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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28 April 2024

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2024

For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

Dates	OLOL MASS TIMES	SJF MASS TIMES
SATURDAY, 27.04.2024 Easter Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Patricia B.'s Intentions; Fr John Warnaby+, Annamma+ funeral day in India)	5.00 pm: Holy Mass (Pro Populo)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 28.04.2024	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Leon Syposz+, Anton Chuong) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Joan Adams+, John Smith+) 2.00 pm: FIRST CONFESSIONS	5.00 pm: Holy Mass (Fr David Thomson+)
MONDAY, 29.04.2024 ST CATHERINE OF SIENA VD, Patron of Europe Feast	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Mary Catherine Kennedy+, Patrick Doherty+, Bernard Atkins+)	12.30 pm: Holy Mass
TUESDAY, 30.04.2024 St Pius V Pp Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Basil & Timothy Chibanda's ints, Pauline Hopkins+)	12.30 pm: Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 01.05.2024 St Joseph the Worker Day of Prayer for God's blessing on human work	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Tomas Flores+, Lilian Burt+, Jay Karpuk+, Alfonso Lavaglia+, Francis Mellon+)	12.30 pm: Holy Mass (Bishop Dudley Cary-Elwes+)
THURSDAY. 02.05.2024 St Athanasius BD	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr Shaji+, Eileen Robertson+)	6.30 pm: Holy Mass
FRIDAY, 03.05.2024 SS PHILIP & JAMES App Feast	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Teresa Fields+)	6.30 pm: Holy Mass (Fr John Duff)
SATURDAY, 04.05.2024 THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, FEAST	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Yvonne & Theresa hibanda's ints)	5.00 pm: Holy Mass
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 05.5.2024	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Betty Jordan+, Carolotta Boyd-Smith+) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Colin Ball+ & Ann+)	5.00 pm: Holy Mass (Pro Populo, Fr Liam Crowley+)

ORDER OF MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple.

Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: 21(22):26-28,30-32

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord,
those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations
worship before him;
They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow
all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord
to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness
to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

A reading from first letter of St John: 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth, and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned

by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary*

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Memorial Acclamation (sung)

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again (twice)

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

NOTICES

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS for the families of John Smith who died on 17 April, Annamma who died 23 April (funeral took place in India on 27 April), and Bernard Atkins who died on 24th April. May they rest in peace.

LOL FINANCE: Thank you very much for your generosity. Last week you gave:

Standing Orders: £1,016; Stole fee: £262;
Dona: £49.16; Hall: £50; Cantonese Mass:
£149.

Cheques payable to OLOL & SJF PARISH.
Bank transfer: Barclays Bank, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account no. 03187187. Please note that although this is named as a parish account it is in fact the Sawston account.

SAWSTON FUN RUN - 12th May 2024 – If you need a CAR PASS for the 11.15 am Mass Please collect it from Pat W.

Curry Evening: 22nd May, 6.00pm. An exquisite three course meal in the church hall prepared by the Keralan members of our church community. Only 80 tickets available. Adults and Secondary School Children £15. Primary School Children £7.50. Pre-school children Free. Tickets available at 8.45am masses from Kevin McMullen and Norman Beaton in the church hall and from Dominic Bell at the 11.15 mass. Cash preferred for tickets. All proceeds for the Mary's Meals Charity.

MISSION NEEDS YOU! Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries require a Parish Volunteer to look after our parish Red Box members, ensuring the Red Box collection and emptying; as well as organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. Please let Fr John know if you feel you could help the missions in this way.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Monday, 6th May 2024 There will be a coach leaving Cambourne at 8.30am, and Sawston at 9.00 a.m. Those wishing to go please put your name on the List on the Porch Notice Board.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, from 23rd to 30th August 2024, provides a unique opportunity to gather in the Marian shrine to pray and journey together in faith. For booking, please visit www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-ca-stn/ or phone 01732 886666.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION is on Saturday 11th May in OLISE Church in Newmarket 10am – 4pm. To book, please visit www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-preparation/ phone 01508 486236, for booking details.

A Day of Recollection for those thinking about priesthood is being held in Thetford on 11th May. Email vocations@rcdea.org.uk if you would like to attend.

CAFOD URGENT APPEAL: The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes - and these families now face a hunger crisis. Please respond generously to CAFOD appeal to help millions of people who have had to evacuate their homes, that Sudan is now grappling with the largest internal displacement crisis globally, and more than 3 million children are among those displaced.

CAFOD is on the ground in Sudan and neighbouring countries, working tirelessly alongside local partners. The situation is dire. Countless women and children, starving and traumatised, face unbearable circumstances

You may donate by cash, cheques, or online via Parish account, or CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-crisis>

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians takes place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (5th May). This Day of Prayer – promoted in partnership with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches – offers Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to come together in prayer during the season of Easter.

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of our parish and the community we have here.

Holy and just God, we thank you for touching the hearts and the life of each parishioner. Keep us from pure self-serving behaviour and stir us to serve people who are most in need of your mercy.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

May Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher pray for us. Amen