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Second Sunday of Easter - April 11th 2021

First Reading. Acts 4:32-35: This describes how the first Christians worked at being Church: as Members of a living Community who freely shared their good fortune with those around them.

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 117: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end".

Second Reading. 1 John 5:1-6: "Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world".

Gospel. John 20: 19-31: Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection. Despite their initial fear and grief, they recognise him and rejoice. Thomas, after some doubt, makes a wonderful profession of faith.

Intentions for the Masses celebrated by the Fathers this Weekend

Saturday	9:00 p.m.:	Deceased Members of the Sánchez Marín Family
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Mrs Tina Shiner RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Intentions of Pat and Sean Smyth on the Occasion of their Fifty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary

Saints of the Week

Monday 12 th April:	Saint Teresa of the Andes
Tuesday 13 th March:	Saint Hermenegild
Wednesday 14 th March:	Blessed Lucien Botvasoa
Thursday 15 th April:	Blessed Cesar de Bus
Friday 16 th April:	Saint Benedict Joseph Labre
Saturday 17 th April:	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
1921 - 2021

Following the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Windsor Castle on Friday morning, our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and all the Members of the Royal Family at this time of loss. May he rest in peace.

The Alpha Course

The Course has been designed for those who do not profess to be Christians, those who no longer practice the Faith for whatever reason, or those who would like to explore and discuss matters of Faith. The explicit aim of this Course is to introduce people to the person of Jesus Christ and the experience of the Holy Spirit. To date over twenty-four million people worldwide have undertaken the Alpha Course. The Sacred Heart Church has a mission to reach out to evangelise and reach out to a wider community and the Alpha Course is an integral part of that mission. The Course will begin at the Sacred Heart Church on **Monday evenings starting on April 12th 2021**, and will run for **ten (10) weeks** from **7.30-9.00 p.m.** with the last meeting on **June 14th 2021**. The meetings will be held on Zoom as we do not know how long the current 'lockdown' will last. All Members of our Congregation are asked to reach out to at least two people in their own circle of relatives, friends and neighbours to take part in this fascinating journey of discovery, and we would ask you kindly to start thinking of the people that you could invite to the Course. For more details visit our website and get in touch with **Kitty and Anthony Hooey** at anthooy@gmail.com or by mobile telephone on 07886928479.

The Vision of the Church

The Sacred Heart Church has embarked on a pastoral project of renewal. With the aim of becoming a Christian Community with a more missionary outlook, the Pastoral Team (*formed at the behest of the former 'Pastoral Committee'*), has worked with the Priest-in-Charge to prepare a 'Vision Statement' for our Church.

The 'Vision Statement' is the description of the Church we want to become: inspired by the great commission of Christ to the Disciples before He ascended into heaven, we want to "go out into the world and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Each Member of the Pastoral Team takes responsibility for one of the different 'Ministries' and create a group around them that will help the Community around the Church to implement this vision.

The following are the values we hold at heart and we want to promote: missionary outreach, welcoming attitude, prayer life, team work, service and the joyful celebration of the Sacraments.

The Power of Prayer

An important part of this project is prayer. We have launched it by invoking the Holy Spirit upon us, and now we would to invite each Member of the Congregation to generously pray with the following words, offered to us by one of the Members of our Church for the fruitful running of the Alpha Course:

"We pray for the Alpha Course at the Sacred Heart Church: for the leaders, that they may lead with the wisdom of God; for the participants: that they may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit; for us and for all who pray for them, that we may see the fruits of their effort and commitment."

'Jam Jar' Appeal



Starting late last November, the 'Jam Jar' Appeal in aid of the street children of Hawassa (Ethiopia) will be running until **Sunday 18th April 2021**. Our hope is that we are able to make ours the concerns of Magda in favour of the children she works for. Magda recently informed us that notwithstanding the difficulties due to the Pandemic, **the number of children asking her assistance are increasing**. If

you have already filled your Jar, just give it to one of the Fathers. For more information on the Project, have a look at the video clip on our website.



Face Coverings

The Government made the regulations about the **requirement** to wear a **face covering** in Places of Worship, as well as in shops and supermarkets, enforceable in law from **Saturday 8th August 2020**. All those who are attending Church must therefore wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Services as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who do not normally meet together. Information regarding those who are exempt from wearing a face covering can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

The Sacred Heart Church Website

We encourage you to visit the website for the Sacred Heart Church in Sunningdale which you can find at: <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com> and from there you can follow the 'live streaming' of our Services in Church by introducing the password: sacredheart. Thank you to all who are able to follow. It is very encouraging to receive your feedback so that we can continue to improve our service to you.

