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Sunday, 4th May 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

Saturday	6.00 -	Mass: Sick of the Parish	<u>This Weekend:</u> SURVIVE-MIVA Appeal (Missionary Vehicle Association) Sunday: 11.00 – Hospitality: Club 11.15-12.15 – SYNOD Listening Meeting Wednesday: 10.00 – Probus: Club 12.00 – Ladies Lunch Club: Club Thursday: WOW Day: School 4.30 – Finance Committee: School 5.30 – Curriculum Committee: School Next Weekend: 2nd collection Priest's Training Fund (gift aid envelopes at the back of Church) Our church is open daily 8.30 am – 3.30 pm for anyone to come in and pray Masses at Don Orione Mon, Tue, Wed 6.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sunday 10.00 am
Sunday	10.00 - 11.15 -	Mass: Margaret Rigby with Children's Liturgy Holy Communion to Homes	
Monday	9.00 -	Mass: Dorothy McPhail (RIP)	
Tuesday	9.15 -	Mass: Shaun Moran (L.D.)	
Wednesday	12.00 -	Mass: Bernard Anthony Wilson (Anniv)	
Thursday	9.00 -	Mass: Foundation Mass Richard Langtree & Mary Rennick	
Friday	8.30 - 11.15 - 1.30 -	Mass: Special Intention Holy Communion to Douglas Bank Funeral Service: Francis Atherton	
		<u>Next Weekend: 4th Sunday of Easter</u>	
Saturday	9.00 - 6.00 -	Adoration Mass: Parishioners	
Sunday	10.00 - 11.00 - 11.15 -	Mass: All Mothers with Children's Liturgy Baptism Preparation #1 and Welcome Holy Communion to Homes	

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Preparing next Sunday's Mass: First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52 *Paul Turns to the Gentiles*
 Second Reading: Revelation 7:9. 14-17 *The Innumerable Gathering of the Redeemed*
 Gospel: John 10:27-30 *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd is the nearest saying approaching a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special meaning from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second King David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks. Particularly in these verses we see the unity of the risen Christ and the Father in their role of shepherds of the sheep, just as in our second reading from the Book of Revelation we see the unity of the LORD God and the Lamb, both revered on the one throne. **What is involved in imitating Christ as shepherd?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word", download more at: www.wednesdayword.org/parish
 and also try: www.sundaygospel.co.uk

PARISH VISION

Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'Is it the Lord?' Fish without number. Nets too heavy for lifting now. You gave more fish than they could ever hold. And John saw with his eyes of love that the man on the shore was Jesus! The risen Jesus, not a ghost but really him! 'Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep,' he says to Peter, and of course wants us to do that to. Easter continues in you...in me.

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2019

May – Church in Africa

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 the continent. Further information can be found at www.apostleshipofprayer.org

SYNOD 2020: HAVE YOUR SAY

Please ensure that your voice is heard in response to the Four Synod Questions. Attend a local Listening Gathering in your parish or Pastoral Area. The first listening exercise is this weekend, **Sunday 5th May, at 11.15am** in St Teresa's club. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Watch this space for details of other meetings in the area. Respond online at www.synod2020.co.uk. Take a questionnaire from the back of church, complete it in your own time and return it to the Focus team box or post it through the parish house letter box. Tell other people about the Synod and the Synod survey. See the parish website, Fr Philip or Christine Southworth for more information. The Synod prayer and liturgy group has produced some Easter reflections, which introduce our Synod Questions, with Gospel reflections over four consecutive Sundays beginning with the third Sunday of Easter (5 May 2019). You can find these at <https://synod2020.co.uk/news>

OUR SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives. As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be. May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

TOWARDS SYNOD 2020

The Parish Council of St Charles and St Thomas More extend an invitation to the whole Archdiocese to join them in a series of theological talks, as they listen and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All the talks take place on **Tuesday** evenings, beginning at 7pm, in the Parish Hall (224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 9PG) and will be followed by light refreshments. **Tuesday 7 May - The Social Mission of the Church** - Monsignor John Armitage.

A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace ...

I love May (it is my birthday month – hint!) because it is a great opportunity to sing all the Marian hymns. Throughout this month of May, I will be sharing with you some of my favourite hymns to Our Lady. Some may be familiar, others less so. This week I am sharing 'My Soul Rejoices' by The Dameans and 'Holy is His Name' by John Michael Talbot. I learnt these songs as a child in the early 80s and they remind me of good times growing up. Both songs are versions of the 'Magnificat'. The Dameans met as seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and rose to prominence in the folk music era of the 1970s. <https://tinyurl.com/y56thrgd> John Michael Talbot is an American Roman Catholic singer/songwriter and founder of a monastic community known as the Brothers and Sisters of Charity <https://tinyurl.com/ya4k7r4j>

ST. TERESA'S have a new Facebook page. Please find us at St. Teresa's RC Church Upholland.

RCIA (ASK): We have a new name for all the meetings until the end of June: **GIFT** (Growing in Faith Together) not ASK please.

SHALOM GROUP will be having a Jacob's join at Bernard and Margaret Keyworth's (61 Dingle Road) on **Sunday, 19th May** at 3pm. All are welcome, so please come along, the more the merrier!

THANK YOU to the staff of Upholland Premier who provided the supplies for Hospitality on Easter Sunday, and bottled water and tissues for use in church.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: **Sunday, 26th May, 2pm** – May Procession – more details next week.

DAY OF RENEWAL: A Day of Renewal is being held at St. Mary's, Lowe House on **Saturday, 18th May** from 10am throughout the day, led by two Christian/Catholic evangelists: Ros Powell and Shauna Tooley. Lunch and refreshments are included. There is no cost but, as numbers are limited, we are issuing tickets. To book contact Deacon Dave Caldwell on 07523 425540, Maria Overend on 07730 413283, Ken McCabe on 07956 787570 or any of the Healing Prayer Ministry Team. See the poster at the back of church.

CELEBRATE THE CHILD MASS: Our Annual Family Celebration Mass continues its pilgrimage around the diocese. This year it will be held at St Peter and Paul's Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes, WA8 7DW on **Sunday, 30th June** at 3pm. Fun activities will start at 1pm where children can participate in the preparations leading up to the Mass. The Main Celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

RIGHT to LIFE UK: This annual event will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May**, at 13.00, but please come earlier (12.30) to hear speeches and pre-walk instructions. We are very grateful to the generosity and dedication of Lord David Alton of Liverpool who is taking part once again. The walk, in the beautiful Ribble Valley, is a happy, joyful and enjoyable occasion and it is guided by Parish Priest, Mgr. John Corcoran and his team of helpers. It is an eight mile circular walk, and will start and finish, as in previous years, at St. Michael and St. John's parish church in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Clitheroe. Refreshments will be available during and after the event. If you are able to attend, please contact Moira Billinge for further information at moira.billinge@btinternet.com or 0754 511 8743. If you can't attend, please consider sponsoring the walk by making a donation through our website at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/donate/>

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Upholland Methodist Church, Tuesday mornings 9-12 noon – all are welcome. It would be nice to see some faces from St. Teresa's, especially anyone who would like to volunteer to help, and with the putting away in the last hour or so. Strong able bodied people would be particularly helpful.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL CHOIRS present Handel's 'Messiah', **Saturday, 11th May**, 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Tickets (£10/£15) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral or from the Gift Shop, Tel 0151 707 3525.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £391.04 + S/O £270