

### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, KENNINGTON

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, the congregation of Good Shepherd and I have been involved in discussions—with each other, with our landlord, with the diocese, and with Almighty God—since before Christmas, about our continued use of the Good Shepherd site. The church was built in the late 1950s, and its continued survival is just one indication of the love and loyalty of those who worship there, and of the tenacity of that noble idea of providing a space for the worthy celebration of the sacraments close to where people live.

The building itself was sold, effective January 2016, to the brain-injury recovery charity Headway. Headway had been using the premises for office space, rehabilitation programmes, meetings, and other purposes, since 2002; the sale came after some fairly lengthy negotiations. As part of the conditions of sale, the parish was to become a tenant, and we were to be able to use the building for weekly Masses on Monday evenings, as well as at Christmas and Easter. For historical background, there has not been a weekly Sunday Mass celebrated in Kennington since 1999. This 'Mondays-and-Holy-Days' arrangement was to have continued for five years from the date of the sale's conclusion.

Before Christmas, we were informed that Headway wished to install some new exercise equipment to aid in their rehabilitation work. A grant for this had been forthcoming, and conditions were in place about when it needed to be spent. The only space, practically speaking, in which this equipment could be placed was in front of the altar. We had, therefore, as congregation and pastor, a difficult decision to confront. We might have refused our consent for the use of this shared area of the building to be thus changed, but we felt that we could not in good conscience do so. We were thus compelled to face the idea that our use of the building might come to an end sooner than we had anticipated—especially given the care taken to ensure that continued use. We have been a small, though intensely loyal and mutually supportive, Monday night congregation at Kennington. But our worship would now have to continue in a space increasingly needed for other things, a space no longer 'ours', into which to invite newcomers. Those who attend the Monday evening Mass are able to get to Mass on Sundays, either in this parish or nearby; those who are no longer able to get there on Mondays are visited regularly.

We therefore came to the decision that we would cease to hold services in the Good Shepherd/Headway building. Christmas 2016, and Easter 2017, would be the last such solemnities kept there. And now, 24 April, St George's Day (transferred), is to be the last Monday evening Mass in this place. I have received permission from the Bishop for this development, and his permission includes detailed instructions about what must happen to our large stone altar. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that it is going to St John's Catholic Church, Wallingford. It therefore remains in the deanery, and nearby at that, and we commend Fr Philip Harris and the people of Wallingford on their astute choice of sanctuary furniture. The altar will be moved on Saturday 22 April, and installed later on.

We invite you, if you are able, to join us this Monday 24 April at 6.30pm (you may wish to bring something to sit on...). If not, please say an Our Father and a Hail Mary for our intention, and why not add a version of Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my Shepherd', too? We have not yet decided what we shall do, either about Mass on Mondays, or about Mass in Kennington, and will have a bit of a breather before we reach any conclusions. Time to grieve is necessary, but we give thanks for the multitude of God's blessings showered upon us, as we have rested here on this stage of our pilgrimage of grace.  
*Fr Daniel*

#### Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

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<b>SUNDAY</b> 23 April	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF THE DIVINE MERCY)</b> <b>LOW SUNDAY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday Sung Mass</b> 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Theo McCabe Ints.</i> <b>The Solemnity of St George is transferred to tomorrow.</b>
Monday 24 April	<b>ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND</b> <b>Mass 6.30pm — Final Mass at Good Shepherd</b>
Tuesday 25 April	<b>St Mark, Apostle</b> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Men's Group 8.30pm <i>Location: please check with Chris or Roddy</i>
Wednesday 26 April	<i>of the Second Week of Easter</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 27 April	<i>of the Second Week of Easter</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>JRL Highfield RIP</i> Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 28 April	<i>St Louis de Montfort</i> Mass 10.00am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> ) <i>RJ Lloyd Ints.</i>
Saturday 29 April	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</b> 9.00am Mass Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-10.00am
<b>SUNDAY</b> 30 April	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday Sung Mass</b> 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> , Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ <b>Holy Rood</b> , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD <b>Good Shepherd</b> Kennington, OX1 5LY ✕ <b>St Thomas More</b> , Boars Hill, OX1 5HD	

**DEPUTY HEAD VACANCY - ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON** | Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack (01235 521558 or email: [bp2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:bp2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) Closing date is **27 April 2017**.

