

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week 4

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| <b>Vigil</b><br>7.00 | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br><i>Mary Gallagher</i>                           | <b>24 April</b> | <b>Thu</b>   | <b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Patron of Europe</b><br><i>Catherine (Kitty) Wilson</i> | <b>29 April</b> |
| <b>Sun</b><br>9.30   | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br><i>The Parish</i>                               | <b>25 April</b> | <b>9.30</b>  |   |                 |
| <b>11.00</b>         | <i>Robert, Bertha and Peter Holden</i>   |                 | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>St Pius V</b>  | <b>30 April</b> |
| <b>6.30</b>          | <i>Michael Cox</i>   |                 | <b>9.30</b>  | <i>Joyce Hilton LD</i>  |                 |
| <b>Mon</b><br>9.30   | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br><i>Dec'd of Sweeney, Rowland &amp; Hiney Families</i> | <b>26 April</b> | <b>Sat</b>   | <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>   | <b>01 May</b>   |
|                      |  |                 | <b>9.30</b>  | <i>Deceased of the Gorman Family</i>  |                 |
| <b>Tues</b><br>9.30  | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br><i>Peter Haythornthwaite</i>                          | <b>27 April</b> | <b>Vigil</b> | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>   | <b>01 May</b>   |
|                      |  |                 | <b>7.00</b>  | <i>Suzanne Spielbichler</i>   |                 |
| <b>Wed</b><br>9.30   | <b>St Peter Chanel</b><br><i>Ann Sergeant</i>                                  | <b>28 April</b> | <b>Sun</b>   | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>   | <b>02 May</b>   |
| <b>10.45</b>         | Funeral Mass: John Allsop  |                 | <b>9.30</b>  | <i>The Parish</i>   |                 |
|                      |  |                 | <b>11.00</b> | <i>Robert, Bertha and Peter Holden</i>  |                 |
|                      |  |                 | <b>6.30</b>  | <i>Michael Cox</i>  |                 |

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm.**

**Online Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm**

**Confession: Sat: 10-10-30 outside in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy, (weather permitting) or by appointment.**

**Sanctuary Lamps : Easter Week :** 1. Elizabeth Walton; 2. Harry Coleman  
3. (Benedict Chapel) Muriel Walton

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### Prayer for 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.

**Prayers for Salford Diocese:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of The Good Shepherd, Colne and Nelson, and for Mgr Peter Wilkinson, their parish priest. We pray for St John Fisher and St Thomas More High School, for the parish primary schools and for Pendle Community Hospital.

May they model their life on The Good Shepherd who gives his life for the sheep.

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*



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### Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday

This Sunday, is Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday, the annual day for Catholics around the world to offer special prayers to encourage vocations from families and parishes to the priesthood and to religious life.

In his message for today, Pope Francis presents Saint Joseph as a model: He tells us that Saint Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation. The first is **dream**, the second is **service** and the third is **fidelity**.

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**25 APRIL 2021**



### Sister Mary Higney R.I.P.

The whole parish has been shocked and saddened to learn of the unexpected death, on Tuesday morning, of our much loved parish sister, Sr Mary Higney. Sr Mary was a member of the Order of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) and had served in the parish since early 2003. Sr Mary has done so much for our community over the past 18 years: visiting the sick and housebound, comforting the bereaved, preparing families for Baptism and Holy Communion, working with ecumenical projects and being a great welcoming and prayerful presence across the whole community. Please pray for Sr Mary, for her family, the Sisters of her order, especially Sr Louise with whom she shared her ministry here in religious community life at St Mary's Priory.

Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 4 May at 11am. Unfortunately, Covid19 restrictions only allows 30 people to attend a funeral. This will be taken up by her family, her religious sisters and a few invited parishioners. It will be broadcast online. We hope to allow parishioners to attend the regular recitation of the Holy Rosary on the evening of Monday 3 May at 8pm.

### TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The 4th Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" as we always a Gospel which describes Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also Vocations Sunday when we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. There are many ways to serve God in His church: priest, deacon, monk, sister, nun, oblate, chaplain, catechist etc... If you think God may be calling you to some kind of service in His Church, get in touch with a priest or chaplain for a chat. Perhaps send an email to Fr Mark: [mark.harold@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:mark.harold@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Covid19 Restrictions:** We can come to church with our own household or bubble if we feel able to and maintain social distance while we are there. Services will remain available online; we can bring the church into our homes in a very special way: *we are the church*. We can make a true and spiritual communion although we are not physically present. The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed, but, if you are not attending in person, do try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet "The Lord's Day at Home".

**Mass Attendance:** As the rates of infection are subsiding and number of vaccinations increasing people are now feeling more confident to return to Church. We will continue to observe the current Covid 19 regulations regarding social distancing, sanitising, no singing, stewarding etc... Many thanks to those who have helped with this. The "covid—safe" capacity of the church is approx. 160, thus, we do have room for more people at all the Masses.

We have seen a welcome rise in the numbers attending church and we hope people have had the sense of being in a safe environment. Last weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 53; 9.30am: 72; 11am: 56; 6.30pm: 30; Total: 211. There have been approx.40 people at each weekday Mass.

**Altar Servers and Cantors:** For the services of Holy Week have reintroduced into our liturgy the use of Altar Servers and a small group of singers to lead our singing. These ministries are still limited in what they can do but a welcome sign to enhance our liturgy; regulations do allow altar servers, following the usual Covid-safe norms and "a small group of singers", at a safe distance from each other and other members of the congregation. We are asked to continue to refrain from congregational singing for the time being. Any servers or singers who like to resume their ministry please contact Fr Mark.

**Offertory Donations:** We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the bags on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations. [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/) There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream.



### Contactless Payments!

This is a simple way to make your contribution to the Church: sanitise your hands; tap the screen for the amount you wish to give; you can tap "other amount" and enter your own amount; hold your contactless debit or credit card over the top of the machine and wait for a "beep". You will be asked if you want to "gift aid" your donation; to do this you enter your name, the first line of address and postcode. You only have to do this once if you use the same card. Please move on as soon as you as you have made your transaction to help avoid congestion.

**Facebook:** Please "like" and follow our parish Facebook Page. There are many photos, videos and event announcements which appear there. Also please share items to your own Facebook page so that we can reach out to more people. We currently have 963 followers with 10 more joining this week; can you help us get past one thousand?

**Shrine to Our Lady:** the landscaping of our new Marian Shrine by the drive entrance to church is almost complete. This week we have added the black granite to the plinth and put the marble statue of Our Lady into place. It looks splendid.

Floodlights will be installed, and two benches will be fitted for people to sit and pray. We hope to get some heavy stone benches so that they will not be easily moved.

**Prayer Intentions:** If you would like to make a donation to the cost of the new benches and the shrine overall, we invite you to do so in the name of a prayer intention: Place a donation in an envelope marked "Our Lady's Shrine" and include the prayer intention which you wish to offer. The intentions will be included in booklet for the service of blessing.

We have invited The Bishop of Salford, Bishop John Arnold, to come and lead a service of blessing and consecration in the 2nd half of May, if the easing of Covid19 regulations will allow this.

**Baptisms:** From May 17th onwards, it is anticipated that we will be able to hold baptisms with 30 people present. From June 21st, we hope all restrictions will be lifted. To make some arrangements for a baptism, please contact the parish office.

**CAFOD Climate Change Petition:** The UN 'COP 26' climate talks are in Glasgow in November: Please sign a petition online card to the Prime Minister or sign the petition online: [www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim). Please return your cards to the box provided or post it back to CAFOD Freepost. Thank you.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, and those who care for them:**  
Fr Cassian Dickie, Jane Cooper, Amy Lloyd,  
Andre Jacobs, Lorna Bentley, Elsie Smith,  
Barbara Davis, Teddy Howes, Eddie Gough,  
June Gent, Margaret Roxburgh, Joyce Crook,  
Joe Lever, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley,  
Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Mary Foster,  
Shelagh Mervyn, Emma Garth,  
**Those who have Recently Died**  
Sister Mary Higney RNDM, Jack Allsop