

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING *Acts 13:14, 43-52*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 99*

**Response: We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R/**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R/**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R/**

SECOND READING *Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17*

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse
I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *John 10:27-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Jesus said:
"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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YEAR C – FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER – 12th MAY 2019 – Psalter Week IV

Sat 11 th	FOURTH SUNDAY	5.00pm	Catherine Bowen	St. Mary's
Sun 12 th	OF EASTER	9.00am	Pat Perkins	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Hirst Intention Children's lit. D	St. Mary's
Mon 13 th	Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 14 th	St. Matthias	7.00pm	Lynne Browne	St. Mary's
Wed 15 th		12.00pm	Alfie Egerton	St. Paul's
		7pm-8pm	Confirmation (4 th Session)	L. Room
Thur 16 th		9.30am	Tam Kelly	St. Mary's
		11.30am	Funeral Service- Joy Johnson	St. Mary's
Fri 17 th		9.30am	Edith Copestone	St. Mary's
		7.00pm	Spanish Night - Ramada Hotel	
Sat		10.00am	First Communion Class	St. Mary's
Sat 18 th	FIFTH SUNDAY	5.00pm	Payton Family	St. Mary's
Sun 19 th	OF EASTER	9.00am	Mr & Mrs Wagg-Wedding Anniversary	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Eric Antwi Children's lit. E	St. Mary's
		12.30pm	Baptism: Julie Ann McDonagh	St. Mary's

Confessions: Saturday 4.00- 4.30pm at St. Mary's



Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.
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S.V.P

Many thanks for your generosity to the SVP last weekend it raised £ 423.67

S.V.P. PRAYER

Oh God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry, When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion. Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed those who cry out.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially, Tom Peck, Peter Scott, Kath Fullerton, Kath & Brendan Hartnett, Lyn Browne, Michelle Spiller, Margaret Craig and Wayne Stansfield.

We remember all those who have died recently especially: Sean Donaghy, Pat Perkins, Ronnie Donnelly, Joy Johnson, Roland Evans and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory £1280.90
250 Club £159.00
Winner no. R. Howells
Cafod Pyramids £155.00
Teas & Coffees £100.00
Many thanks for your generosity.

SPANISH NIGHT

Our parish Spanish Night at the Ramada is this Friday. Booking forms are in our churches now. Booking all to be in by this weekend. Three courses and coffee for £17.50. Please return forms and payment to the parish office no later than this Sunday. As always raffle prizes most welcome.

RETREAT IN NORTH WALES

From Sat 25th until Sun 26th May. Noddfa Spirituality Centre. Penmaenmawr. Cost £65. **Noddfa** is a Welsh word meaning refuge, a place of welcome and peace. If you are interested in some quality time away. Please contact Noreen O'Neill at noreen.oneill@taw.org.uk to reserve a place. Only a few left!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion Programme:

We have 10 children and one adult in the programme, and we look forward to welcoming them at the table of the Lord in a few weeks' time.

Confirmation Programme:

The third meeting took place last Wednesday. Confirmation takes place on Wednesday, 29th May in St. Patrick's Wellington. We have eight candidates from the parish who are preparing at the moment.

Please keep those involved in the Parish sacramental programmes in your prayers.



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

The Academy hopes to build a peace garden and are looking for volunteers to support them. Initial ideas include building a greenhouse out of plastic bottles as well as growing produce and creating a spiritual space. Reconomy, a local waste management company will also be supporting us. As part of the service of 10.10. project the students at H.T.A. are keen to support our community with I.C.T. skills. The students will be offering support on all things; computer and phone base. From staying safe online to use of APPS. All activities will take place on Friday afternoons between 2.20pm and 3.15pm. The sessions will be supported by members of H.T.A. staff. Sessions begin on 3rd June and run through until the end of the summer term. See notice and ring 01952-386100

ZAMBIA

Mark and Kate Anderson, who are part of the music group at the 5.00pm mass, have volunteered to go out and spend some time at the mission assisting Fr. Waldemar. They are doing this at their own expense. They will be visiting in July so I suggest that our June social, (28th) will raise some funds for them to take as a gift from us in this parish.

SPARKLE & GLAMOUR

There is to be an afternoon of entertainment and the theme is ***Sparkle and Glamour*** at Oakengates Theatre on 14th May 2- 5.00pm so be prepared to come dressed to impress. This event is organised by Age U.K. Tickets £7.50 on sale now at Meeting point house, South water Square. Town Centre. Looks a good afternoon girls and boys.!

VII DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Saturday 18th May 2019

“Called to Holiness” “Gifted for Mission”

Fr Anthony Doe, What is Holiness?
Spiritual Director of The English College
Mrs Victoria Seed, The Mission of the Laity
Catechetical Development Officer. Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. This event will be held at Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns WA15 0HE 9.30am- 3.30pm Mass at 10.am in the School Hall Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

All enquires to Barbara Davies on 07730 526821 of Barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewbury.org

SAINT PAUL'S

Saint Paul's are in need of help with church cleaning (Holy Dusters) and teas and coffee volunteers. If you can help please have a word after Mass on Sunday with Roberta who sorts Saint Paul's rotas. These tasks are usually on a once a month to six weeks basis, and there is always help available. Every little helps in our church community.

WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Discernment and Vocation
Dates: 24-26 May 2019 Location: Liverpool
The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

George's puzzle:
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POOR CLARE'S, ELLESMERE

Our prayers are with the Sisters as they celebrate the 75th foundation year of their convent. It is a while since they have visited us, so I'm sure we are due a visit sometime in the near future. As they give thanks to God, we wish them every blessing in the years ahead. I hope you don't mind, but I have sent them a £100 donation from Church funds.
Fr. Michael

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Join us this summer at World Youth Day @ Home, hosted at Alton Castle. With a line-up including Matt Maher, Rise Theatre, David Wells, Sarah Kroger and John Pridmore, it promises to be an amazing weekend!

WYD@Home, email us for more information or see the website for details!

DIARY

May

17th Spanish Night – Ramada
20th Parish Trip to Northumberland
25th *First Holy Communion Celebration*
26th Baptism: Justin Famodimu
29th *Confirmation Celebration*

June

1st Cafod Walk to Jackfield
2nd Teas & Coffees
Baptism: Jacob Erhard
4th Parish Finance Group
5th LMAC meeting Newport
8th Morgan & Stoodley Wedding
9th Pentecost
28th Parish Social – British Legion

July

7th Teas & Coffees
Minnie Fortune – Baptism
13th Filipino Barbeque Night, after evening mass.
21st Strawberry Tea- St. Mary's grounds

August

4th Teas & Coffees
9th Janet Beech & Antoni Paul Ostrowski Wedding
18th Mass at Buildwas Abbey
25th Baptism: Raymond Powell
25th Summer Meal- Golf Cub.