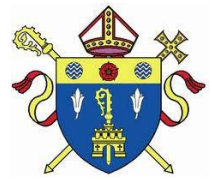




Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

Sat 20 Apr	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (Sheila & Ronnie Renwicks)
Sun 21 Apr 24	4th Sunday of Easter
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (People of the Parish)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Patricia Parker)
12.00 OLSM	Baptism: Edie Hawley
18.00 OLSM	Mass (Sandra Crowley)
Mon 22 Apr	Monday of 4th week of Easter
10.00 OLSM	No Mass
Tues 23 Apr	St George
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Mass (For Peace)
Wed 24 Apr	St Adalbert
11.30 SG	Lectio Divina
12.00 SG	Mass (Jean Mary Gill)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Mass (Nguyen Family Intentions)
Thur 25 Apr	St Mark
10.00 SM	Mass (Tom & Edith Woodall & Family)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
Fri 26 Apr	Friday of 4th week of Easter
11.30 SG	Adoration
12.00 SG	Mass (Joseph & Margaret Woodall)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
Sat 27 Apr	Saturday of 4th week of Easter
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Colin Dixon)
10.30 OLSM	Confession, Adoration & Rosary
Sat 27 Apr	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
Sun 28 Apr 24	5th Sunday of Easter
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (Peter & Teresa Small)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Sr Julie, Edward & Gerard Small)
12.00 OLSM	Baptism: Esme Raynor
18.00 OLSM	Mass (T Nguyen Birthday Intention)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 21.04.24)

OLSM: Robert Carr

SG: Loving Memories of John & Bridget Sloan

SM: Recently deceased of the Parish

Sacred Heart: None Lady Altar: None

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. **Stella McDougall**, Requiem Mass Monday 29 April, 11am, St Mary's church. **Mary Graham**. Received into St Gregory's church Wednesday 1 May, 5pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 2 May, 11am. **Joseph Dunkwu (Snr)**.

The sick & housebound: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Toba Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey, Joan Ainsworth and Frank Youngusband.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Tony Graham, Gordon Renwicks, Ronnie Renwicks, John Langley, Michael Tomey, Pat McHale, Teresa Henstone, Vincent Bailey, Margaret Bigrigg, Rita Carruthers, Slawomir Drazkowski, Barry Donoghue, James King.

Finance

Offertory income for March: Offertory £6830.76; online WSMP donations £120; Holy Places £452.58. Online banking details: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/c No. 91752146

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Since we are one parish under the patronage of Christ the Good Shepherd, let today be a day of prayer and thanksgiving for our parish, for the gift of faith, the priests and people through the ages who have helped to form our faith. May this day also remind us that we are called through our baptism to be conformed to Christ, and to be a shepherd to others, going out in search of the sick and infirm, those who are lost and far away, and those who do not know the Good Shepherd.

Today is also a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, and we continue to pray that we may have shepherds 'after Christ's own heart'. The Lord continues to call in every age but the capacity to hear that calling is difficult these days when there is so much distraction and noise. Please pray that one of the fruits of our parish may be vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Currently in our Diocese we have three men training for the priesthood, all at the Beda College in Rome, and Fr Andrew Allman is the Vice Rector of one of our English seminaries at Oscott, Birmingham. There will be a second collection today for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which supports the training of priests. If anyone is thinking about a possible vocation to the priesthood, contact the Vocations Director, Fr Luiz Ruscillo in Carlisle, luiz.ruscillo@lrcd.org.uk

Spring Summit, a parish day-away at Hying Hall Monastery on Saturday 4 May. For all those who have secured places, please be at Our Lady & St Michael's church, ready to leave by coach at 8am. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, but you might like to bring a coat depending upon the weather so that you can explore the beautiful grounds and gardens. We hope to return by 5.30pm. The event is free but if anyone would like to make a donation to help to defray the costs, that would be much appreciated. For those who are not joining us this time, please pray for this day that it may be a landmark for the spiritual renewal of our parish and that all of us may 'rise up, open wide the doors, and go out of ourselves so as to draw others to Christ'.

Mass times this week. Please note that there is no Mass on Monday and the Mass on Tuesday is transposed to the evening at 6.30pm at Our Lady & St Michael's.

Parish Spirit & Social Group visit to Cockermouth Mountain Rescue, Thursday 25 April, meet at 7.15pm, Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Centre, Station Street. All are welcome but non PSSG members please let Ann Leigh know you're going on 07754595770.

CAFOD Lenten lunches. Thank you to everyone who supported the Lenten soup lunches at St Gregory's, £496.11 was raised for CAFOD.

Forthcoming events.

- **Alpha.** A new Alpha course will begin on Wednesday 8 May at 7pm in the Stella Maris Room, Banklands. This is open to all parishioners who would like to go deeper or to re-connect with their faith, but it is also the ideal opportunity to invite friends of yours who perhaps are new to the whole idea of faith or who would like to explore some of life's deepest questions. Alpha is free, and revolves around some delicious food, good company, watching a video and reflecting upon it. It has proved a life-changer for hundreds of thousands of people across the globe, and we would like you to join us, and anyone else in your neighbourhood, or work, or family who may be interested.
- **Quarant' Ore,** the Forty Hours Devotion of Eucharistic Adoration over the weekend of Corpus Christi, 1-2 June.
- **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** with Bishop Paul Swarbrick on 8 June.
- **First Holy Communions** at Our Lady & St Michael's on 15 June, and at St Gregory's and St Mary's churches on 22 June.

Other News and Events

Cabrini, a movie being shown at Keswick's Alhambra Cinema on Saturday 20 April at 4.30pm, Wednesday 24 April at 2.45pm and on Sunday 28 April at 7.30pm. Catholic missionary (and now saint) Francesca Cabrini arrives in New York in 1889 from Italy and manages to convince hostile authorities to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans. A fantastic heart-warming film made by the same Director of *The Chosen*, much praised.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth', the National Shrine at Walsingham (Norfolk) with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 2-6 September 2024. Coach leaving from Workington, cost no more than £425 to £500 all inclusive, contact Deacon Charlie to book place: charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk Tel: 07895 742 732.

*Come, Holy Spirit!
Give us the grace today to rise up,
to open wide the doors,
to go out of ourselves so as to
draw others to Christ,
to be disciples and to make
disciples, that we may walk in your
ways joyfully and build up Your
Church across West Cumbria.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*