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11th/12th May
2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

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Thought for the Day This is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter. Remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine. Through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection how we live the Easter Story.

ANIMA CHRISTI Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

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Saturday 11th May			<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Leonard Worrall RIP James Riley RIP</i>	
Sunday 12th			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Bernard Willetts RIP Vanda and Morris Bates RIP Frank and Carolina Lewis RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Edgar Caddick RIP Deceased members of the Campbell Family</i>	
Monday 13th			<i>Easter Feria</i>
7:00 pm	St C	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 14th			<i>Feast of St Matthias, Apostle</i>
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Ann Picken RIP Vicky Brown RIP</i>	
Wednesday 15th			<i>Easter Feria</i>
10:00 am	St T	<i>Frank Woods RIP</i>	
Thursday 16th			<i>Easter Feria</i>
10:00 am	St T	<i>Tony Jones RIP</i>	
Friday 17th			<i>Easter Feria</i>
10:00am	St C	<i>Teresa Ware RIP</i>	
Saturday 18th			<i>Easter Feria</i>
10:30 am	St T	Morning Mass: Damian Green RIP	
11:00 am	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	Confessions	
			<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Siobhan Feeney RIP - Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 19th May			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Brian Kavanah RIP - Birthday Anniversary Frank Woods RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Jose Juncal RIP Mick & Peggy Mee RIP</i>	

Message from Fr Paul

Dear All,

A few weeks ago, Archbishop Bernard approached me with a request to become the Spiritual Director to the Kenelm Youth Trust and Parish Priest of St John the Baptist in Alton, North Staffordshire. The request came totally out of the blue, and I still am very surprised to have been asked to take on this role within the Diocese. I told the Archbishop that I felt it was too soon to be leaving Codsall and Tettenhall but in spite of this he still wanted me to go to Alton, so after prayerful consideration and mindful of the promise of obedience I took at my Ordination; I accepted the Archbishop's request. Therefore, I will be moving on to pastures new at the end of July.

It goes without saying that I will be sad to leave here, but I do thank God for all that we have achieved, and the many ways in which we have grown together as parishes working in partnership. I thank you all for your love and support, shown to me, my family (and of course the menagerie), during my time here as your Parish Priest. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, as I prepare for this quite radical change in my priestly ministry. At this moment, I am not aware of who my replacement will be, but I feel sure they will receive the same warm and supportive welcome I did upon my arrival here in August 2015.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Paul

This Weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Samosa & cake sale will be held after Sunday Mass in the Newman Centre in aid of Church Funds.

Families Alert! Steering Group is Sunday 12th May in the Newman Centre-12.15pm all welcome!
Chris and Angela 751197

SVP Coffee Morning/Tombola A big thank you to all who contributed to this very successful event. The amount raised for the coffee morning in aid of the SVP Vinnie Youth was £173 and for the Tombola in aid of the MS Society a magnificent £242.

Good Shepherd Relief in Need Monthly Collection Thank you as always for your generosity. Your donations greatly help the desperate people who live nearby.

If you have large items to be collected e.g. furniture (beds, chairs and sofas must have fire labels) phone: Ann Reaney 07845 003656, House Clearance: Peter 07889 786687, Shop 07510 618752.

Acts29@CT Youth Group Sun 19 May, 5pm. Fortnightly (term time only). All welcome (11-17 years)

St Christopher's Tots on Wed 22 May, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

St Christopher's 200 Club Subscriptions are now due for the year from May 2019 to April 2020. It costs £12 per year per number or £1 per month if you prefer - there are numbers available for next year if you would like one or two! Please see Christine or Sean before or after Mass.

CPR/Defibrillator Training sessions on Sat 8 June, 12-3pm and Thurs 13 June, 6-8pm open to parishioners of both parishes. Details to follow.

Missio Red Boxes Can St Christopher's parishioners please bring in your boxes asap for counting. In 2018 the total amount raised by you was £1150, the highest amount raised so far. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 13 May at 7.30pm.

If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

SVP Vacancies for Secretary and Treasurer for SVP Central Council. Please see advert on the SVP noticeboard for details.

BodyInBalance Thursdays 1-2pm (term time only), refreshments after - all are welcome.

Baptism Preparation Anyone wanting their child to be baptised please email Matthew Bradbury 1baptismclass@gmail.com Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 1 June, 9.45am

Next Praise and Worship will be on Sunday 9th June at 6pm. The service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and worship with songs old and new.

