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Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

3rd May 2020

Today, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, because the Gospel Reading is always part of the account in St John's Gospel of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Although we focus especially on vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the present crisis makes us all too aware that vocation is lived and witnessed by so many others who care for us and serve us in society. We continue to pray for them and give thanks for all that they do.

Please keep in touch, either by telephone (above) or email (sfa.bc@outlook.com) and remember to pray for one another.

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [English Martyrs]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Tuesday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [Easter Feria]

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Thursday [Easter Feria]

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Friday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Patricia Dolan

Saturday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **George Kettle; Patricia Dolan; Jack Perkins** (anniversaries).

May is a month of special devotion to our Blessed Lady. You might like to recite this prayer, the oldest known prayer to Mary, which will be said at the end of every Mass during the month:-

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night!
Days-spring from on high, be near!
Day-star in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is them orn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the days' return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief!
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)