

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22 April 2018: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Josephine Hadley
9.00am	Holy Souls [family intention]
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	OFS

Monday 23 April      **St George, Patron of England**

7.30am                   Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 24 April      **St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

7.30am                   Vocations

Wednesday 25 April **St Mark**

7.30am                   Kieran Hughes

Thursday 26 April

7.30am                   Benefactor of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

Friday 27 April

7.30am                   Mrs Green RIP

Saturday 28 April

8.00am                   Tom Gaughan

**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:**

Sophia Keaney, Ann McNally, Margaret Carlton, Kate Blunsdon, Stuart Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Jones, James Jones, Frederick Hicks, May, Peter Minoli, James Murphy, Mary Pearce & Mr O'Sullivan.

*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	£413.65	+ Gift-aided	£101.00
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**No Second Collection next week**

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## Proclaiming the Lord's Wonders

There are times when you just have to speak up. Something wonderful has delighted you. Or something unjust has befallen you. You have to tell people about it.

Peter and John healed a cripple, then preached a sermon about Jesus. People listened. The authorities grew nervous. So they arrested them. Meanwhile 5000 believers were baptized.

The authorities asked Peter and John for an explanation. They gave a speech about the power of the name of Jesus Christ and the majesty of God who raised him from the dead.

Peter and John had experienced the wonder of God's power and the injustice of their arrest.

When God's power touches us, we have to speak up about it. This Easter God has raised you up to new life in Christ. What wonders have you seen? Who will hear you proclaim them?



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Response: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

**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.

## *Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)*

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** (also known as ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’) and fulfils publicly the Lord’s instruction, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. May young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call.

### *This week:*

#### **Church Cleaning:**

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert/Leonel. Thank you.

#### **Monday 23 April: St George, Patron of England. Solemnity.**

Popular tradition presents St George as a knight. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during the Emperor Diocletian’s reign. When the Emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the Crusades Richard the Lionheart, impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the East, made St George the Protector of England.

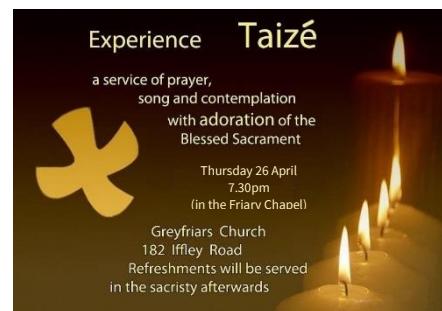
#### **Tuesday 24 April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Capuchin Martyr**

Born in 1566 in Germany as Mark Rey and known as the poor man’s lawyer, he became a Capuchin Friar and was given the name Fidelis of Sigmaringen. He accepted a mission to Switzerland and served there despite opposition from Calvinists. He suffered martyrdom at their hands in 1622, during an age of tragic misunderstanding among separated Christians.

#### **Wednesday 25 April: St Mark, Evangelist. Feast.**

Mark’s Gospel is thought to have been put together about the time of St Peter’s martyrdom—the early 60s. Mark was in Rome with St Paul and St Peter. His Gospel is based on St Peter’s teaching in Rome. Its direct style tells us something of Mark’s personality. He is Patron Saint of Venice, where his body and relics remain.

#### **Thursday 26 April: Taizé Prayer at 7.30pm**



On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: ‘The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him.’

## **Friday 27 April: Holy Rosary**

Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are welcome.

### *Looking further ahead:*

#### **Bible Study**

One of the best ways to learn about Scripture is to read it and discuss it with other people. The Parish is looking at the possibility of starting a Bible Study Group. Are you interested in learning more about Sacred Scripture? Are you looking for spiritual fulfilment outside the Mass? Why not consider joining the Bible Study Group? Think and pray about it! More information coming soon.



#### **The Day of the Lord**

Sunday is ‘the day of the Lord, the day of the Resurrection, the day of Christians, our day’ and it leads us towards salvation.

‘Let us remember that, as every plant needs sun and nourishment to live, every Catholic needs the Eucharist to really live.’ (Pope Francis)

#### **A Word from Pope Francis on Vocation**

“Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called—whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration—in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.

He continues to call. If he lets us realize that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful—and a great grace—to be completely and forever consecrated to God and service to the community.

The Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous ‘Yes’ nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open your hearts to the voice of the Lord. Listen to that voice, to discern your personal mission in the Church and the world, and to live it in the today that God gives us.”



#### **Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass**

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

#### **Register as a New Parishioner**

*Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church!* If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member, please complete a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church.

Again, a warm welcome to you and your family. We look forward to getting to know you better. May the Lord bless you and your family!