

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 7 May 2017: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Sisters of Providence
9.00am	Louis Campbell
11.00am	Neville & John Madden RIP
5.30pm	Parishioners

Monday 8 May

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 9 May

7.30am	Vocations
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Wednesday 10 May

7.30am	Sisters of Providence
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Thursday 11 May

*St Ignatius of
Laconi*

7.30am	Florie Fernandes RIP
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Friday 12 May

7.30am	Deceased family members & benefactors of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
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Saturday 13 May

St Leopold Mandic

8.00am	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

Kathleen Mary Coble, James Murphy, Ellen Madden, Kathleen Finn, John Hanrahan,
John McTernan, Margaret Willoughby, Laurence Murphy & Colman Folan.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Clergy Training Fund

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£448.44	+ Gift-aided	£98.00
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Second Collection next week: Diocesan Schools Fund

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Doing Good and Feeling Good

Doing the right thing does not always feel good. You might take a stand for what you believe. You might go out of your way to assist someone in need. Others do not appreciate your sacrifice. You may be ridiculed, experience loss. You know it is right to do good, but unfairly you do not always feel good.

St Peter says in the reading, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called."

The good we do is already a sign of our progress in the spiritual life, even if it does not feel that way. In the past, we may have avoided what is good if it seemed to threaten peace. We might have kept quiet about injustice in the workplace, the offences of a neighbour or the inappropriateness of derisive humour. Our silence gave consent.

But faith in Christ brings comfort and courage. It makes us feel loved, confident and strong to suffer for doing what is good, even when it is unpopular.



1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Sunday 7 May 2017: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Today, 7 May, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A), Good Shepherd Sunday.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Consecrated Life. We pray especially for more vocations, and we should reflect upon how important it is for us all to pray for, encourage, and support all those considering vocations.

May: the Month of Mary

As we have entered the month of May, we celebrate devotions in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary this Sunday afternoon at 3pm: devotions, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. The parish community is invited to attend.

St Pope John Paul II said, “Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady, a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with the long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a ‘Marian’ month, celebrating it with many devotions.”

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group B: Sam & John. Thank you.

Thursday 11 May: St Ignatius of Laconi, Capuchin Brother

Ignatius was born in 1701 at Laconi in Sardinia. In 1721 he received the Capuchin habit. For forty years he quested for alms in Cagliari, and was notable for his humility and charity. Abundantly blessed with charismatic gifts, he died in 1781.

Friday 12 May: Holy Rosary

Every Friday at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. All are invited to attend.

For Mary’s month of May, Pope Francis has recommended the ‘simple and effective’ prayer of the Rosary. He said, “At the beginning of May, let us invoke the heavenly intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Pray the Rosary.”

Saturday 13 May: St Leopold Mandic, Capuchin Priest

Known as ‘Apostle of the Sacrament of Confession’, he was born on 12 May 1866 in Castelnuovo, Dalmatia. Although physically frail, he showed signs of great spiritual strength and integrity. He entered the Capuchin Order and wanted to be a missionary in Eastern Europe, torn apart by religious strife. This was denied him. In 1906 he was sent to Padua and for almost forty years he was a confessor and spiritual director.

Looking further ahead:

Saturday 20 May: March for Life UK

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. The March

for Life will take place on Saturday 20 May (11.45am–4.15pm). Proceedings will commence at 11am with pre-march activities in Victoria Square in Birmingham City Centre. To find out more, visit <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

Sunday 21 May: Confirmation Mass

On Sunday 21 May, we welcome Bishop William Kenney to our parish. At the 5.30pm Mass he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young candidates. Please pray for them.



Consider Your Own Call (1 Corinthians 1:26)

“I hope that many young men and women, inspired by sincere apostolic zeal, will consecrate their own lives to Christ and the Church as priests and religious, or as lay people who are also ready to leave their own countries to rush to those places where workers in Christ’s vineyard are scarce.” (St Pope John Paul II)

My brothers and sisters—what is Christ calling you to do? If called, would you be willing to give your life to serve Christ as a priest, a sister or a brother? Perhaps you are being called to work as a lay missionary—would you be willing to give your life to serve as a missionary, going to places where few would be willing to go?



Gift Aid Scheme

Thank you to all parishioners who have already registered for the Gift Aid scheme, which is a valuable source of extra income to the Parish at no cost to the parishioner.

If you pay tax on income, you can join the Gift Aid scheme **at any time of the year**. To sign up, please contact James Martin at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk or collect a form from the back of the church. (If you are currently registered on the scheme and have changed your address, please let James know your new address so that we can continue to claim Gift Aid for the parish on your behalf. Thank you.)

IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is taken to hospital, please let the Friary know or ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplain so that the patient may receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.



Martin Joseph Eustace RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Martin Joseph Eustace. His body will be received into the church on Monday 15 May at 5pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16 May at 10am.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.