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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 20th/21st 2024
Good Shepherd *and* Vocation Sunday

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm 117:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.



Intentions for the Masses celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Dermot Giles RIP (Valerie Swail)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Eileen White RIP
	11:30 a.m.:	Susan Bell RIP

Saints of the Week

Monday	22 nd April:	St. Soter, Pope
Tuesday	23 rd April:	St. George, Martyr
Wednesday	24 th April:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest
Thursday	25 th April:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Friday	26 th April:	St. Cletus, Pope and Martyr
Saturday	27 th April:	St. Zita of Lucca, Religious

EVENTS

Classical Music Evening

Experience a night of musical brilliance on **Saturday, 18th May at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a symphonic journey featuring the timeless melodies of Bach and Couperin on the harpsichord, the emotive aria "Lascia ch'io pianga" by Handel, enchanting renditions of Amarilli, Mia Bella from Rinaldo by Caccini, and more. Tickets are £20 each (£10 for children) available from any Pastoral Team Member. After the performance, mingle with the musicians over wine and nibbles in the Church Hall. Don't miss this chance to uplift your spirits and be inspired by the beauty of music, all in support of Nekemte School Project.



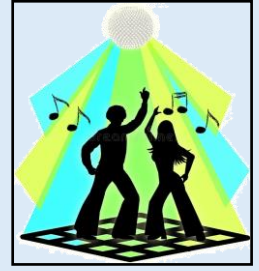
ART EXHIBITION by Harvey Martin

On **May 11th and 12th**, the Church Hall will host an art exhibit showcasing original paintings by Harvey Martin, of captivating landscapes, seascapes and enjoy his interpretations of masterpieces by renowned artists like Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Gauguin, the Scottish Colourists and more! Harvey is generously offering the proceeds from his paintings to support our Nekemte School Project. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for this thoughtful gesture, as we make our final push in raising funds for Nekemte.



Fancy Dress Disco with Auction: 'Boogie Nights'

We're taking it back to the days of bell-bottoms and disco balls, so lace up those dancing shoes and get ready to hit the dance floor as we rally behind the Nekemte School Project. Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 24th**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are £35 per person. Enjoy a buffet and we're kicking it up a notch with an auction that's hotter than a Saturday night fever. So grab your tickets, round up your crew, and join us for a night of fun, and fundraising for the Nekemte School Project. It's gonna be one funky, fabulous, and unforgettable night!



YOUTH CORNER

The fall of Adam and Eve came about as a result of their lack of trust in God - this was original sin. As the Catechism explains (#397), "Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. "This is what man's first sin consisted of. "All subsequent sin would be disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his goodness."



Jesus came to win back that lost trust, so as to lead us away from our self-centred, fear-filled, sin-wounded lives and back into his faithful Flock. By giving up his own life to atone for our sins, he showed that the Father is worthy of our trust, that he will forgive us, protect us, and lead us to rich pastures. God will never abandon us in our need - never. The passion, death, and resurrection of Christ are evidence of God's unwavering commitment to us, despite the devil's attempts to scatter us. He freely obeyed with the total obedience that Adam and Eve had lacked. Christ was faithful to his mission. He is the good shepherd, the one we can trust, the one who cares more about our lives than we do ourselves, the Lord who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for ours.

As a Community, we trust Jesus as our Good Shepherd, yet we can deepen this trust further. Strengthening our trust enables us to follow him closely, enriching our lives with strength, joy, and grace. Two simple ways to enhance this trust are through prayer and sharing the Gospel. Through prayer, we connect with God's goodness, making it easier to trust Him as we deepen our understanding of His character. Additionally, sharing the good news of Christ's gospel with others not only supports them in their struggles but also strengthens our own trust as we witness God's transformative power in their lives. As we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist, let's thank him from the bottom of our hearts, and let's ask him to help us to spread the good news of the trustworthy shepherd who guides us through life.

Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Let us remember and pray for the candidates of our Community preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week, **Sunday, April 28th, at 5:00 p.m.** in the serene surroundings of St. George's College Chapel, Weybridge. In this Sacrament, Bishop Richard, along with the praying Community and in the name of the Church, calls upon the Holy Spirit. Through the laying on of hands and the anointing with the oil of Chrism, the Holy Spirit will affirm the ongoing work of God within each individual. It is a deeply personal encounter with the Divine.



Gracious God, as **Ayza, Edward, Luca, Mara, Myles, Sean, Sharrelle, Sofia, and Vittoria** prepare for Confirmation, open their hearts and minds to receive your grace. Guide them to understand that you confirm all the goodness within them, present and yet to unfold. Kindle within them a fervent desire to know and follow Jesus as a disciple, with a grateful and courageous heart.



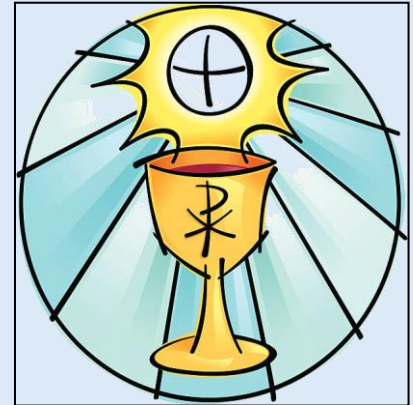
Thank You for Quiz Night Success!