If you know of anyone from the Sacred Heart Church who would like to receive our Newsletter and updates, please do not hesitate to send us their e-mail address so that they can be added to our mailing list, always though after asking their consent.

For those who do not have access to a computer or to the internet, we can always send a copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Liturgy by post, and so we would be obliged if you could pass on your/their name and address, and if appropriate, after asking the person's consent.

Our next appointments online will be:

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Weekly Appointments

- On **Wednesday 21st April 2021**, the Study Group will hold the third session of reflection on the Second Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, "**Laudato Si' - On the Care of our Common Home**" guided by Sr. Patricia Mulhall and Mrs Sarah Gardner Lobo. As you may know, this Encyclical Letter considers the environmental crisis that is upon us from the perspective of our faith in Christ. All are invited to participate in this remarkable journey of faith in discovering how this presently very topical subject has always been at the heart of Church's Magisterium (Teaching Office). The meetings will be held via Zoom every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. See the presentation on our website.
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning.
- Three **attachments for the Sunday Eucharist** are sent via e-mail on **Saturday** afternoon, namely:
 - The Sunday Liturgy with **Mass Readings and Prayers**;
 - The Sunday Gospel Page with **quizzes for children**; and
 - The Sunday Liturgy, with Bible quotations from the Liturgy **for the young**.
- There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on **Wednesdays** from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Benediction** starts at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** takes place online on **Thursdays** starting at **8:00 p.m.** You can find the link to the Zoom meeting on our website. If you cannot attend the prayer meeting, do not miss the **Lectio Divina Publication** in the same website, to prepare for the Sunday Liturgy.
- We are invited to pray a **Decade of the Rosary** in communion with **Churches** in other parts of the world **every night at 10:00 p.m.** Pope Francis has been encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their homes especially at a time when the COVID-19 Pandemic is making us more aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together at home due to the prevailing 'Lockdown' restrictions.

Mission Intention for April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for the fundamental rights of all individuals under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies which are in crisis.

Services to our Faith Community

Church Cleaning Roster: April 17th: **Imelda O'Riordan / Katerina, Kan and Gabriel Li.**

Volunteers can contact Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or on 07973 724 404.

Reading Ministry:	April 17 th 6:00 p.m.:	Mary Williams
	April 18 th 10:00 a.m.:	Leo Biles
	April 18 th 11:30 a.m.:	Jill McPhillips

Volunteers can contact Mrs Siobhan Burn at: siobhanburn@gmail.com

Flower Rota: April 17th: **Jill McPhillips**

Our sincerest gratitude to **Mrs. Chase Gardner** for the stunning Flower Arrangements for Easter.

Confessions: Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on call. *Just ring the bell at the main door to the House!*

'JAM JAR' APPEAL FOR STREET CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA

In the last two weeks we have received a further **£1,361.70p** making a total to date of **£5,838.19p** for the Appeal. As noted above, the Appeal will close **next week on Sunday 18th April 2021** so we would encourage you to bring along your jars of coins, or to make a 'one-off' donation, before that date.

The '**St. Anthony's Box for the Needy**' remains open, and you can always place a donation in the box in Church after Mass over the weekend, or in an envelope marked 'St. Anthony's Box' and drop it through our letterbox, or by sending it in the post. Last week's donations have yet to be counted. Thank you for the **£193.20p** which we have received of late, making a total to date of **£15,600.30p**, with **£12,657.00p** already gifted.

Special Collection for the Holy Places: Sincere thanks for **£526.26p** collected on Good Friday.

The **Easter Sunday Collection:** Grateful thanks are also in order for the **£3,142.67p** received in the Collection, or by hand through the letterbox, or by post during the past week. We would like to warmly thank all those who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through the Sunday Collection and/or a regular **Bankers/Standing Order**. All very much appreciated in these difficult and uncertain times. If you are already signed up for the weekly planned-giving envelopes, a box of envelopes for the new Financial Year (April 6th 2021/April 5th 2022) has already been sent to you in the post. If you are not signed-up, and would like a set of envelopes, please send a note with your details either by e-mail or by post. Many thanks.

