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Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

12th May 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Jean Leggett

Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Monday [Our Lady of Fatima]

9.00 am Success in exams

Tuesday [St Matthias, apostle]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Welfare of Peter McCarthy

Thursday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Marjorie Parsons

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am

Saturday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Ivy Smallwood; Sr Clare Thérèse; Daisy May Gaynor; Charles Edward Phillipson** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £434.81. Thank you.

At the back of church are some leaflets explaining the iconographical scheme of the proposed wall paintings.

The organ was inspected this past week for the first time in nearly thirty years. It probably dates from 1870, when the church was built, and originally the bellows mechanism was operated by the organist using foot paddles (rather like an harmonium); the foot pedals themselves were added later, possibly at the same time as the

electric motor was installed.

The resulting verdict was that it was a question of all or nothing. The organ will continue to function without any work being done to it, but it will continue to deteriorate and at some point it will simply cease to function; the electric motor that drives the blower, for instance, dates from the 1920s! The alternative is a complete refurbishment; the inner workings would be taken away for repair and renewal - in effect, the organ would be rebuilt

If we are to decorate the church next year for the 150th anniversary of its opening, it seems sensible and proper to also restore the organ. Inevitably, one job leads to another, but there is no point in doing only half a job.

May is traditionally a month of devotion to our Blessed Lady. Since the whole of the month this year falls within Eastertide, we shall sing the Regina Caeli at the end of every Mass as our May Devotion. If you are unsure of the words, they can be found at number 616 in the hymn book.

Mary the Dawn, but Christ the perfect Day :
Mary the Gate, but Christ the heavenly Way.

Mary the Root, but Christ the mystic Vine :
Mary the Grape, but Christ the sacred Wine.

Mary the Corn-sheaf, Christ the living Bread :
Mary the Rose-tree, Christ the Rose blood-red.

Mary the Fount, but Christ the cleansing Flood :
Mary the Chalice, Christ the saving Blood.

Mary the Temple, Christ the temple's Lord :
Mary thr Shrine, but Christ its God adored.

Mary the Beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest :
Mary the Mirror, Christ the Vision blest.
