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Sat 11 May	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	For the Parish
Sun 12 May	10 am Mass		Silver Wedding of Shany & Robin Middleton
Tues 14 May	12 noon Mass	St Matthias	Private Intention (NP)
Wed 15 May	10 AM	Of the 4 th Sunday of Easter	Evangelisation Strategy Teams in the Diocese
Thurs 16 May	NO MASS OR ADORATION		
Sat 18 May	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	For the Parish
Sun 19 May	10 am Mass		Parish of St John's Cathedral

**The Parish Office will be closed from Fri
10th May to Tues 21st May**

From the Parish Priest

The Liturgical Year celebrates, through times and Seasons, the great events in the life of Jesus and the truths of our Faith as revealed to us through the Apostolic Tradition (Doctrine). This year we shall keep seven weeks of Easter during which we focus our attention on the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus when He conquered fear and death. However, the Easter event is not confined to seven weeks It is celebrated every day and every moment in the lives of Christians. Let us not fall into the trap of departmentalizing our Faith due to the Church's Calendar; a sort of switching off of Easter because we are in Lent or because we may be in Ordinary Time. Easter is for every day, moment and hour...and now is the hour!

Fr Bruce

DIARY

11/12 May - **Second Collection:** for the Clergy Training Fund

13 May – J&P meeting - 7.45pm - **4 Chesterfield Road.** All welcome.

- Life to the Full - 7.30pm – **St Joseph**

17 May – Youth Group – 6-8pm

19 May – Music Group at 10am Mass

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



VOCATION is a theme which is uppermost in our minds when we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. We need "good shepherds" to help feed the flock of Christ with the Sacraments; we need young men to go forward to speak the Word of God to people and remind them they are loved and cared for; we need those who are looking for an adventure which will change their lives for ever! If you want to know what is needed and how to become a priest, then why not go to a Vocation Seekers evening. Details are on the notice board. Let us pray that we may have a vocation for the priesthood from this Parish.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Mass Setting: 5 Missa de Angelis

Ent: 686 Alleluia: 38

Off: 147 Comm: 661 Rec: 548

The flowers this week are in celebration of
the Silver Wedding of
Shany & Robin Middleton

THANK YOU: to those who spent their Easter re-decorating the Hall. It looks nice and clean and we are appreciative of your hard work.

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Courtney Andrews, John Gibbons, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Marie O'Sullivan, Pauline Smith, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers.

FRIENDS | FUN | FOOD | FAITH

If you like any or all of the above, then Youth Group is the place for you! Youth Group has expanded to include the "not so youth" from Year 8 to 18+ (age 13 to 18+) in addition to the existing session for post First Holy Communion up to Year 7 (age 8-12). The latter meet in the hall and the "not so youth" meet in the Upper Room. So what goes on? The Youth: crafts, cooking, games and short reflection. The Not So Youth: share food, listen to music, games, chill and talk. Next date – 17th May from 6-8pm. Further dates on the website.



The Foodbank would be grateful for the following items: Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Long Grain Rice, Sugar and Long Life Fruit Juice.

Life to the Full: Come and meet other Catholics over a cuppa and home-made cakes and watch a series of heart-warming, thought-provoking DVDs to encourage and strengthen you. Typical feedback: 'Simply wonderful!' The next talk on Mon 13th May is called 'The Father's Promises' in St Joseph's hall. Doors open 7.30pm. Future sessions on 20th May, 3rd and 10th June. No need to come every week. Everybody welcome! Offers of help welcome. Please speak to Angela Jordan or Mike Parry (01635 33023).

24 Hours Tennis Marathon for Neonatal

Babies Lola Emetulu is taking part in a 24 hours Tennis Marathon taking place at David Lloyd Newbury on 11-12 May 2019 to raise money for neonatal equipment for local hospitals in Reading, Basingstoke and Swindon. DL Club is open for non-members to also attend the event. To sponsor Lola and find out more about the work of New Life Babies please visit:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lolatennis12>

Dinner at Newbury College Restaurant on Thursday 23rd May at 6.30pm. All are welcome to come along to enjoy an excellent meal and great company. Please sign the sheet in the porch if interested or, for more details, call Graham Spellman on 01635 253874. Hosted by Newbury Catenians.

Save the date! Sunday 7 July - BBQ lunch and mini music festival in aid of our parish charities. For more info, contact Lucy on 01635 35462.

Congratulations to 100 Club winners: March – Brian & Gill Spencer and **April –** Jane Horscroft & Teresa Dykes

Climate Change Lobby of Parliament on 26th June. Please sign up to say that you are going on the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>.

CTNA Picnic in Victoria Park on Pentecost Sunday, 9th June at 12 noon followed by a joint Service at 1pm.

Pope's intention for May
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms Please book the hall with Maureen for all events on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

Contribute to our Website You can now request access to add content to our website. This opens the possibility of adding your own events, managing a group you run or writing articles. If interested, please fill in the simple form on the website to request access.

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/user/register>
Any queries, feel free to contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com

WELCOMING:

Sat 18 May: Elizabeth O'Keefe

Sun 19 May: Middleton & Johnson families

CLEANERS:

Fri 17 May: Pat Johnston, Bridget Lister & Noreen Postlewaite

COUNTER:

Sun 12 May: Jacqueline Frood & Paul Cobb