

In Church this week

Date	Time	
Saturday 25 th April	6.00pm	For Healing + Peace
Sunday 26 th April EASTER 4	10.30am	John Ainsworth For Parishioners
Monday 27 th April	9.10am 1.20pm	Jan Burda <i>Funeral: Peter Barnicle (Anfield Crem)</i>
Tuesday 28 th April	5.30pm	Joe Reddington
Wednesday 29 th April	11.00am 11.45am	<i>Confessions</i> Funeral Mass: Maureen Bromilow
Thursday 30 th April	9.10am	Fr Gerry Cobham
Friday 1 st May St Joseph the Worker	9.10am 12.30pm 6.30pm	Pam Jones (sick) <i>Funeral Service: Maria Moore</i> <i>Baptisms</i>
Saturday 2 nd May	10.30am 12 noon 2.30pm 6.00pm	1 st Communions – Holy Souls 1 st Communions – All in need <i>Wedding Service</i> Fr Peter Foulkes
Sunday 3 rd May EASTER 5	10.30am	Sean Bonenfant

Confessions: Wednesday 11.00am – 11.20am
and by request with Fr Philip.

Sunday Missal: Page 306 in the red Sunday Missals,
page 285 in the blue missals.

Praying the Parish:
Please pray for those who live Keble Drive, Bradfield Avenue

Pope Leo's intentions for May: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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4th SUNDAY of EASTER 26th April 2026



The readings invite us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?

The Good Shepherd offers us protection from those who would lead us astray. He guides us to the gates of heaven. But we must hear his voice and follow. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what he asks. And we will probably encounter some suffering along the way.

We are invited to reflect on the promise of eternal life, which is a key aspect of this Sunday's readings. As believers, we have the hope of sharing in the resurrection of Christ, and of being united with him forever. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life, knowing that we are not alone and that our ultimate destination is with Christ in heaven.

† How well do I recognize the voice of Jesus as the Good Shepherd?
Do I take the time to listen for his guidance in my life?

† In what ways do I rely on the protection and guidance of the Good Shepherd?

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Pilgrims will gather for Mass Mon 4th May at 9.10am – and leave by coach for the airport straight after. Tickets and luggage labels will be available this weekend. If you have any petitions for Lourdes please give them to Fr Philip.

Please note: Mass on Tuesday is at 5.30pm. This is because the Archbishop has called a meeting for all chairs of governors and headteachers at 9.00am on Tuesday. (Mass could have been at 7.30am! but...) Fr P is chair of governors at Holy Rosary. This meeting is to tell us about his policy for all our schools to become academies.

Hot Lunch: Next lunch is Friday 8th May. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Theatre Trip: 1 ticket available for The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher at the Everyman – on Tuesday 12th May. £20 only.

FoodShare: Soups of various kinds and mayonnaise please.

Parish Account Details: Archdiocese of Liverpool Holy Rosary (183) Sort Code 40-29-12 Account No. 41543849 or a Standing Order form (in church).

1st Communion: Year 4. Our Communion Masses will be on Sat 2nd May at 10.30am and 12 noon. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you to our parish catechists whose ministry is invaluable.

The Caritas Group: If you or anyone you know is in need please contact the parish office - the details will then be shared with the Caritas Group on their WhatsApp and we will try to respond.

Support St Benet's Chapel: If you are interested in joining the group or for information, contact: Fr Maddock @ g.maddock@rcaol.org.uk or tell Fr Philip.



Continuing along the Path of Synodality – We have the opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis. **Tues 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May, 7pm to 8.30pm.** To join on zoom QR code:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8998355285?pwd=VBTox3xbJiWRU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1> Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

Holy Rosary Ladies: meet on Tues 28th at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge – all welcome

Mass Intentions: There are envelopes for Mass Intentions (by the cards) – please use these and fill them in + give to Fr P or post in the Presbytery. (Please do not put them in the hole in the wall – they have been stolen from there.)

From Starmakers Theatre School. Thank you for all who took part in the raffle £300 was raised. There are a few prizes at the back of church to be collected.

Priests Training Fund – there will be a second collection for the Priests Training Fund on 25th + 26th April.

Bereavement Support: Members of our bereavement team have undertaken additional training to be able to offer a bereavement support group here at Holy Rosary. The first group will run each week for six weeks from Wednesday 20th May 2-3:30pm in the Romero room. The team aim to offer emotional support for adults coping with loss to ensure no one has to face grief alone. Please come along, there is no need to book. If you would like more information you can speak to Fr Philip or Kathy Collins.

Parish Council + Finance Committee: Minutes available soon in the porch. We are looking for a cleaner (paid) for the parish lounge – can any help? We had 22 replies to the volunteers sheets – thank you. Because we already have over 80 people volunteering to get an extra 22 is wonderful. It's not too late to join the team!

Family of Parishes: As you know we belong to a Family of Parishes – in our Family is: Holy Rosary, St George and St Catherine (St Gregory's and Our Lady's Lydiate + St Mary's Shrine). In our Family there are now 3.5 priests BUT each of these priests has extra responsibilities: Fr Grant looks after the well-being and on-going formation of priests, he is the Dean as well as the Lourdes pilgrimage director. Fr Chris is also PP of OLOW and is Director of Deacons, Fr Lister is part-time and works giving retreats and Fr Philip is the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Organisation – so involved going around the Diocese and implementing the Parish Development Strategy, rationalising our churches (and lots of other things too!). Our family was until recently served by 6 priests – now we have 3.5 priests who also have other jobs. This is something of the reality that is being looked at in the Parish Development Strategy – about which you will hear much more next weekend.