

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

4th Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021 (Year B)

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Please let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin, and search for our private Facebook group

Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 24	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>John and Hilda Kay RIP</i>
Sunday 25	4th Sunday of Easter
10:00am	Mass: <i>Vocations</i>
Monday 26	Feria
Tuesday 27	Feria
Wednesday 28	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>Monica and John Garner</i>
Thursday 29	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, patron of Europe, Feast
Friday 30	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>Stephen Bradley</i>
Saturday 1	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Jean de Groot RIP</i>
Sunday 2	5th Sunday of Easter
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>

BAPTISMS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

With the easing of restrictions I am hoping at long last to re-start all these again very soon now, although we are still subject to regulation and are not yet free to go ahead as we would have done in the past. Please read the following carefully and be in touch with Fr James as soon as you can:

BAPTISMS may take place in church from the 17th May onwards, so I am proposing to begin the pre-baptismal instruction for parents as soon as possible – that is, once I have a full list. At the moment there are four families involved: are there any more??

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

It seems that these can take place now during Mass, so there can be a “normal” sized congregation present. When these do take place I expect that families will want to be present, so there may well be fewer places available at Sunday morning Mass than is usually the case. Once I have the full list we can begin with instruction for the children and young people involved; the course will last several weeks and I shall try to have it at a time convenient to most.

CONFIRMATIONS

We are awaiting episcopal guidance with regard to these. There are at least five people on the list, but there may well be more, so the pre-confirmation course will begin as soon as we have the complete numbers. It would be good to start the course very soon since it will last for well over a month. I shall do my best to let the parents of the young people involved know when the confirmations will take place – and indeed, who will be administering this Sacrament.

It is essential that you make sure your child is on the list, since once the courses have begun it will not be possible to admit late-comers. Please either ring the parish number (and leave a message if need be) or email me on james@ampleforth.org.uk .

These are hugely important events and a cause for celebration for the whole parish, so please be in touch as soon as possible.

God bless you all, and many thanks,

Fr James.

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Thoughts for the Week

Time after time mankind is driven against the rocks of the horrid reality of a fallen creation. And time after time mankind must learn the hard lessons of history – the lessons that for some dangerous and awful reason we can't seem to keep in our collective memory.

Hilaire Belloc – French/English writer

Or if that is too serious for Eastertide, try this one by the same author:

*Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine,
There's always laughter and good red wine.
At least I've always found it so:
Benedicamus Domino!*

Streaming: on-line resources

- Please see our website for a list of these.
- the Diocese (middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk) has a simple database to provide links to those churches broadcasting live Catholic Mass online.

Mass under COVID

Thank you to those who help out by stewarding at all Masses.

Steward	Saturday	Sunday
24/25 April	Lucy and Alex Walton	Teresa Kinloss
1/2 May	David Embleton	Hilary Dutton

Please note that the seating plans for Mass are now fixed, and Sunday Mass is fully booked. Saturday is getting booked up too. We hope it won't be too long before we are allowed to ease restriction, but for the moment, you may find there are no places available. This makes it all the more important to let us know if you cannot attend one week.

PRAY FOR JIMMY LAI

Please pray for Jimmy Lai, a resident of Hong Kong. He is currently serving a 14 month sentence in prison, having been convicted of helping to organize illegal assemblies (ie. the Pro-Democracy rallies against the hostile Chinese communist government). Further charges are to be brought against him by the régime.

Jimmy is a devout Catholic and a great supporter of Ampleforth College, which some of his children have attended, and also a close friend of the monastic community which is praying for him every day at Matins.

He has already expressed deep thanks to all who are praying for him, so please join in and pray for his release!

Thank you and God bless you all,

Fr James.

Job at Ampleforth Abbey

The Abbey has a vacancy for a chef. Please see Kathryn for more information.

Catholic Papers

- Catholic Universe and Catholic Times: can be delivered to you weekly: 3 months for £25.00 or 12 months for £99.00. 0161 820 5722 or www.thecatholicuniverse.com
- For editions of all the catholic papers you can also go on www.ChurchPaper.co.uk.

Lost Property in Hall

There are various items that have been left behind, some of them are from before COVID. Please have a look on the table in the Hall and take anything that belongs to you.

Parish Contacts

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVP): Pauline Willcox 823675
- Catholic Women's League (CWL): Susan Harrand 823219

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Thank you for last week's offertory collections: £216.00
- We have raised £85.33 through Easyfundraising over the last quarter: thank you to those who are using the scheme. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

Bulletin availability: hard copy from box at kitchen door

Please help yourself, or let Kathryn have your email if you would like a soft copy.

Eggs: Free until further notice

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box. Many of you are doing so, because we were able to send a cheque for £100 to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Leeds.

Mass Intention Requests to Fr James

If you would like a Mass said please write the intention on an envelope with the offering inside. With advanced notice we can try for a specific date, otherwise we will use the next available slot.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Murray Grant, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Pauline Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Vincent O'Donnell, Marie Podgorski, Teresa Catherine Powers, Stephen Sangster, Anne Waggott, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;
those who have died recently: John Lee; *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Brigid Joyce, Tadeusz Newland, Wifrid Gundry, Ronald Taylor, Denis Sullivan