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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 24TH	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Reg Wiggin
SUNDAY 25TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Evening Prayer & Benediction	Patrick Collins Mary Elizabeth O'Donovanm Bridget Diskin Praying for Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Life
MONDAY 26TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Ann Brennan
TUESDAY 27TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Chris O'Shea
WEDNESDAY 28TH	10.00am	Holy Mass	Annie Mortimer
THURSDAY 29TH ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass	Eileen, Jack & Tony Daly
FRIDAY 30TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick Conaghan
SATURDAY 1ST ST JOSEPH THE WORKER	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Jimmy Jordan

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 1ST	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Mary & Andrew Caffrey
SUNDAY 2ND	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Annie Farrell Helen Coleman Patrick Griffin

**PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA>

Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Today is a worldwide day of Prayer for Vocations especially to Priesthood, Diaconate and the Consecrated Life. As we rejoice in the vocation that has been given to each of us by Baptism, we also pray for those who in a particular way are called forth to live their lives in dedicated service as ministers of the Church and religious. God has a heart of love and a call for each one of us to share in his life. Most of us have been inspired by the faith of some one and may be that has influenced the way we have answered God's call.

In recent times we have seen the witness of young seminarians present in our parish. David Bench, Toby Duckworth and Stephen Fleming. As God calls them, so he is also calling others from our community and beyond to share in the ordained ministry of the Church. Likewise he is calling others to consecrated religious life and also service to the Church through the other forms of Christian life.

We ask the Lord to strengthen the vocation of every Christian person and to open our hearts to the call of the Lord in our lives. In a special way we ask the Lord to show to those whom he calls to priesthood and religious life his plan for them and the courage to respond.

Parish Admin & Finance Matters

Parish Web-site - Please keep an eye on updates and new resources on our website. www.holysoulschurch.co.uk Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Finance - A huge thank you for supporting the parish financially at this time. We know this is a challenging time for all but are very grateful to many of you who have made up contributions over the last weeks and months, Our parish finances have taken a significant hit this past year and we are grateful for your support.

New Offertory Envelopes for Planned Giving - The new batch of offertory envelopes have just arrived and have been prepared. Please can you take your envelopes with you today. Many thanks.

Gift Aid - At this time of year we appeal to all those who pay tax to consider gift aiding your offerings. This is at not extra expense to yourselves. What it does mean that the parish receives the tax on your contribution and supports our community even more in these challenging days. It requires the completion of a simple form available on our website. If you need more information please contact the parish by phone or e-mail.

Standing Orders - Thanks also for all who are contributing to the parish by standing orders. Again this can be arranged by completing a simple form on our website or contacting the parish by phone or e-mail for more information. Thanks so much for your help.

Information and Appeals

APF Red Mission Boxes - Could you support the great work of the APF in this parish? Any one who wishes to take a box or who would like to become a Promoter, please contact Sarah on 707 7735.

Clergy Training Fund - Today is also the day for the annual collection for the clergy training fund which pays for the education and formation of our seminarians during their seven years of preparation for priestly ministry. The collection will be after Mass next weekend.

Sycamore Programme by Zoom - We continue our series of meetings on Thursday evening at 7pm. Come and join us to watch interesting videos on the life of faith. Please email the parish for the Zoom link if you don't have it already. Everybody welcome.

Stewards and Cleaners - We have all witnessed the wonderful work our stewards and cleaners do. Would anybody else be willing to join the team? We could do with additional help during the week for weekday Masses and 12noon Mass on Sundays. If you are willing to help please speak to Fr Jonathan or Fr Alex.

Maths Tuition - GCSE and A Level maths tuition available from Kevin McLoughlin contact him on 628 2394.

Sacramental Life

Baptisms - We are now making tentative arrangements for Baptisms in the hope that restrictions will change in the months ahead. Please contact one of the priests if you need to arrange your child's Baptism.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools - As soon as we are legally able to gather together we will recommence preparation for the children. We look forward to them receiving the Sacraments in the months ahead.

First Holy Communion for Holy Souls School Children - The children from our parish school who were due to receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time last year will do so at Friday morning Masses over the coming weeks.

Journey in Faith - Sadly, for the second year running, we have been unable to baptise or receive adult members into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. With restrictions beginning to lift we intend to begin a programme of enquiry and preparation for any one interested in the Catholic Faith and those who may be seeking Baptism or reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. This programme will take us on a journey of faith until next Easter. We hope we can begin on Monday 7th June. Do you know anyone who has expressed such an interest? Are you interested yourself? Might there be somebody you could approach and welcome? Start thinking and praying!

Prayer and Liturgy

Evening Prayer and Benediction - At 6.30pm with special intercession for Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Life on the day of Prayer for Vocations.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Will now take place on Thursday mornings at 9.30am and also on Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Prayer before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist is the most wonderful place for praise, thanksgiving and intercession. It is the place to pray for the sick, for our families, for an end to the Pandemic and also for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Praying for the Sick - We are happy to add names to the list of prayers for those who are sick and housebound. However, consent needs to be obtained from the person themselves. A form is available from the priests for this purpose.

Easter Garden - Thank you for the continued gift of spring plants for the Easter Garden. It is wonderful to see this continue to flourish during the Easter Season. Please feel free to add further spring plants.

May is the Month of Mary - Pope Francis has asked that we dedicate May which begins on Saturday to prayerful intercession through Our Lady for an end to the Pandemic. We offer

And Finally - We wish you a very blessed Sunday and good week ahead. Pray for us as we do for you. Thanks as ever for your support.
Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries of Death: Maureen Ross, Pamela Edwards, Mary O'Donovan, Patricia Kelly, Bernard James, Francis Clarke,, Francis Ryan, Ann Donohoe, Douglas Gee, Ann Mason, Sandra Aarons, Anne Hanly, William Brennan, Michael Feighan, William Burns, Joseph Filan, Annie Byrne, Elizabeth Cunningham, Pamela McLoughlin, James Daly, Gavin O'Neill Patrick Raftery, Bernadette Howard,

Sick & Housebound: Myra Hill, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen & Bernard Fox, Eileen Bloomer, Maureen Evans, Margaret Norris, William Moran and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.