



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 30th April 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)



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ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion; that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow as all such things as are agreeable to the same; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost,
Peter, standing with the Eleven,
lifted up his voice and said to the multitude,
"Let all the house of Israel know assuredly
that God has made him both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified."
Now when they heard this they were cut to the
heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
"Brethren, what shall we do?"
And Peter said to them,
"Repent, and be baptised every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is to you and to your children
and to all that are far off,
every one whom the Lord our God calls to him."
And he testified with many other words
and exhorted them, saying,
"Save yourselves from this crooked generation."
So those who received his word were baptized,
and there were added that day about three thousand
souls.

Second reading *1 Peter 2:20b-25*

Beloved: If when you do right and suffer for it you
take it patiently, you have God's approval.
For to this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example, that you should follow in his
steps.

He committed no sin;
no guile was found on his lips.
When he was reviled, he did not revile in return;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
but he trusted to him who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Gospel *John 10:1-10*

At that time Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door
but climbs in by another way,
that man is a thief and a robber;
but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the
sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear
his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and
leads them out. When he has brought out all his
own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him,
for they know his voice. A stranger they will not
follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not
know the voice of strangers."
This figure Jesus used with them,
but they did not understand what he was saying to
them. So Jesus again said to them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you,
I am the door of the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and robbers;
but the sheep did not heed them.
I am the door;
if any one enters by me, he will be saved,
and will go in and out and find pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I came that they may have life, and have it
abundantly.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today we pray that all the baptised will hear the voice of Christ calling them to serve him in his holy Church and respond generously and joyfully.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
each may serve thee in holiness and truth
to the glory of thy name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who hast entrusted to thy Church
a share in the ministry of thy Son
our great High Priest:
we beseech thee:
that by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit
the hearts of many may be moved to offer
themselves for the ministry of thy Church,
and that, strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase of thy kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise of thy name;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Saints and celebrations this week

Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 2nd May (Memorial)

Athanasius of Alexandria is revered today as one of the most important voices in the early Christian Church, but during his lifetime his courageous stand against heresy had harsh repercussions. He was exiled five times for defending orthodox church doctrines. Much was at stake; the very divinity of Jesus Christ was being denied.

Athanasius was born about 293 A.D. in the Egyptian city of Alexandria. He rose through the ranks to become the assistant to Alexander, bishop of Alexandria.

After much persecution, the Christian Church suddenly experienced a change in fortune when the

Roman Emperor Constantine converted. In 313 A.D., Constantine the Great issued the Edict of Milan, officially sanctioning Christianity as the official imperial religion.

Because of the years of unrest, however, the Church was threatened by the rise of false teachings which were gaining popularity.

One such false teaching came to be called Arianism, named after the priest Arius of Alexandria (256-336 A.D.). Arianism denied the divine nature of Jesus Christ, claiming he was a created being, and although higher than humans as the "firstborn," he was not God.

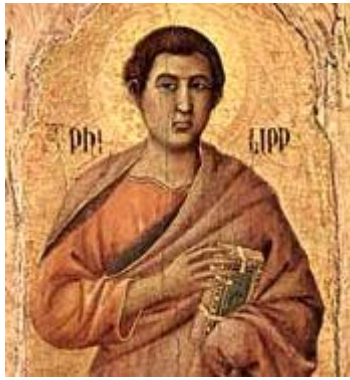
Bishops Alexander and Athanasius saw the danger in this doctrine. It denied the Trinity and eroded God's plan of salvation, as detailed in the New Testament. They knew that only a man could serve as a suitable sacrifice for the salvation of humanity, but that the sacrifice also had to be perfect and sinless, which was impossible for human beings. Only One fully human and fully divine could be the atoning sacrifice for humanity.

A bitter fight broke out between supporters and opponents of Arianism. In 325 A.D., Emperor Constantine called for a Council (synod) of bishops at the ancient city of Nicaea, in what is now Turkey. Front and centre at that gathering was the question: Who is Jesus Christ? Alexander and Athanasius argued the orthodox biblical doctrine of the Trinity: that there are three Persons in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all of the same, equal substance. The 300-plus bishops reaffirmed the Trinity, rejecting the Arian heresy. The Nicene Creed, produced at the council, defines each Person of the Trinity and summarises Christian beliefs in a clear, concise statement.

Athanasius also rescued the Christian Church from accepting Gnosticism, a widespread belief that material things are evil and spiritual things are good. His writing, *On the Incarnation*, showed that the human body, which Christ took on, was not evil. This became orthodox teaching in the Church.

In the long history of Christianity, Athanasius is revered for his single-minded defence of the doctrines of the Trinity and the nature of Christ. He never compromised; he never budged a bit in his insistence that Jesus Christ was both fully human and fully divine.

Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles, 3rd May (Feast)



The apostle Philip was one of Christ's first disciples, called soon after Christ's baptism in the Jordan. The fourth Gospel gives the following detail: "The next day Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and he found Philip. And

Jesus said to him: Follow me. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him: We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the Son of Joseph of Nazareth. And Nathanael said to him: Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him: Come and see" (John 1:43ff).



St. James the Less ('the Less' being a title to distinguish him from St. James the Great, Feast day 25th July), a brother of the Apostle Jude, was from Cana in Galilee. He is the author of one of the 'Catholic Epistles' in the New Testament. He was privileged with an

appearance of the Risen Christ (I Corinthians 15:7). After the dispersion of the Apostles he was made Bishop of Jerusalem. He was visited by St. Paul (Galatians 1:19). He spoke after Peter at the meeting of the Apostles (Acts 15:13). When he refused to deny the Divinity of Christ, the Jews cast him down from the terrace of the temple and clubbed him to death. The Breviary contains a very moving description of his death. His relics now rest next to those of St. Philip in the church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, and their names are mentioned in the first list in the Canon of the Mass.

