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**Newsletter for the week commencing 25th April – 1st May 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12**

**Psalm 117 Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St John 3: 1-2**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 10: 11-18**

**Communion antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

**Father Behr writes:**

On Saturday May 1 we keep the feast of St Joseph the Worker. This feast day has a fascinating history and is linked to various movements for workers’ rights, in the wake of the upheaval caused by the Industrial Revolution of the late 18 and 19 Century.  Pope Pius XII established the feast in 1955.

We ask St Joseph to pray for all those facing unemployment and all those having difficulties at work. We also ask St Joseph to help young people to find a truly meaningful vocation.



*Joseph the Carpenter*, by Georges de La Tour, c. 1645

Best wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** David Green, Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Florence Primarolo, Karen Vidler, Gwen Terrett, Catherine Town, Patricia Walden, Catherine Dowding, Ellen Shanahan, Alfonsa Macapinlac Moodie, Bertha Parsons, John Parrock, Mary Hodges, Inez Wood and Alonzo Nugent.

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| **This week’s services (25th April – 1st May 2021), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 24th April** 10 am Mass6 pm Vigil Mass | St Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr | **Thursday 29th April**10 am Mass | St Catherine of Siena*Mary Goulding RIP* |
| **Sunday 25th April**10 am Mass12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  | **Fourth Sunday of Easter** *People of the parish* | **Friday 30th April** 10 am Service | St Pius V, Pope |
| **Monday 26th April**10 am Mass | Feria | **Saturday 1st May**10 am Mass6 pm Vigil Mass | St Joseph the WorkerDay of prayer for God’s blessing on human work.*The Holy Father Pope Francis**Fr John O’Callaghan RIP* |
| T**uesday 27th April**10 am Mass | Feria*Garret & Debra Burke RIP* | **Sunday 2nd May**10 am Mass12 midday Sung Traditional Latin Mass  | **Fifth Sunday of Easter** |
| **Wednesday 28th April**10 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr |  |  |
| **Flowers: For 2nd May – Frances** |

**This Sunday is** **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.**

There is a **second collection** this weekend for **Ecclesiastical Education**.

**Another reminder…**

Would those people who took Christmas cards on a pay-later basis please be ready to finally pay for them!

These are the outstanding amounts: Rachel Heinrichsmeier £7.00; Anne Taylor £10.50; Sheila Davis £3.50; Nuala will be at 6 pm Mass on Saturdays from now on and will wait in the porch after Mass for a while. Thank you!

If you are the parent or guardian of a child who is seven years old or more who has not made their **first Holy** **Communion** and you would like them to do so, would you **please let Fr Behr know**. We are hoping to start the preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as soon as possible.