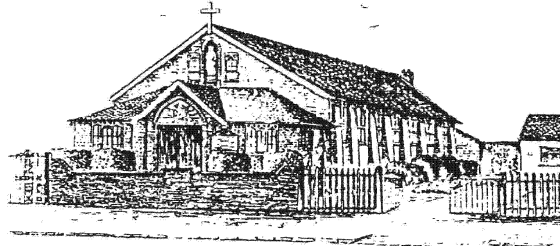


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2010- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE [C]
VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Denis Connolly [Month's Mind]	
Monday:	10.00am	Mass – Ellen Naan [Anniv]	<i>Easter Feria</i>
Tuesday:	11.15am	Reception & Requiem Mass – William Edward Roberts	
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass – Danny, Molly & Margaret [Anniv]	<i>Easter Feria</i>
Friday:	10.00am	Mass – Eileen Beck [ints]	<i>Easter Feria</i>

SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2010- FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE [C]

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Fr David Everitt [Month's Mind]
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Mass intentions: Deceased of the Roper & Parker Families, private intention.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **William Edward Roberts** (known as Ted), who died last Sunday 18th April, aged 95 years. The funeral arrangements are as follows: **Tuesday 27th April – 11.15am Reception into Church and Requiem Mass followed by Burial at Saffron Hill Cemetery at 12.30pm.** We thank God for such a long life and pray that he will be welcomed into God's Kingdom. We also remember in our prayers his children Anne, Michael, Christopher and Christine, and their families that the Lord will be their strength and support at this time of loss. **May he rest in peace.**

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR APRIL: General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and make the richer populations more responsive to the drama of hunger in the world. **Mission:** That Christians persecuted for the sake of the Gospel may, with the help of the Holy Spirit, witness faithfully to God's love for the entire human race.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin, Kathleen Logue (hospital), Joe LaMenza and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, Fr Neil McLaughlin, Fr John Abbot and Fr Hugh Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Ellen Naan, George Rowles, Joyce Johnston, Fr Matthew O'Meara, Colin O'Sullivan, Jennifer Broadhurst, Paul Anderson, Canon Charles Adams, Margaret Elton. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: 19 June 2009 - 19 June 2010. Pope Benedict XVI has called the whole Church to celebrate a Year for Priests beginning on 19th June 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Malcolm asks us to pray each day for priests. Please use the prayer card and keep priests in your prayers during this special year. We value your prayerful support and are strengthened and encouraged by it. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - **£200.71.** Loose - **£62.81.** Total - **£263.52.** Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION - will be taken on **Sunday 9th May** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES	25th April	2nd May	9th May
Ministry of Welcome:	Nora Needham	Young People	Payne Family
Ministry of Reader:	Elisabeth Gibbs	Catherine Gee Young	Emma Asfaw
	Tim Ward	Molly Jones	Barbara Mackness
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	M McCay, T Greene	Young People	F O'Hara, M Wainwright
Church Cleaning	M Moore, H Bray		N Needham, C O'Donovan
Tea/Coffee	Bridget & Mick Walsh	Margaret & Christopher	Margaret & Christopher
Flowers	Liz & Joanne	Charles & Volunteer	Mary & Tony
	Barbara	Barbara	Margaret B

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We pray that the Lord of the harvest will call more men and women to serve him and his people as priests and religious. We pray that those who are called by God to this vocation in life will respond generously and with an open mind and heart. We also pray for those who have responded and are preparing now for the priesthood and religious life

It is the fourth Sunday of Easter, and is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Pope Benedict has written to us this on the theme- "**Witness Awakens Vocations**". He cites the prophets of the Old Testament dedicating their entire existence to bearing witness to God. Jesus, he says, is the "*supreme Witness to God and to his concern for the salvation of all.*" As we look forward to the visit of Pope Benedict to our shores, please continue to pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

There will be the annual second collection today for the Clergy Formation Fund during the Communion hymn. Thank you

London Marathon Run

Fr David Cain, the Diocesan Vocation Director, is taking part in this on Vocations Sunday 25th April. He has asked us to advertise it in our bulletins.

Sponsorship is for LOROS (Leicestershire & Rutland Hospice) You can make donations via a cheque made payable to **LOROS** to St Peter's, 21 Hinckley Road, LE3 0TA or VIA

www.justgiving.com/david-cain

INVOCATION 2010

This will be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham from the 2nd - 4th July. It is a national festival made up of 2 different events:

Day 1 Friday 2nd July – Diocesan Schools Conference. "The Role of School Leadership in Fostering a Culture of Vocation" for Head Teachers and Chaplains.

Day 2&3 3rd & 4th July Weekend – National Festival for Young People. For young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life.

A unique event in that it is the first time a national gathering of School Leaders

coming together to focus on the role of leadership in fostering vocations and the first time that young people will gather nationally with a focus explicitly on vocational discernment and the bringing together most of the seminarians of England and Wales.