The English Martyrs, 4th May (Feast)



The Forty Martyrs of England and Wales are a group of Catholics - lay and religious, men and women, executed between 1535 and 1679 for treason and related offences under various laws enacted by Parliament during the 'English Reformation'. The individuals listed range from Carthusian monks who in 1535 declined to accept Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy, to seminary priests who were caught up in the alleged 'Popish Plot' against Charles II in 1679. Many were sentenced to death at show trials, or with no trial at all.

- Saint John Almond
- Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
- Saint Ambrose Barlow
- Saint John Boste
- Saint Alexander Briant
- Saint Edmund Campion
- Saint Margaret Clitherow
- Saint Philip Evans
- Saint Thomas Garnet
- Saint Edmund Gennings
- Saint Richard Gwyn
- Saint John Houghton
- Saint Philip Howard
- Saint John Jones
- Saint John Kemble
- Saint Luke Kirby
- Saint Robert Lawrence
- Saint David Lewis
- Saint Anne Line
- Saint John Lloyd
- Saint Cuthbert Mayne
- Saint Henry Morse
- Saint Nicholas Owen
- Saint John Payne
- Saint Polydore Plasden
- Saint John Plessington
- Saint Richard Reynolds
- Saint John Rigby
- Saint John Roberts
- Saint Alban Roe
- Saint Ralph Sherwin
- Saint Robert Southwell
- Saint John Southworth
- Saint John Stone
- Saint John Wall
- Saint Henry Walpole
- Saint Margaret Ward
- Saint Augustine Webster
- Saint Swithun Wells
- Saint Eustace White

Notices and news

Recently departed

Anniversaries of death

2nd May Thomas Magill

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Prayers for HM King Charles III



As King Charles prepares for his coronation on Saturday 6th May, we pray for him. Saint Paul, in his instructions to St. Timothy, says:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. ³This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our King, that under him this nation may be wisely governed, and grant that he being devoted to thee with his whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Divine Worship Daily Office, On Accession Day, p.355*)

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES, the Parliaments in all his dominions, and all who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Divine Worship Daily Office, For the Monarch and All in Authority under Them, p.355*)

O GOD, who orderest all things to a wondrous purpose: graciously receive the prayers we pour out to thee for our country; that by the wisdom of its rulers and the virtue of its citizens, concord and justice may be established and enduring prosperity come with peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Divine Worship Daily Office, For the Nation, p. 356*)

Mass for HM King Charles III

All Souls

6pm Friday 5th May (the Eve of the Coronation)

A Mission Audit

of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, putting into practice the priorities of



Our Calling & Our Mission

Preparing Together for our Future

Thank you to everyone who came to our April meeting last Wednesday. It was good to pray the Stations of the Resurrection together and to embark on the Mission Audit. This is something I hope we'll all get involved with to help us build our future, whatever, in God's providence, that will be. Information about the audit was handed out at the meeting and will also be emailed to everyone.

And please pray for the group and our mission, including those who are with us in spirit, but can't be with us in person.

Parish Visitation this weekend

Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Episcopal Vicar for Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry, is making a Visitation to All Souls THIS WEEKEND, as part of the Visitation of the Deanery of Coventry & Nuneaton. Canon Fitzpatrick will be attending, and preaching at, both Sunday Masses.

It is important that we're all here to welcome Canon Fitzpatrick and for him to see that the Ordinariate is making a significant contribution to the life of the parish. The 11.15 Mass will be celebrated according to Divine Worship, so it is even more important that we are present at full strength. As he is unfamiliar with Divine Worship, Canon Paul has asked me to celebrate the Mass, while he sits in choir. He will celebrate the 9.30 Mass.

The not-so-distant future for every deanery in this diocese and others is likely to look quite different, because of declining attendance (accelerated by the covid pandemic) and falling numbers of priests. The Visitations inevitably therefore are partly about the diocese getting a handle on reality on the ground and using that to plan for the future. **Please be here.**

Most highly favoured Lady, 2nd-4th May 2023

Tuesday to Thursday this week 7 members of the Coventry group will be attending the 2023 Festival called Most Highly Favoured Lady, with members of the Ordinariate from across the country. Mother Winsome SBVM will be giving the addresses. Please pray for its success.

THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
2023 FESTIVAL
MOST HIGHLY FAVOURED LADY

Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th May
Led by Mgr Keith Newton
Keynote Speaker: The Revd Mother Winsome SVBM

At: Christ The King, Chingford
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Pentecost Meal

Thank you to John Ingram who has provisionally booked tables at Harringtons on the Hill in Kenilworth for a group meal on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May at 2pm. Please speak to John if you'd like a place. It's always good to sit down to dinner together, so I hope you'll be able to make it.

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Praying the Daily Office this week

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 30th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Commonly called Good Shepherd Sunday	616	1153	-	93	619	1155	227	93	
Monday 1 st May Easter feria	463	1158	232	93	466	1159	230	93	
Tuesday 2nd St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor	468	1160	232	125	471	1917	308	125	EP Readings for the Eve of St. Philip & St. James
Wednesday 3rd ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES, Apostles	473	1918	309	125	476	1919	309	125	
Thursday 4th THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	479	1167	313	125	481	1168	312	125	
Friday 5 th Feria	484	1169	232	93	486	1170	230	93	
Saturday 6 th Feria	489	1172	232	93	492	1174	230	93	
Sunday 7th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	495	1175	232	93	498	1179	230	93	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to p