Thank you to all who participated and helped make our recent Quiz Night a resounding success! Your generosity helped us raise an impressive **£985.00p** for the Nekemte School Project and everyone thoroughly enjoying the evening.

THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Contemplate for a moment those special individuals and meaningful circumstances that have left an indelible mark on your heart. Consider those whom you hold in your prayers or to whom you wish to extend profound gratitude.

Offering a Mass is a deeply reverent act of prayer, one that not only nurtures the spiritual well-being of its intended recipients but also extends invaluable support to our Fathers and the entire Faith Community. As Pope Francis eloquently affirms, 'Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God.' The Mass stands as the quintessential prayer, the central cornerstone of our faith-filled lives and the primary means by which we come together as a community to worship God.



If you wish to request a Mass, please complete an envelope available at the rear of the Church, and then either place it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or deposit it in the letterbox at the Fathers' House.

SACRED HEART WEBSITE

Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

To receive our newsletter via email every Saturday morning, simply notify one of the Fathers, and we'll ensure you're added to the list. If you know someone who would like to stay informed, please let us know, and we'll include them on our mailing list with their consent.

For those without computer or internet access, we're delighted to send a paper copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post. Kindly provide your/their name and address, and if necessary, obtain the person's consent. Thank you for staying connected with Sacred Heart Sunningdale!

Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Moment of Prayer:** We hold a prayer service every Friday following the spirituality of *Taizé* which is characterised by silent contemplation of the Word of God and inspired by *Music*. The Prayer will take place after the 6:00 p.m. Mass and will last approximately 30 minutes in the meeting room of the Father's house. All Are Welcome!
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning. If you would like to receive it, simply give one of the Father's your email address.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** in person in the Father's house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be **2nd May** and we will begin at: **7:30 p.m.** You will be able to connect via Zoom beginning at 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will be on **Thursday 16th May**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will cover the last chapter of our book: *God's Big Picture, A Bible Overview* by Vaughan Roberts.
- **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.*
- **Daily Mass:** From Monday through Friday daily Mass is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Father's House. Mass is preceded by Evening Prayer beginning at 5:45 p.m.

SERVICES TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Church Cleaning Roster:

April 20th Tom and Kinga Checkiewicz

Next Week:

April 27th Katria, Kan and Gabriel Li

Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or by mobile telephone on 07973 724404.

Readers:

April 20th 6:00 p.m.: **Jo Smith**
April 21st 10:00 a.m.: **Ros Mcwhinnie**
April 21st 11:30 a.m.: **David Cleworth**

Next week:

April 27th 6:00 p.m.: **Shiphrah Johnson**
April 28th 10:00 a.m.: **Valerie Pike**
April 28th 11:30 a.m.: **Pat Smyth**

Flower Rota:

April 21st **Mary Kennedy**

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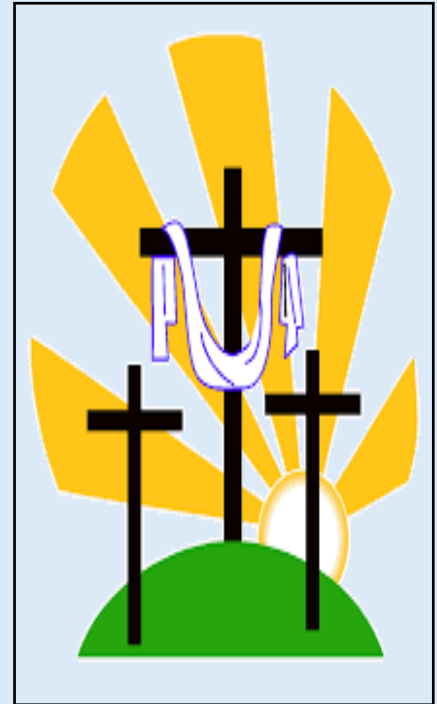
April 28th **Pat Smyth**

Coffee after 10:00 a.m. Mass

April 21st **Sheila, Pauline and Clare**

Next week:

April 28th **Margaret and Rosa**



Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£1,553.97p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, during the week. We 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**.

Prayer Requests for this Week

For the eternal rest of **John McKenna**, brother-in-law of Pauline McKenna who died on 14th April 2024 at the age of 71 after a fall.

For the safety and spiritual renewal of **Philip Noons** and his nephew, who are on the pilgrimage 'The Way of St. James' to Santiago de Compostella in Spain.

For the good health and recovery of **Rick Johnstone**, who has recently had heart surgery.

Your prayers are also requested

For continued good health & well-being of **Christopher Rowbotham**, recovering from a fall.

For the good health and well-being of Pastoral Team Member **Anne Colquhoun**, recovering from knee surgery and continued tinnitus.

For the good health and recovery of **Julie Mallinson**, who is in hospital with pneumonia.

For the eternal rest of **Richard Mitura**, uncle of Tom Chekiewicz, who died 31st March 2024.

For **Canon Philip Dyson** of the Plymouth Diocese, who is in the late stage of inoperable cancer.

For the good health and continued recovery of **Kathleen Berry** who is now home from hospital.

For continued good health & well-being of **Jill McPhillips**, we pray for her strength and healing.

For the continued good health and recovery of **Terence Pike** who is now home from hospital.

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.