

<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)</b> <b>Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Pet 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10</b>	
<b>Saturday 2nd May 2020</b> 9:15am: Richard Hanrahan RIP and Regina Bernard RIP	<b>Sunday 3rd May 2020</b> 9:15am: People of the Parish
<b>Feast of the English Martyrs</b> [of <b>Mon. 4th May 2020/ 1535-1680]</b> 9:15am: <i>for the Conversion of England</i>	<b>Tuesday 5th May 2020</b> (Feria) 9:15am: Whitaker and Hotine Families RIP FM
<b>Weds. 6th May 2020</b> (Feria) (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist) 9:15am: Sheila Flanagan RIP	<b>Thurs. 7th May 2020</b> (Feria) 9:15am: <i>for vocations to the Priesthood from our own Parish families</i>
<b>(Early) "May Day" Bank Holiday</b> <b>For: VE (Victory in Europe) Day</b> <b>Friday 8th May 2020</b> (Feria) <b>(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart)</b> 9:15am: <i>Our Lady, Queen of Peace</i>	<b>Sat. 9th May 2020</b> (Feria) 9:15am: Jean Sharkey RIP (Helen Davies)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)</b> <b>Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; 1 Pet 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12</b>	
<b>Saturday 9th May 2020</b> <i>No evening Holy Mass</i>	<b>Sunday 10th May 2020</b> 9:15am: People of the Parish

**If you can, THIS MAY PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY** in the Family **EVERYDAY:**  
for Peace, and an end of the Wuhan / Corona Virus.  
**The Rosary gives Our Lady, Mary Our Mother, A CROWN OF ROSES.**  
The Italian for the "ROSARY" is "CORONA", which is "CROWN"!

**Anniversaries of Death**

Bridget Hempenstall, Julia Charteris, Marjorie Masters, Norah Cullen, Margaret Kitterick, John Sullivan, Mary Bargery, Eileen Maxted, Molly and Tommy Boshell, Beatrice Caine, Thomas Robb, Richard Hanrahan, Pauline Price, Kitty Patterson, Catherine Sheppard, Caroline Harvey, Luigi Broglia

**Christ the Shepherd brings us life**

God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become the **gateway to Eternal Life** because He laid down His life for us. Even though we "had gone astray" through sin, nevertheless "by His wounds" we "have been healed" and given a new purpose and direction in our lives. Let us look and work to that Eternal Life!



**THIS IS: "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY".**  
**During this time of pandemic Holy Mass is offered every day by Fr David, without a congregation, at about 9.15am, followed by a Holy Hour, or two, and the Blessing of the Whole Parish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Confessions may be heard by appointment, on request. Please phone or Email to arrange a reasonable time.

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**MARY'S Merry MONTH OF MAY: The Month of THE HOLY ROSARY.**  
Please pray the Family Rosary everyday for Peace and an end to the Virus ...

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### Parish Giving:

A very big: **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,**  
to all Parishioners who have been making your usual and regular donations to  
St Mary's Church. **Thank you for all your continued  
generosity and financial support.**

If you wish to contribute to the Parish, please see the Notice of  
**Parish Giving** in last weekend's Newsletter: **25th / 26th April 2020.**

### BEXLEY FOODBANK DONATIONS

We are currently unable to deliver donations of Food/Toiletries to Foodbank but their need is greater than ever. If you feel you would like to continue support of Foodbank at this time by making a monetary donation, however small or large, this would be most welcome. Foodbank can then arrange to buy their most urgent needs. This will need to be made by electronic transfer **via online banking** to the account of Churches Together in Crayford. (of whom I am Treasurer)

Bank details are: **BARCLAYS BANK PLC, SORT CODE: 20-06-72,**  
**ACCOUNT NO: 30294063**  
**ACCOUNT NAME: CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD,**  
**REFERENCE: FOODBANK DONATION**

Thank you for your consideration, God Bless & keep safe. *Alex Rees*

### Early Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May 2020

This year the early May Bank Holiday Monday has moved from  
**Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May** to coincide with  
the 75th Anniversary of **Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)**  
to mark the end of the Second World War. Some roads in the local area  
are arranging a street party in celebration of this day by decorating the  
fronts of their houses and preparing food to enjoy in their front gardens  
and with their neighbours (**keeping social distancing regulations**).

A lovely way to celebrate with your neighbours and enjoy the lovely  
sunshine in your front gardens to share happiness and friendship in  
these desperate times of lockdown, Coronavirus and sadness.

### PLEASE PRAY the ROSARY every day, with Mary, our Mother

for everyone's **Conversion to God** and **Peace in the World**, and for  
freedom from the Covid-19 / Wuhan Virus, and for **support of the N. H. S.**  
If you are already offering a **daily Rosary**, please increase to **two**, or **three**, or  
even **four** ... at the beginning of the day, at midday and in the evening.

Each Rosary will take 20 minutes. "Pray, pray, pray very much ..."

Please join **THE ROSARY MISSION: MARY'S MONTH OF MAY 2020 .**

Please see: **rosaryshrine.co.uk**

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:

**This Sunday 3rd May 2020**

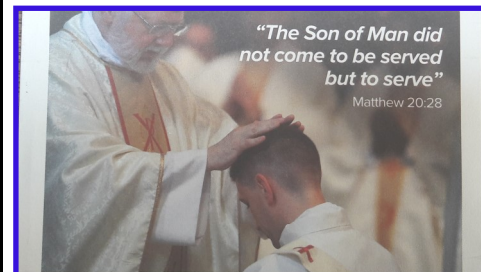
O God,  
You sent Your Son,  
Jesus, to bring eternal life  
to those who believe.  
I join Him in praying for  
labourers for Your harvest.  
May Your Holy Spirit inspire  
men and women to continue  
His mission through  
Your priesthood, diaconate,  
religious life and lay ministry.  
May this same Spirit make known  
Your will for my life.

**Amen.**



**J. + M. + J.  
Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**

**I give You  
my heart  
and my soul.**



### MARRIAGE WEEK 2020 - MON. 11th – Sun. 17th May

is the week that is nationally set aside to celebrate  
**commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage.** The theme this year is  
**"The Forever Conversation,"** recognising the need for continual open  
communication to enable a marriage to be long lasting.  
**Marriage Encounter** is working in partnership with **Marriage Week UK**  
to promote events and celebrate marriage. For more information see  
<https://marriage-week.org.uk/> or <https://wwme.org.uk/>

Please pray for the Souls of:

**John Griffith**, the brother of Liz Doherty;

**Sister Finbar (Margaret) Egan LSU,**

**Michael Deen**, whose Funeral will take place on Tuesday 12th May  
at St Paulinus Cemetery, and

**Michael Claridge**, at Eltham Crematorium on Thursday 14th May, and also for  
**Fr. Gerry Flood**, formerly of St Theresa's, Biggin Hill:

**V/:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
**R/:** and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
**May they rest in peace.**

### Please pray for the members of our Parish family who are sick:

Alan Wall, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer,  
Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Darryl D'Cruz, David Hull, Felicity Dyer, Ivor  
Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie  
Rogerston, Maureen Sheldon, Pat Price, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox and Veronica  
Francis