Christian Aid representative Is anyone interested in taking on this role? We have no one at St Christopher's filling this position. Contact Anne in the office who can forward your details to the relevant person. If no-one comes forward then it will cease to happen in our parish.

First Holy Communion at St Christopher's Classes on Tuesdays for those wanting to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion but not attending a Catholic School. Those wanting to receive the sacraments must attend all sessions.

Gift Aid Please consider Gift Aid, it costs you nothing & the church receives extra revenue. Forms available from Fr Paul or either parish office.

If you gift aid and your circumstances have changed e.g. you are no longer a UK taxpayer and have gift aided in the past/have moved address please advise Linda or Margaret. Thank you.

Church Collections If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not. Speak to Linda or Margaret Gallagher.

St Thomas's Anniversary Book St Thomas' is looking for someone who could keep the Anniversary book up to date - if you can write in calligraphy style or can copy the lettering in the book please see Fr Paul. Many thanks to Brian Davis for fulfilling this role for so many years.

St Thomas's Health & Safety Coordinator Would anyone with health & safety knowledge or if you would be willing to learn, please see Fr Paul - we need someone to take on this task, thank you.

Residents of Codsall aged 70 or over, you will not receive an invitation but you are entitled to be screened. To make an appointment, call the Breast Screening unit on 01384 244177. A mobile Breast Screening unit will be at the council offices for 16 weeks, which started on 11 March.

The Problem with Plastic Meeting with CAFOD Monday 20 May, 7-8.30pm, St Joseph's Church, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2QN See poster for details.

Vacancy for Casual bank staff at St Christopher's School to cover lunchtime sessions and before & after school club. See poster. To apply please contact the school office, 01902 297820.

Women's Interfaith are supporting Period Poverty if wish to donate sanitary products please leave in the GIVE BOX at the back of church.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady at St Dominic's Convent, 21 Station Road, Stone Staffordshire ST15 8EN. Sat 25 May
See poster for details.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter If you want to volunteer tel Jeremy Watson (07970 778595) email churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com for info or an application form. You can volunteer for one night a fortnight or one night a month. Volunteers will be trained, must be over 18 with two character references.

50th Anniversary Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford on Sun 7th July with Archbishop Bernard Longley as the Principal Celebrant & Preacher. Youth Vigil on Sat 6th at 7pm and a procession aimed mainly at young people on Sunday at 12 noon. 1pm Hall open for refreshments; 2.15-3.45pm Confessions; 3pm Rosary & Marian Hymns; 4pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick. See poster or contact parish priest, Fr Jeremy Howard, 01543 422576 or 07835 261471 email: lol.hednesford@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter Non Residential Weekend 29-30 June at Saint Mary's on the Hill, Wednesbury. An enrichment weekend for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). M.E. weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wwme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762 or email wackojacko456@hotmail.com

Loving for Life (www.loving4life.co.uk) 22-23 June, Manor Farmhouse, Castlethorpe, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK19 7EL. Contact Jane Deegan 07595 724300 jane@loving4life.net

Retrouvaille UK (www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Supports marriages facing difficulty 7-9 June Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Contact Clive & Kathy Jones 07887 296983 / 07973 380443 info@retrouvaille.org.uk

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Mary Salter, Stephen McKenna, Johannes Van-der-An, Gladys Williams, Sheila Healy, Mary Kenny, Alice Thomson, Fr Thomas Canning Ted Riley, Bernard Willetts, Elsie Waring, Thomas Connolly, Charles Mason, Maureen Mason, Kathleen Peakman, Jack Hayes, Hannah Platek.

SICK LIST To comply with GDPR legislation, from Nov 2018, we started the parish sick list anew only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Zofia Stanislawski, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Jayne Wiggins, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Marian Allen, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs

Dates for your Diary

Thur 30 May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	St Christopher's St Thomas's	11am 7pm
Wed 19 June	Day of Prayer & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament	St Thomas's	After Mass – 4pm
Sun 23 June	First Holy Communion	St Christopher's	11am

	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher's 27/28 April 2019	£216.50	£197.50	£95.00	£509.00
4/5 May 2019	£265.45	£171.00	£907.00	£1343.45
St Thomas's 4/5 May 2019	£115.77	£261.60	£60.00	£437.37

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

World Youth Day at Home 7-9 June To keep that Panama feel, we're celebrating World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle for 16-25 year olds: See website <https://wydathome.weebly.com>.

Summer Camp at Alton Castle Book a place for Week 1: August 4-8 or Week 2: August 11-15. For info email: beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk