



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Fourth Sunday of Easter"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 3rd May 2020	Fourth Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Monday 4th	The English Martyrs	All Masses Suspended		
Tuesday 5th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Wednesday 6th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Thursday 7th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Friday 8th	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Saturday 9th May	Easter Feria	All Masses Suspended		
Sunday 10th May 2020	Fifth Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		

Please see below **web address** which contains posters in 34 different languages containing relevant information regarding Coronavirus aka COVID-19.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#>

### Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'Christianity is not only a doctrine, a way of behaving, a culture. Yes, it is also these things. But the core of Christianity is an encounter: the encounter with Jesus. A Christian is a person who has encountered Jesus Christ, and was open to that encounter.'

### Please pray for:

all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2020.

#### Prayer intention for evangelisation - For Deacons .

We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## Third Sunday of Easter

### Gospel Reflection

The presentation of the Good Shepherd is the nearest approach to a parable given to us in the Gospel of John. Jesus tells it immediately after a major clash with the Pharisees as a result of his cure of the Man Born Blind. This position gives it additional force, the hearers could not fail to understand it in the light of the chapter of Ezekiel 34, in which the prophet contrasts the lazy and self-seeking shepherds ruling Israel in Ezekiel's day with the ideal shepherd whom God would send as his representative. This shepherd would be God himself and of his servant David. So, Jesus' description of himself as the Good Shepherd is at once a claim to be the Messiah of the line of David and in some sense to be himself the divine Shepherd of Israel.

Stories and images of farming life abound in all the Gospels, a testimony to the background of Jesus and his hearers in the farming communities of Galilee. These are the images which would naturally spring to mind. In most of these parables, sheep appear as helpless and gormless creatures, prone to getting lost and needing to be sought out, carried on the shoulders of the shepherd – an apt image of most of the time! Only in this parable are they more responsive and seem to have a real relationship with their shepherd, having confidence to go out through the gate into freedom when he opens it, recognising his voice, following him and even responding when he calls their name. We might pray to have that confidence and warmth of relationship. (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

### A DAILY PRAYER

Please say this prayer every together with the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary & Glory be. It has been adapted by Rev Andrew Cole from a prayer written by the Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race,  
healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis,  
save us in this time of crisis,  
comfort the sick and the dying,  
the isolated and the afraid;  
be with us in our need.

Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders  
And all who are responsible for the common good.

Watch over everyone who is working  
in our National Health Service as they tend the sick,  
all who are supporting the vulnerable,  
and those who are working for a cure.

Stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

By the power of your love  
destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and grant that the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
may we, like the Paschal Candle  
marked with the sign of the Cross  
give of ourselves and burn yet more brightly,  
for love conquers everything, light transforms darkness.  
By welcoming Christ into our hearts each and every day,  
may we always spread your love far and wide  
by valuing in all in the name of Jesus the Christ  
and being the people you have made us to be.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and. Amen.  
Our Lady Immaculate, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady  
Health of the Sick:  
pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of Jesus, guardian of us all:  
pray for us.  
St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese of Nottingham:  
pray for us.

### "Unmentioned in Despatches"

By Poet Peter Wyton

Some of them never come home to fanfares, they dump their  
kit-bags down at the door, kiss their wives and let their chil-  
dren wrestle them down to the kitchen floor, switch the telly  
on, pour out a whiskey, search for the local football score.

Some of them skip the quayside welcome, dodge the bunting  
and cannonade, make their landfall in silent harbours, nod to  
the coastguard, but evade the searchlight of public scrutiny  
like those engaged in the smuggling trade.

Some of them land at lonely airfields far removed from the  
celebration, hang their flying gear in a locker, cadge a lift to  
the railway station, make for home and take for granted the  
short-lived thanks of a grateful nation.

Some of them miss the royal salute, the victory parade along  
the Mall, the fly-past, the ships in formation passing the  
cheering crowds on the harbour wall. Remembered only by  
friends and relatives, some of them never come home at all.

### Copy of Letter from Louise Wilson CEO of The St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust

"I am writing to announce that Mrs Morrisroe has decided to  
leave her role as Headteacher at St Augustine Webster Catho-  
lic Voluntary Academy at the end of the Lent term to pursue  
academic interests.

"On behalf of the St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Acade-  
my Trust and the school I would like to acknowledge the  
commitment and dedication she has shown, during her 20  
years at the school, most recently in the role of Headteacher.  
We offer her our best wishes for the future.

"Mrs Morrisroe has asked that I pass on her thanks for the  
support and assistance she has received from all of the staff  
whom she has worked with during her time at St Augustine  
Webster. She is extremely proud of the school and would  
like to wish all of the pupils and their families at Saint Au-  
gustine Webster the best of luck for the future. She will re-  
member them all with great fondness."