryan RIP

Sunday 21st April, *The Fourth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Third after Easter (EF) – Good Shepherd Sunday (OF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

The People of the Parish

Mrs Josie Church (100th birthday)

Private intention

Monday 22nd April, *Easter Feria (OF) – SS. Soter & Caius, Popes & Martyrs (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Joy

Tuesday 23rd April, *The Solemnity of St George, Martyr & Patron of England (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Mother Thérèse-Marie RIP

Wednesday 24th April, *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Zeng Xiangyun RIP

Thursday 25th April, *The Feast of St Mark, Evangelist (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Brian Boyd RIP

Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

Friday 26th April, *Easter Feria (OF) – SS. Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs (EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Gary Neil RIP

Saturday 27th April, *Easter Feria (OF) – St Peter Canisius, Confessor & Doctor (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Padre Riccardo

Holy Hour, Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Saturday 27th April, *Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 28th April, *The Fifth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fourth after Easter (EF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Charles & Joan Lambert RIP

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

A husband's employment

Father John writes:

Second Collection today: Clergy Training Fund

Next Sunday: Visit of Father Francisco

Fr Francisco of the Bournemouth Oratory will be visiting us next weekend of 27th/28th April. This is his first visit to St Gregory's since his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on 24th January. He will celebrate the Solemn Mass at 10.30 am on Sunday 28th. After Mass he will give his First Blessing.

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- 12th May - Catholic Communications
- 16th June – Day for Life
- 23rd June – Second Century Fund
- 30th June – Peter's Pence

Advance Notice: Melkite Liturgy

The next celebration of the Melkite-Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be at 4 pm on Saturday 4th May.

A Date for the Diary: May Procession

The May Procession is one of the happiest events in the parish calendar. This year it will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 12th May, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. As part of a series of talks on prayer being given by the priests of our deanery for the Year of Prayer, I shall give a short talk on *Our Lady and Prayer*.

Eastertide House Blessings

Please let me know if you would like your home to receive the special blessing during Eastertide (up to Trinity Sunday 26th May).

Mass Intentions

Asking for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for one's own intentions, or for a loved one, living or dead, is a beautiful and powerful act of faith, hope, and charity. Usually, we have an abundance of intentions, but unaccountably the well is running dry. If you have one or many intentions for which you would like Mass to be offered, now is your opportunity. Please use one of the little brown envelopes in the narthex, fill in the details, add your offering, and return either through the Presbytery letter-box or in the collection plate. It's good to remember the words of Pope Leo XIII: **In the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass ... Jesus Christ, both Priest and Victim, daily offers Himself to His Father through the ministry of His priests on earth. By virtue of this Sacrifice the infinite merits of Christ, gained by His Precious Blood shed once upon the Cross for the salvation of men, are applied to our souls.**

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, which seeks to change the criminal

law so that 'no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy' at any gestation. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal, using SPUC's webtool: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the protection of unborn babies, and for the support and comfort of mothers in need. **The Second Vatican Council condemned abortion as 'an unspeakable crime'.**

Archbishop Wilson's defence of human life

In a recent Pastoral Letter, Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark has strongly reaffirmed the Church's opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide: **The Catholic Church [he writes] believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one's physical or mental state or ability. We are called to care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death. We cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Rather, we need to support individuals, families, and those who work in healthcare, so that the fundamental value of life is not eroded.**

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, not forgetting toiletries and washing powder, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. Every tin or packet makes a difference. Toiletry items are always needed.

Please pray for peace in the Middle East, and don't forget Ukraine!

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Sharon Power-Hartley, Joy Smith, Fr Frank Sofie, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Susanna Marion Caldwell, Theodora Iris Dare, Edward Alexander Donovan, Rosa Bertha Houser, Michael Kevin Miles, Isabelle Vivienne Catherine Mory, and Edward Joseph Mullen, who have anniversaries at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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