**DAY TO DISCOVER RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN CATECHESIS** | The formation for mission teams is organising a day for catechists and anyone interested in offering on-going faith support and formation for children. The day will include the in-depth discovery of different resources (Godly Play, Come follow me, Messy Church) that can be used in your parish. **Saturday 13 May** will start with Mass at 9.30am at Holy Cross Church and then in the parish hall, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF Bring a packed lunch.

**DAY OF REFLECTION** ✕ Fr Phil Carroll is organising a day of reflection on **Saturday 27 May** for Eucharistic ministers which is open to the pastoral area for those interested. The venue will be at Stonehill House OX14 4AA (off Drayton rd) from 10am till 4pm. For those who might be interested please confirm your attendance by email to: [pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Wednesday 26 April**  
Stella and Maria

**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 10 am** email [hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CHILDREN'S DIARY

*Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.*

**30 April:** After Mass rehearsal for FHC children at OLOR

**7 May:** Procession to Our Lady; after Mass: Talk for children about being Altar Servers, aimed especially at FHC children.

**14 May:** After Mass rehearsal FHC children at OLOR

**21 May:** 9.15am **No children's liturgy** 11.00am **FHC at OLOR**

**28 May 9.15am** FHC children at OLOR with Parish. Dedication of FHC children to Our Lady. **No Children's Liturgy.**

**11.15am FHC at Holy Rood**  
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**FORTHCOMING OBLIGATORY\* SECOND COLLECTIONS** | 6/7 May Clergy Training Fund; 27/28 May Catholic Communications Network; 17/18 June Day for Life; \**Obligatory means that we have to hold them, not that you are compelled to give...*

**DAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS** | A formation day for First Holy Communion Catechists on **Saturday 29 May** from 9.30am to 4pm at St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate, Middle Road, Southampton, SO31 7GH. Bring lunch.

**FREEDOG IN JUNE** | There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10 June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email Melanie [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |

Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Bob Martin, Margaret Sherrington.

#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS |

Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. April's is: **Young People**. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

#### 2017 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (18-25 August) ✕

Participants must be 14-17 by 18 August, places can be secured with £100 deposit which contributes to a total cost of £625. Practical details to follow directly after reservation. Please see promotional cards at the back of the church.

#### RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS ✕

A retreat day for all our diocesan catechists on **Saturday 16 September** from 10am to 3pm at St Dominic's Priory, Lymington (St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Road, Lymington, SO41 8NH)

#### HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP FILM CLUB |

**Sunday 7 May**, featuring 'Suffragette' or 'Swallows and Amazons' 2:30pm start in the Rosary Room. Mass at 4:15pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

#### WOMEN'S READING GROUP |

A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together **AMORIS LAETITIA**. If you would like to join, please contact [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).

**ORDINARIATE** | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Choral Masses resume with the University term; outside term, Saturday evening's Mass is, where possible, sung simply to chant, and lasts about 45min

#### PPC MEETING DIGEST | 22.3.17

**Youth** The group meetings (age 10-15) are going well, much enjoyed by the participants. We hope to widen participation especially to those of this age-group who have connections with the parish but do not attend Mass regularly.

**'Night Fever'** We would like to encourage parish attendance at this event, to be held in the next couple of months at Blackfriars' Priory. More publicity when the date is known.

**World Youth Day** To be held in Panama; we await further information, and hope to have short talks at Masses by former participants.

**Safeguarding** Checks continue to be carried out and the database updated, especially with regard to Extraordinary Ministers, who may take the Sacrament to vulnerable adults.

**Women's Group** Meeting planned for Wednesday 3 May after the morning Mass at Holy Rood.

**Prayer for Priests** Additional prayer cards to be ordered and distributed.

**Lent, Holy Week, Easter** Various events across the parish; Triduum times and details as usual.

**Open Churches** Progressing at Holy Rood, with installation of CCTV. Risk Assessment procedures in progress.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 10 May.** Items to Ian Callaghan (PPC Chair), Fr Daniel, or via Guild emails and meetings.