



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Year B – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

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## REVISED MASS TIMES

**Mon-Fri 10am:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

*(Daily Masses and Devotions are live-streamed!)*

**Saturday 6pm:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

### Sunday

**9:00am:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

**10:30am:** LIVE-STREAMED Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

**12:00nn** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

In order to attend, you **MUST BOOK** a place

by texting or emailing: **07308 217029**

[saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com)

**BY FRIDAY EVENING**

*Mobile number and email above are only for  
booking a place at Mass!*

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### NEW LOCKDOWN

\*Please book a place at the weekend;

\*Maintain social distancing at all times;

\*Please do not mix bubbles and do not mingle or linger inside  
or outside the church;

\*Sanitise hands on entry and exit;

\*Please do not sing, please do not touch anything;

\*At Holy Communion please follow directions;

\*Also please keep 2m from the priest, stretch out flat hands  
as far as possible, step aside to consume the host with great  
care and reverence.

## MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER FERIA**

10am – Holy Rosary

12:30pm – Baptism

**6pm – Vigil Mass, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*(pre-booked with congregation) Bronislawa Nowakowska+*

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Pro populo**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

**Karen (Steinke) Mitchell+ & Desmond McNamara+**

12:00nn – Mass (booking required) **Expedita Amper**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER FERIA**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Mary Criuse (Well-being)**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER FERIA**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Sarah Maury**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER FERIA**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Ainsley Alberts+**

*Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April: St Catherine of Siena VD Patron of**

**Europe - FEAST**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Stella Schiorlin+**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Feria**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Michelle Mann+**

*Followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May: EASTER FERIA**

10am – Holy Rosary

**6pm – Vigil Mass, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*(pre-booked with congregation) Mary Dolan+*

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Pro populo**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

**Desmond McNamara+**

12:00nn – Mass (booking required)

**Alfonsina Sessa+ and Peter Horvath+**

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*If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from  
one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.*

*You may also send an email to Fr Jude:*

[jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading – Acts 4:8-12

*The Acts of the Apostles shows that the Church carries on the life of Jesus. Under the leadership and power of the Spirit it represents the Risen Christ in the world of the first century and of today. So Peter and Paul work the same sorts of miracles as Jesus as signs and works of power. They heal people, raise the dead, forgive sins and spread the Good News of the sovereignty of God, just as Jesus did. In less spectacular ways also the life of the community still continues the work of Jesus. Peter explains that all this is done 'in the name of Jesus'. The name signifies the power of a person. So we are baptised in, or even into, the name of Jesus, and in this way take on his personality and his power in the Spirit. We become the company of Jesus. It is in his name or power that we hope. In the early years of the Church Christians were known as those over whom the name of Jesus had been pronounced, that is, those who have entered under Jesus' patronage and who trust in his name.*

### Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18

*Each year on this Sunday there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and rocky cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders. It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in the other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep: what would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of his whole-hearted devotion to the sheep, and an assimilation to the case of Jesus.*

## COMING TO MASS

Thank you for complying with the regulations for public worship. Please remember that without our amazing stewards to guide us and clean up after us, we cannot open for Mass. As with most things, as time goes by we can get a little lax or forgetful, so please remember and keep the following guidance:

**PLEASE DO:** Book places for Sunday Mass; Arrive about 10 minutes before Mass begins; Wear a face mask properly covering both mouth and nose; Maintain social distancing at all times (1m/3feet masked); Use hand sanitiser when you enter and when you leave; Follow the directions of our volunteer Stewards; Receive Holy Communion on your hand & standing 1m from minister; Take everything home with you; Place your offerings in the basket provided.

**PLEASE DO NOT:** Mix with others before or after Mass inside or outside church; Come late to Mass; Come to church if you are feeling unwell, or vulnerable to serious illness; Move around the church unless guided by stewards; Touch statues, door handles, or pick anything up.

These things are all very important if the church is going to remain open. Thank you for your help.

## GLOBAL ROSARY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

The Holy Father has selected Shrines across the world to participate in his special initiative to pray the Rosary during the month of May for the end of the pandemic. He himself will initiate this on May 1st and end it on May 31st. Our National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has been selected to participate on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5.00pm. This will be live streamed from Walsingham to the Vatican television Centre so that Pope Francis can see it live. [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

## CHURCH CLOSED FOR ELECTIONS

Due to St. Luke's being used as a polling station we will be closed from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. This is necessary so that the building can be Covid secure beforehand and sanitised afterwards. No one should enter St. Luke's for any reason during those 5 days without permission. During that week the clergy will also be taking a break, though emails will be monitored. Many thanks.

## VIRTUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Join Bishop Alan on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Mass at 12noon; Rosary & Benediction 2.30pm; Or book places through the shrine to attend in person. See: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS

This year's Marriage and Family Life Mass will be both live and livestreamed at the Cathedral on Saturday June 12th at 11am. Certificates will be available for those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 (anniversaries of one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter). Please register to attend the event and/or for a certificate online at: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Fr Luke Goymour, who grew up in our parish and is now youth chaplain and parish priest of Brandon & Mildenhall has 'written' a beautiful Icon of St Joseph with Jesus and Mary. The Icon was blessed at the Mass on March 19th in the cathedral to mark this Year of S Joseph and of the Family and has now begun a journey around the parishes of the Diocese, in a programme which will end back at the cathedral on March 19th 2022. The icon will visit us at St. Luke Peterborough from 7th-13<sup>th</sup> August. Fr Luke's icon can be seen on the prayer cards which we are receiving this weekend.

## IGNITE FESTIVAL ONLINE & AT ST LUKE'S

All young people aged 13+ are invited to the Ignite Festival Online with members of the Ignite Team for music, inspiring talks, workshops and prayer. Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May 7:00-8:30pm. For more information & to register for Saturday visit [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk)

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> our young people of secondary school age are invited to meet at the church from 6pm for KFC and socialising, watching the festival together from 7-8.30pm. Covid rules will be observed.

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Please pray for our 8 seminarians preparing for the priesthood and our 3 candidates for the permanent diaconate. Today we pray especially for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. If this is something you would like to explore please talk to the clergy or sisters. A second collection will be taken for training & envelopes are available. See: [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org)

## ALFONSINA SESSA+ & PETER HORVATH+

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alfonsina whose funeral is on Monday & Peter whose funeral is on Friday. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## DESMOND MCNAMARA+

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Desmond who was passed away on Thursday and for Virginia and Garoid who mourn his loss.