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**The Queen's
 Platinum Jubilee**

We will be having a parish celebration on Sunday **5th June**, the weekend of the extended bank holiday, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee with one Mass at 12 noon for the whole parish, at St George's.* This will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' buffet lunch. There will be tea, coffee, squash and, possibly even, wine! We will also have a celebration cake with some Prosecco too.

If you can, please bring a plate/dish of cold buffet-type finger food and drop it off in the hall before Mass.

For the younger members of our parish, we would like you to draw/colour a picture of the Queen and bring it with you. We will display them around the hall so please remember to include your name and age.

We are planning some activities that everyone can be involved in: a Jubilee themed Quiz, Pass the Parcel, Decorate a Crown, Pin the tail on the Corgi, Colouring pages, Word search puzzle and a Maze puzzle!

Of course, this is a celebration, so if you wish to 'dress up', please feel free to do so!
 * there will be no 9am Mass at St Theresa's on 5/6. However the vigil Mass, at 5:30pm of 4/6, will remain.

8th May 2022: 4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Season

Bishop Richard Writes:

Dear brothers and sisters,

The reading from the Book of the Apocalypse this Sunday is the vision of the Kingdom of Heaven – the great number, impossible to count, from every nation under Heaven. After their difficulties and sufferings, they are in the company of the Lamb – the company of Christ. This is our destiny, to be for all eternity in the presence of the One who is all love. It is a joy beyond description.

Jesus is both the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, and the Shepherd of the sheep – sheep to whom He gives eternal life, sheep He will never allow to be lost.

Such a destiny, such a wonderfully close relationship with the person of Jesus both here, and in the world to come, is for us, an imperative for Mission. We must give ourselves to be His instruments that others may know His love, may know what it is to be members of the flock of the Lamb of God Himself.

St Paul, turns his attention to the non-Jewish world of his own day, driven by this imperative for Mission. Paul wants only one thing – that people know the Good News, the life of the Risen Lord. This call to Mission must drive us to place the privileged task that we have been given by the Lord before all else. It will not always be comfortable, there will be difficulties, sufferings, even persecutions along the way, but nothing compares to the love of the One who died and rose from the dead for us.

Fr Tony writes:

On the 4th Sunday of Easter, known informally as Good Shepherd Sunday, we have traditionally focussed on two things. Firstly, our schools, and that is why St Mary's are participating in a particular way in this Sunday's 9 am Mass at St Theresa's.

The second focus is vocations to the priesthood, which is why we have a second collection for the education of future priests. We do have a few seminarians (I think about six; I have lost track somewhat!), and the seven year formation programme is quite expensive, so your generosity is appreciated. And of course please pray for vocations.

On a personal note, I am much better and will be back 'on duty' this week. But I still need to be a bit 'self protective'.



Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine, Maria Grazia Topa and Kevin Fitzgibbon. Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Special Collections 2022

This weekend's second collection (8th May) will be for the: World Day of Prayer for Vocations—The Education of Future Priests. Next weekend's second collection (15th May) will be for: The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. Both collections can be gift aided in the usual ways.

MUSIC PRACTICE



For singers, choir, musicians
EVERY THURSDAY 19:00hrs at St Theresa's
Starting Thursday 12th May
All are welcome!

Support the people of Ukraine

The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially.

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at:
cafod.org.uk/Give.

To access Reset's website go to:
www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative:
homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit:
www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 7th May	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Kevin Fitzgibbon RIP
Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	School Mass
Tuesday 10th May <i>St Damian</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>followed by Tea & Chat</i>	
Wednesday 11th May	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	Tony & Julie Fleming
Thursday 12th May	10am Mass, St George's	
Friday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	
Saturday 14th May	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	



The Welcome Directory

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Prison Awareness Course

Discover about the needs of prison leavers and how your Faith Community can help unlock their "second prison"

3 sessions via Zoom: 7:30pm on
Thursday 9th, 16, and 23rd June



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Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/324764879497>

More details: james@welcomedirectory.org.uk



Invited

2021-2025

Season 2 of **Invited** began on Easter Monday, 18th April. Videos will be released each Monday, and there will be an opportunity to join an online discussion each Thursday. For more information, and to sign up, go to the Invited website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited. Even if you missed the earlier videos, they remain available online.