

PREPARE FOR PENTECOST:

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS
TUESDAY 4TH MAY -
Tuesday 1st June 2021

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese.

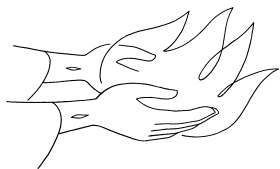
Each Tuesday evening the seminars will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing.

On Saturday 22nd May, in addition to the Tuesday evenings, the series will feature a double-bill of seminars (a separate link will be emailed to all registrants for this special day).

For more information go to the **Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** at:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/>

or Google: **Southwark Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team.**



From your Confirmation in the Holy Spirit:

You are a Soldier of Christ, so, PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD:

1. I place upon my HEAD the HELMET OF SALVATION as a protection against all thinking, speaking, seeing, which is not of You.
2. I place upon my CHEST the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS as a protection against all unrighteous thoughts, all fear and anxiety, all sickness and all harm to the body.
3. I place upon my WAIST the GIRDLE OF TRUTH that I may be truthful at every level of my being.
4. I place upon my FEET the SANDALS OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, that I may be the messenger of Your GOOD NEWS to others.
5. I place in my LEFT HAND the SHIELD OF FAITH with which to quench all the flaming darts of the enemy.
6. I take in my RIGHT HAND the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT with which to attack the stronghold of the enemy. *(Ephesians 6: 11-17)*

JESUS,

through Your Precious Blood,

protect me (and ...) from all harm, evil and attacks of the devil, now, today, (...) and at all times of special difficulty or danger, and forever.
AMEN.

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) - 25th April 2021**

In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Hope of the Sick: Pray for us!
Patron of the Dying: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

“I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.” How can we fail to see in these words an implicit reference to the reference to the mystery of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection? **“I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord, and I have power to take it up again”** *(John 10:17-18)*. Christ freely offered Himself on the Cross and rose by virtue of His own divine power. Therefore the allegory of the good shepherd has a strongly paschal character and for this reason the Church proposes it for our reflection during this Easter season. Christ’s pastoral mission is a universal mission, which is not limited to the sons and daughters of Israel, but, by virtue of His sacrifice on the Cross, embraces all men and all peoples.”
(Pope John Paul II).

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd May 2021
Since we had no Flower Collection for Easter, will be for:
the Flowers for the Church.
Please use the square brown envelopes and mark them “FLOWERS”. Thank you.

Shepherds, like soldiers, protect and guard their sheep against all attacks of wild beasts and men, and from error.

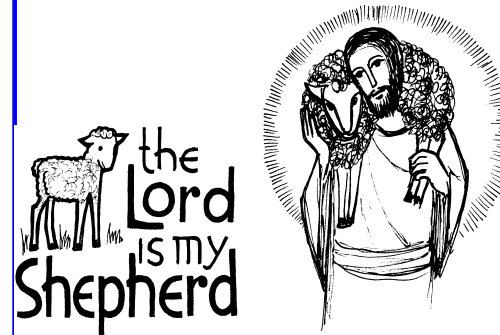
- The Shepherd boy: David, who slew the giant warrior: Goliath, was not idle in watching over his father’s sheep, but trained, exercised, “worked-out” and practised with sling shot, rod and staff, to defend the sheep against lions, bears, wolves and humans.

- He also watched with vigilance against them “wandering off”, erring from the right path and way, and “getting lost” on their own.

- He may also have sung for them and to them, so they knew his voice well.

- He lived and stayed among them out in the fields, and beside any pen nearer home.

- Our Lord, Jesus, is the Shepherd King, Who, through His Pastors: Bishops and priests, calls home to Him His sheep in these troubling days.



**POPE FRANCIS INVITES
All Catholics and
Marian Shrines
around the world
to dedicate
the month of May
to a marathon of prayer
for an end to
the Covid-19 pandemic.**

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

PRAYER INITIATIVE

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," Pope Francis will open the **MARIAN MONTH OF PRAYER ON SATURDAY 1ST MAY WITH A ROSARY BROADCAST ACROSS Vatican Media's platforms.** Each day will see **Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 pm Rome time** from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

Please: Pray the Holy Rosary everyday, at least individually and especially, if you can, in your Families, and with others. Thank you. Fr David.