We pray that it will bear much fruit. Check out the website –

www.invocation.org.uk

AWAKENING – 50 DAYS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

This is a joint venture of Jesus Youth UK and Mother of God Parish. Jesus Youth is a catholic youth missionary movement at the service of the Church. This year 2010 is a Jubilee year marking 25 years since its inception. As part of the Jubilee celebrations, Jesus Youth UK with the Mother of God Parish invite you to Awakening, a 50 Day perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and Intercession campaign. It started on Easter Monday 5th April at 6.00pm and ends on Pentecost Sunday May 23rd at 3.00pm. See the poster and covering letter with the intercessions and a list for watching.

BOYCE & STANLEY

In concert at St Peter's Church, Hinckley on Sunday 25th April at 6.00pm. Tickets Adults £7.50. Concessions £5. Tickets & details Tel: 01455 634443 and 01675 466254. See poster.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

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Headteacher [Group 3 L14-20 NOR 320] required for September 2010 or Jan 2011. See poster
Closing date: 4th May 2010
Interviews: 20th / 21st May 2010.
www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk

A TASTE OF THE WORLD

Over the last few weeks we have featured information about our first international food evening which is to be held on Saturday, 1st May from 6pm. This will be a marvellous opportunity to sample homemade food from many different parts of the world. In addition to the delicious food on offer there will also be a raffle and a food quiz. You are welcome to bring your own tipples but tea, coffee and squash will also be available..There will be no charge for this event but we hope that those people not providing dishes will be able to make a donation to our Parish Charity. **We would like everyone intending to come to get a ticket so that we can set out the right number of tables and ensure there is**

sufficient food for everyone. Adult and child tickets will be available on 18th & 25th April after Mass from Charles Sweeney and Tim Ward. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to support this event and enjoy the delicious range of food that has been promised.

PARISH AGM

With last week's newsletter there was a nomination form for officers to the Parish Council. Officers will be elected from the approved list of nominees at the **Parish AGM on Tuesday 4th May at 7.00pm.** Remember that all parishioners are members of the parish council and are invited to every meeting and as such you have the right to nominate those you would like to serve as officials. **Nomination forms must be returned by Sunday 2nd May. There are still some forms available at the back of church.**

THANK YOU

I would like to say "Thank you" to Pat O'Hara for converting the second candle stand for use with the new type of votive lights, which are safer than the previous votive candles. We have used up all of these and will now be getting these new sort only. Again many thanks, Pat.

GENERAL ELECTION QUESTION TIME

On Wednesday 28th April 7.00pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Aylestone. Quiz your candidates on issues that matter to you. Parliamentary candidates for Leicester South will be taking questions about their priorities and policies in this election forum, organized by Spirit of Aylestone and chaired by broadcaster, Sandra Herbert. See the poster and flyers on how to submit a question.

Easter Duties – reception of Holy Communion and confession where necessary – should be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (30th May).

Find the Joker

Winner Frank O'Hara picked D2 – 3 of Hearts. Prize money now about **£255.00.** Tickets £1 are on sale after Mass and in the Hall during coffee when the draw is made for the winning ticket to turn over a playing card in search of the winning Joker. Thanks to Angela and Keith for running this fundraiser.

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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Statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales (22 APRIL 2010)

Child abuse in the Catholic Church has been such a focus of public attention recently that we, the Bishops of England and Wales, wish to address this issue directly and unambiguously.

Catholics are members of a single universal body. These terrible crimes, and the inadequate response by some church leaders, grieve us all. Our first thoughts are for all who have suffered from the horror of these crimes, which inflict such severe and lasting wounds. They are uppermost in our prayer. The distress we feel at what has happened is nothing in comparison with the suffering of those who have been abused.

The criminal offences committed by some priests and religious are a profound scandal. They bring deep shame to the whole church. But shame is not enough. The abuse of children is a grievous sin against God. Therefore we focus not on shame but on our sorrow for these sins. They are the personal sins of only a very few. But we are bound together in the Body of Christ and, therefore, their sins touch us all.

We express our heartfelt apology and deep sorrow to those who have suffered abuse, those who have felt ignored, disbelieved or betrayed. We ask their pardon, and the pardon of God for these terrible deeds done in our midst. There can be no excuses. Furthermore, we recognise the failings of some bishops and religious leaders in handling these matters. These, too, are aspects of this tragedy which we deeply regret and for which we apologise. The procedures now in place in our countries highlight what should have been done straightaway in the past. Full co-operation with statutory bodies is essential.

Now, we believe, is a time for deep prayer of reparation and atonement. We invite Catholics in England and Wales to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer. Even when we are lost for words, we can place ourselves in silent prayer. We invite Catholics on these days to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time.

In our dioceses we will continue to make every effort, working with our safeguarding commissions, to identify any further steps we can take, especially concerning the care of those who have suffered abuse, including anyone yet to come forward with their account of their painful and wounded past. We are committed to continuing the work of safeguarding, and are determined to maintain openness and transparency, in close cooperation with the statutory authorities in our countries. We thank the thousands who give generously of their time and effort to the Church's safeguarding work in our parishes and dioceses.

We commit ourselves afresh to the service of children, young people and the vulnerable in our communities. We have faith and hope in the future. The Catholic Church abounds in people, laity, religious and clergy, of great dedication, energy and generosity who serve in parishes, schools, youth ventures and the care of elderly people. We also thank them. The Holy Spirit guides us to sorrow and repentance, to a firm determination to better ways, and to a renewal of love and generosity towards all in need.