Prayer Requests for this Week

"The Lord is near to those who call on Him,
who call trustfully upon His name" (Psalm 145:18)

For **Graham Clarke** recovering from a major operation.

For **Janine Pardo** in thanksgiving for the success of her medical treatment so far and prayers for yet more encouraging results over the coming weeks and months.

For **Margaret and Paul Hurd** and their **Family**.

For **Kathy and Graham Clarke** and **Family**, recovering from COVID-19.

For **Alison and Graham Barlow** who lost both parents within a week.

For **Michael Aliv**.

For **Susan Betts**.

For **Lisa**, who lost both her parents recently.

For **Teresa Hubble**.

For **Karina** in Dublin.

For **Nicky** and **Alex Johnston** who were involved in a car crash in Malawi.

For the well-being of **Philomena Chasty**.

For the well-being of **Robert Knight**.

Mrs Cynthia Williams.

Mrs Suzanne Wright, undergoing medical treatment.

For the good health of **Sheila Jones**.

Mrs Madge Flood.

Mr Peter Wills under medical treatment.

Mrs Phyllis Sexton, undergoing medical tests.

Mrs Yvonne Coombes recovering from difficulties with her health.

Mr Charles Hesse wishes to thank the Sacred Heart Community for their prayers, and requests a thanksgiving prayer for his recovery.

Mrs Nora Annan.

Janet Coppard.

Caroline and Anthony Poole who have recently been blessed with triplets.

Margaret's son Sean, for his well-being and health during this time of COVID-19.

Leigh and Alex as they move their residence.

Pat Sassi.

Athanasia who is suffering from colon cancer.

Lynne who has lost her husband.

The Almeida Family.

Your prayers are also requested:

For **Jamie McCaul RIP**, who passed away on March 3rd 2021 and was buried from our Church on Friday 26th March.

For **Thomas Francis Fleming RIP**, on the anniversary of his death.

For **Ann Mary Smyth RIP**, on the anniversary of her death.

For **Thomas Smyth RIP**, on the anniversary of his death.

For **Tony Mercer RIP**, who passed away on February 7th February 2021.

For **Wyn Vickers RIP**, who passed away on February 27th 2021.

For **Bridget McGeechan RIP**, who died on February 1st 2021.

For **Sister Jenny Coyne OLC RIP**.

For **Michael Schwar RIP** who passed away on January 4th 2021.

For **Thomas Patrick Salmon RIP** who passed away on 26th December 2020 and was buried from the Sacred Heart Church on Friday 15th January 2021.

For **Theresa Fanning** who passed away on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

For **Mr Paul Davis RIP** who passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday 29th December 2020.

For **Mr Clarence Cotté RIP**, the brother-in-law of Patricia Moore, who passed away on December 15th 2020.

For **Mrs Dawn O'Sullivan RIP**, the Mother of Sonia Clarke, who sadly passed away on December 4th 2020 after a very short illness, and at the relatively young age of seventy-one.

For **Eric and Dorothy Waters RIP**.

For **Kenneth O'Hara RIP**, the brother-in-law of Patricia Moore, who passed away on November 27th 2020.

For **Daphne (Anna) Simkins RIP**, the Aunt of Terence Pike, who passed away on November 26th 2020.

For **Fr. John Martin Troy RIP**, former Priest-in-Charge of the Church here in Sunningdale, who passed away on November 20th 2020.

For **Richard Haswell RIP** who passed away in his sleep on Monday 23rd November 2020.

For **Mrs Kathleen Fraser RIP**, the beloved Mother of Mrs Helena Knight, who passed away from COVID-19 on Friday 13th November 2020 at the age of 98. Kathleen slipped peacefully away praying the Rosary with three of her children. Helena thanks all those who offered prayers for her when she was ailing and sick. Now she rests in the peace of God.

For **Miss Sharon Moncur RIP** who passed away on Saturday 7th November 2020.

For **Mr Robert Godfrey RIP**, Janice's husband, who passed away after a long illness.

For **Barry O'Sullivan RIP**.

For **Denis Geary RIP**, who passed away on **July 10th 2020** at the age of 100.

We would like to encourage you not to hesitate to ring or send a message if the Fathers are able to assist you in any way during such unprecedented times.