HAPPY AND BLESSED FEASTS:

ST MARK, THE EVANGELIST:

Gospel Writer: companion of St Paul, and disciple of St Peter - he reproduced his teachings in his Gospel.
Symbol: the winged Lion.

(Sunday 25th April)

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL:

(Monday 26th April)

ST PETER CHANEL,

Marist Missionary priest to Oceania and martyr: 1803 - 1841

ST LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON

DE MONTFORT - priest:

Born Montfort-La-Cane, Brittany, 1673:

Priest 1700, Died: 1716, aged 43 years.

Third Order Dominican, founder of the Company of Mary (de Montfort Fathers) and Daughters of Divine Wisdom. Wrote: The Secret of the Rosary and True Devotion to Mary.

"Ad Jesum, per Mariam." To Jesus through Mary

(Wednesday 28th April)

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Born Siena: 1347 - Died in Rome: 1380 aged 33 years. Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe and Patron Saint of St Catherine's School, Watling Street: **Third Order Dominican, cared for the sick during plague, called the Pope back to Rome from Avignon, France.**

(Thursday 29th April)

SAINT PIUS V, Pope

Born: 1504, Pope: 1566, died 1st May 1572.

(Friday 30th April) Dominican, Reforming Pope of the Council of Trent, and Pope at the time of the Battle of Lepanto,; Our Lady of Victories, of The Rosary: 7th October 1571

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

(Saturday 1st May) and

FIRST SATURDAY OF MAY:

Remember Fatima 13th May 1917

**Prayer of Pope Francis
in the Year of
St Joseph:**

**Hail, Guardian of
the Redeemer,
Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted
His only Son;
in you Mary
placed her trust;
with you Christ
became man.**

**Blessed Joseph,
to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us
in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy, and courage,
and defend us
from every evil.
Amen.**

SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR,

PATRON OF ENGLAND

(Died: A.D. 303)

St George was martyred in Palestine during the persecution of Diocletian at Diospolis (Lydda, now Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel), where his tomb can be found.

Legend depicts him killing a dragon, a symbol of the triumph over evil, the devil.

He is the image of Christian Chivalry and the patron saint of several countries and regions, including England.

He reminds us that in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we are called to be **"Soldiers of Christ"** - Spiritual Prayer Warriors, doing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and Charity.

**MARIAN
ANTHON
FOR EASTER
TIME:**

*(For use instead
of the Angelus
at 6:00am, 12 noon,
and 6:00pm.)*

**V: Regina caeli,
laetare: Alleluia!**

**V: Queen of
Heaven, rejoice!
Alleluia!**

**R: Quia quem
meruisti portare.
Alleluia.**

**R: For He Whom
you did merit to
bear. Alleluia.**

**V: Resurrexit,
sicut dixit.
Alleluia.**

**V: Has Risen,
as He said.
Alleluia.**

**R: Ora pro nobis
Deum. Alleluia.**

**R: Pray for us to
God. Alleluia.**

**V: Gaude et Lae-
tare, Virgo Maria.
Alleluia.**

**V: Rejoice and be
glad O Virgin
Mary. Alleluia.**

**R: Quia surrexit
Dominus vere.
Alleluia.**

**R: For the Lord
is truly Risen.
Alleluia.**

Oremus.

Let us pray.

**Deus, Qui per
resurrectionem
Filii tui, Domini
nostri Iesu Christi,
mundum laetificare
dignatus es:**

**O God, Who
have been pleased
to gladden the
world by the
Resurrection of
Your Son
Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
grant,
we pray,
that through His
Mother, the Virgin
Mary, we may
receive the joys of
everlasting life.**

**praesta,
quaesumus;
ut per eius
Genitricem
Virginum Mariam,
pereptue capiamus
gaudia vitae.**

**Per eundem
Christum
Dominum nostrum.
R: Amen.**

**Through the same
Christ
Our Lord.
R: Amen.**