

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock. When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger, but run away from him; they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' The disciples failed to understand what Jesus meant. So Jesus spoke to them again, "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe; they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full.

(Adapted from John 10:1-10

The 4th Sunday of Easter Year A)



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

4th Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2020

The intentions are as follows:

- Sunday: Thomas & Patricia McGreal
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: Ellen Murphy
Wednesday: Thomas Patrick Tobin
Thursday: Sr Camilla Hunt
Friday: Kay Slater
Saturday: Deceased Members of the Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday: People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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Pope Francis says, "To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being.

Today's word is **Follow.**

When we really know

Jesus" and how much he loves us, it is natural for us to follow him. By following Jesus, we too can help others to know and love God, to experience the fullness of life, to live in God's love here and now. We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and in this way make life better for our family, friends and other people.

We do this by being kind, by keeping in touch with others, even in these times of safe contacting, and finding out how they are. We also do it by listening to wise and good people and by being grateful to all those who help us to live life to the full!

A Note from Nicaragua

Fr Luis has had a full week visiting the different villages near where he lives.

He will go to a village and celebrate Mass at the local well and when it comes to Holy Communion the people stay where they live and receive the consecrated bread on plates. People will walk for miles to be able to take part and they are now all keeping a safe distance between themselves. The



local co-op is thriving, and on Wednesday more than 1,000 people attended it. Some people are able to bring items for others to take, at other times they come and take the things they need. It is a

wonderful example of everyone looking out for each other and making sure that all have sufficient. We could learn a lot from this. On a lighter note the puppy and the mouse are still very good friends with each other and with Fr Luis. They are a constant reminder of the presence of Fr Ernesto albeit in a different way.

Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line Workers and those working in Social Care.



The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick and their families, our front line workers in hospitals and care homes, and all those especially vulnerable at this time. To show spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week on a Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in his Cathedral which will be live streamed for people to join. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on the following Thursdays by the following Bishops:

7th May Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terence Draine Middlebrough Cathedral

For live stream visit the particular Cathedral webpage or cbcew.org.uk



COVID-19 Pandemic Special Appeal

This present crisis presents opportunities for us all to adjust our priorities and to recognise the pressing needs of our brothers and sisters. While here at home we can do much to address social needs of homelessness, domestic abuse and forms of social degradation, we must also renew our awareness of the appalling suffering of so many millions of our brothers and sisters in some of the poorest countries of the world. What havoc may Covid 19 cause in countries where there are minimal healthcare facilities (10 African countries have no ventilators at all!), where millions of Rohingya and Syrian refugees are crowded in the squalor of insanitary refugee camps and millions of workers exploited? This is why CAFOD is launching an appeal for funds to help support their response to the global pandemic that is COVID-19. All around the world CAFOD's partners and Caritas agencies are responding. The impact of this virus on the poorest is incalculable. Research indicates high levels of deaths in the short-term but the lasting impact on economies and livelihoods of those who already live on the edge is potentially disastrous. Go to Cafod Coronavirus Appeal website to DONATE today..

Thank You. Bishop John Arnold CAFOD Chair of Trustees

Offertory Collections



People continue to about their weekly Offertory Donations. At present the parish remains solvent, so there is no need to try and post the envelopes. If the closure runs into months we will review the situation and advise accordingly. Please watch this space.



If anyone needs assistance please contact Fr Bernard
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