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Pope Leo XIV

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.

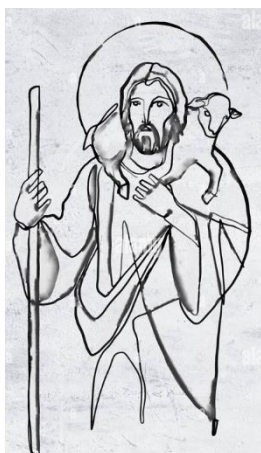
Prayer for the Pope

Let us pray for Leo our Pope. May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen. May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen. May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen.

"Humanity needs Christ as a bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us, and help each other, build bridges." – Pope Leo XIV

11 th May 2025 Psalter Week 3		Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday – Day of Prayer for Priestly Vocations	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 <i>‘Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	We are his people, the sheep of his flock.		
Second Reading	Book of Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14-17 <i>‘The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 10:14 <i>‘I give eternal life to my sheep.’</i>		
Saturday 10 th May +		6.30pm	Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 11 th May +		10.30am	Mass – (Terence Cockings RIP)
Monday 12 th May <i>Feria</i>			No Parish Mass Today
Tuesday 13 th May Our Lady of Fatima		10.00am	Service of Word & Communion
Wednesday 14 th May St Matthias – Apostle			No Parish Mass Today
Thursday 15 th May <i>Feria</i>		10.00am 7.00pm	Service of Word & Communion Adoration
Friday – 16 th May <i>Feria</i>		11.00am	Requiem Mass – Sr Norah Tracey RIP
Saturday – 17 th May St John of Avila – Priest & Doctor			No Parish Morning Mass Today
Fifth Sunday of Easter			
Saturday – 17 th May +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 18 th May +		10.30am	Mass – (Ponso, Florida & Edward Soriano RIP)

We extend a warm welcome to Fr David who will be celebrating
Mass with us this weekend. Welcome ‘home’ Father!
Tea & Coffee will be available of the Sunday 10.30am Mass



Good Shepherd Sunday

The Good Shepherd – Jesus – is attentive to each one of us; he seeks us and loves us, addresses his Word to us, knowing the depths of our heart, our desires, and our hopes, as well as our failures and disappointments. He accepts us and loves us as we are, with our merits and our faults. He “gives eternal life” to each one of us: that is, he offers us the opportunity to live a full life, without end. Moreover, he safeguards us and leads us lovingly, helping us to cross impervious paths and the sometimes-dangerous roads that appear in life.

Pope Francis

Thank you for your Weekly Offering

Offertory	£230.80
Digital Collection Plate	£50.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£782.80
Diocesan Priest Training Fund	£254.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – DIOCESAN BISHOPS FUND

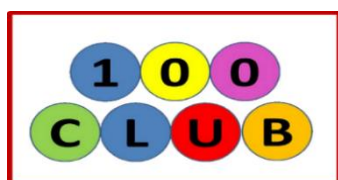


Sr Norah Tracey RIP

The Requiem Mass for Sr Norah will be celebrated here at Our Lady's on **Friday 16th May at 11.00am**. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family, the Sisters here at Olney and Burlington Hall and the wider community of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit. Requiescat in Pace.

Our next Jubilee core theme will be on 'Care for Creation' and will take place from **7.30pm on Thursday 15th May**, in the parish hall. There will be Adoration in the church from 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Many congratulations to Sarah Gould and David Clarke who were married in this church last Saturday. It was a wonderful Nuptial Mass with Sarah and David being surrounded by not only their love for each other but also the love of their families and friends. We hold Sarah and David in our prayers asking God to bless them as they embark on their married life.



We launched our Parish 100 Club last weekend - please pick up a joining pack if you've not had a chance to do so already. For those who collected one last weekend and wish to join, please return them to Michele, Maura or Toby or leave them in the box at the back of the church. Our first draw is on Sunday 6th July after the 10.30am Mass. You can buy as many tickets as you like - you have to be in it to win it! Thank you all so much for supporting this parish fundraising initiative.



Month of May – Our Lady's Month

As we begin the month of May which we dedicate to Our Blessed Lady – Mother of God & Mother of the Church.

It would be good if we could all set aside some time each day during the month to pray the rosary. It would be good also if families could come together in their homes to pray the rosary – this will be a source of great grace. Suggested intentions: That the Holy Spirit will guide our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for peace in our troubled world, (particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudan). For the poor and marginalised in our society, for our families, friends, our parish...



SVP Healing Mass – The annual SVP Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Biju on **Saturday 31st May at midday** and will be followed by lunch. It would help us with the catering if you could let us know if you will be joining us for lunch. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Also please let us know if you would like transport either by phone on **07469 717760** or by email on veronicatarrant@aol.com or contact any member of the Parish SVP.

The SVP continue to provide transport for people who need it. We aim to be able to get people to Mass once a week (often a lot more). There is often a high demand which makes the transport arrangements difficult. We are very grateful to our volunteer drivers who are an enormous help to us. We have a great need for more volunteers - the more we have the less we will need to call on you. If you can help, please contact Veronica or any member of the SVP as above. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy – Mike and Mary do a wonderful job in planning and delivering the liturgy to our young parishioners, we are looking for volunteers to help with the this. In line with diocesan protocol. volunteers will be required to be DBS checked. If you are interested or would simply like to know more about what is involved, please contact Fr Biju, Deacon Peter, Mike, or Mary.

Divine Mercy Talk - Fr Chris Alar MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marion Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge Massachusetts, will be visiting St Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on **Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm**. He will speak on 'The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion'. The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome.

Newsletter Deadline - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise **no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday afternoon**. Items submitted after this deadline cannot be guaranteed to be included until the following week.



"The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus"

St John Mary Vianney

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr David and Deacon Peter