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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 26th April 2026 4th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Kathleen Archer, RIP Anniversary (E T) Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP, Thanksgiving O/L Lamp: Gabrielle Clee
Monday 27 th <i>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	John McCann, RIP Anniversary (N E)
Tuesday 28 th <i>St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr</i>	9.30am	Margaret Joyce-Brown, Private Intention (E T)
Wednesday 29 th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Feast)	9.30am 10.00am	Spiritual & Intellectual Apostolate of Dominicans COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 30 th <i>St Pius V, Pope</i>	7.00pm	Joseph Brown, RIP Birthday (J B)
Friday 1 st May St Joseph the Worker (Feast)	9.30am	For the Unemployed & Poorly Remunerated
Saturday 2 nd <i>St Athanasius, Bishop & doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am	Margaret Joyce-Brown, Private Intentions (E W)
Sunday 3rd May 2026 5th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Private Intentions of a Donor Parish Community Chloe Akujobi-Ibe, Birthday Thanksgiving (L A) O/L Lamp: John Large, RIP (Stott & Fouracre Family)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Caleb Maxwell-Carr, Elias Jones, Mary Hughes, Ann Lane.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - A PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK O'TOOLE:

Archbishop Mark has written a pastoral letter to the Archdiocese of Cardiff, inviting all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment. He invites every unmarried man who is open to this call to join him for **Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday 31st May at 3:30pm**, followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To watch Archbishop Mark read the pastoral scan the QR code below. To register your interest, please email vocations@cardiffmenevia.org

PASTORAL LETTER: The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter will be read out at all Masses this weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Envelopes for use from Sunday 3rd May are now available for collection in the Porch. Please take yours. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Priest Training & Discipleship.

LAY DOMINICANS: will meet after 10am Mass next Saturday (2nd May). All are welcome.

MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY: The month of May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. Please join us in saying a livestreamed Rosary after the 9.30am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and during the Saturday Adoration (after the 10am Mass).

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE TAPER, CARDIGAN: Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham. Sunday, 17 May 1.30 – 5.45pm. Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next meeting on **Wednesday 6th May at 12.30 pm.** at the Woodman for lunch, followed by a walk in Clyne Gardens.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 5th May at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to join our Parish Bible Study on Zoom (recorded for a later review) on **Monday 27th April at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 21. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513. Please contact Fr Michael for an audio recording.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Join us to discuss Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 30th April, 7.30 to 8.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Hymns, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. The next session will be on **Wednesday 6th May 2026.** Theme: **The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Joshua Lane, Bernard O'Leary, Mark McGaw, Judith Adams, Aidan Byrne, Tina Law, Breda Tennant.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide, we are invited to pray for *Survivors of Abuse; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.*

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For Priests in Crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation that they might find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: That everyone might have food: that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £923

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**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(April – June 2026)**

Friday 19 June 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later
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**On the Meekness and Tenderness of the Good Shepherd
Pope Francis**

Peter says in the first letter, "Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way He took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in His mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when He was tortured He made no threats" (1 Pt 2:21-23). The Good Shepherd is meek. A pastor who is not meek is not a good pastor. He has something to hide, because meekness makes itself seen as it is, without defending itself. In addition, a good shepherd is tender; he has that *tenderness of closeness*, he knows the sheep one by one, by name, and he takes care of each one as if it were the only one, to the point that when he returns home tired after a day of work, and realises that one is missing, he goes out to work again in search of that one, and carries it back home with him, on his shoulders (see Lk 15:4-5). This is a good shepherd, Jesus, who accompanies us all on the path of life. And this idea of the pastor, this idea of the flock and of the sheep, is a Paschal idea, [reflected in the Church's song] in the first week of Easter... for the newly baptised, "These are the new lambs". It is an idea of community, of tenderness, of goodness, of meekness. It is the Church that Jesus wants, and He guards this Church...

Taken from: Pope Francis, Homily delivered at Morning Mass in the Chapel of the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, Good Shepherd Sunday, 3rd May 2020.



Archbishop Mark reads his Pastoral Letter: QR CODE