

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 3rd May in the year of our Lord 2020,
and in the Week of our Lockdown, the Seventh



INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY

This image is from the Catacombs of Domitilla in Rome (ca 2nd C.), which contain over 26,000 tombs and numerous painted images – of both pagan and Christian inspiration. This image is possibly the earliest known depiction of the Jesus as the Good Shepherd. However, the motif was a popular one already in the pagan world, going back some 4 or 5 centuries before Christ. Images of the Kriophoros (ram-bearer) were connected with the cult of Hermes and were very common. In Greek religion Hermes was a messenger of the gods, and, among other things patron of shepherds. The mural above is interesting in that there is little to distinguish it from typical representations of the Kriophoros: there is a man dressed as a shepherd, carrying a sheep on his shoulders and with a few sheep representing his flock round about. It appears to be a simple pastoral scene. Indeed, it is only the fact that it is found in a place of Christian burial which prompts us to associate it with Christ the Good Shepherd at all. But the association does seem reasonable. At a time when it was dangerous to be Christian, perhaps artistic ambiguity isn't hard to understand. A Christian of the time, viewing this image in a place where Christian martyrs were being buried, would recognise immediately the figure of Christ the Good Shepherd, lovingly looking after his flock even in death, leading them into his Father's house. In this precarious time of pandemic, I'm moved to suggest that this image, and its context, have a timely poignancy for us. Jesus, Good Shepherd, have mercy on us and on all who suffer at this time.

WE GATHER:

THE ENTRANCE SONG

1 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

2 Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

3 Daily bring me nearer
to the heav'nly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more:

4 Hallow ev'ry pleasure,
ev'ry joy and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

5 Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Thomas Benson Pollock 1869

✚ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS and say sorry to God

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the joy of this Easter season,
let us call to mind our sins.

For the times we have strayed and turned away from your love,
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we have resisted your call to turn again
that you may show us your compassion and forgiveness.
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

For the times we may have encouraged others
to fall away from your way of love,
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring
us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - a song of joy

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.**

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
praise and thanksgiving to you Lamb of God.**

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us receive our prayer.**

**Seated in power at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord the most high.
And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen**

THE COLLECT – the special prayer for today.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please sit

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 2: 14. 36-41.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ. Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, What must we do, brothers? You must repent, Peter answered and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, Save yourselves from this perverse generation. They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

We remain seated as we sing words based on Psalm 23

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want,
He makes lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my way in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

Stuart Townend © 1996 Thankyou Music

THE SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2: 20-25.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL SONG

**Loving shepherd of Your sheep,
keep Your lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can Your power withstand,
none can tear me from Your hand.**

**Loving Lord, You chose to give
Your own life that we might live,
and Your hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.**

**Help me praise You every day,
gladly serve You and obey,
like Your glorious ones above
happy in Your precious love.**

**Loving shepherd, ever near,
teach Your lamb Your voice to hear;
let my footsteps never stray
from the true and narrow way.**

Jane Leeson (1807-1882) revised by Fr. Denis Bradshaw

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING:

John 10: 1-10.

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: + Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia!

THE CREED - we profess the faith of the Church –

Please stand

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

ALL *was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary*
BOW *and was made man.*

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Please kneel or sit for the prayers

Priest: In union with Jesus, our Good Shepherd and empowered by the Spirit, let us pray to the Father for the Church, for the world, and for people suffering through bereavement, illness or any kind of deprivation in this time of pandemic.

As the holy, priestly people of God, we now turn our thoughts outward, to the needs of the wider Church and those of all the peoples of the world for whom Christ died and rose again. In our intercession we always stand with Christ our great High Priest, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as we open our hearts to the Father. To help you form your part of the Prayer, the following subjects are appropriate for the 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd:

1. The world-wide Church

For our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and all who have been given pastoral responsibility for shepherding the People of God.

That all Church leaders may offer wise spiritual counsel to the faithful in this global crisis.

That all Christians may remain faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, the breaking of bread, and the prayers.

That, recognising the Lord in the breaking of bread, we may be more proactive in going out to share the Good News.

2. The Nations of the World:

That people may realise that despite recent improvements, the danger is not yet past and that great care is still needed.

For Her Majesty the Queen, her Government and Loyal Opposition

That national leaders may manage the global pandemic more responsibly & with genuine care for the common good.

For deliverance from the scourge of this pandemic.

For healthcare professionals making personal sacrifices and taking risks to care for sick and dying.

For key workers who keep essential supply lines open and functioning effectively.

3. Local communities and families:

For parents and teachers that they may lead by the good examples of their lives.

That we may allow the Word of God and the Sacrament to challenge and change our lives.

For families suffering stress and financial hardship because of the pandemic.

For local NHS surgeries and those who staff them.

For local nursing homes, and their residents and staff.

Those in community caring professions and volunteers taking risks to help the most vulnerable.

4. The sick and dying. The bereaved.

That the sick and dying may experience the love and care of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Victims of the Covid-19 virus.

Others we know to be ill, and those on our parish intercession list.

Those who mourn loved ones, and are unable to give them a proper funeral at the present time, that they may be comforted by the hope of this Easter season.

5. The departed.

Those who have died recently, especially those who have fallen to the Covid-19 virus.

For the repose of the souls of Norah Jane Elizabeth Davies and Colin Tolworthy, priest, who have died recently.

Those whose year's minds occur at this time: 3rd James Bullman; 4th Edward Whelan; 5th Dorothy Grace, Sylvia Smith and Douglas Tanner; 6th Kaitlin Smith; 7th Barry Hiscox, Ian Tiller and Henry Robinson.

The priest concludes the prayers:

God our Father, who raised from the dead, our Lord Jesus to be the Good Shepherd of his people, hear our prayers and give to all with pastoral responsibility a share in his loving Spirit. Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you**

THE OFFERTORY

Bread and wine are taken and the altar is prepared

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.***

Christ be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
longing for hope, many despairs.
Your word alone has power to save us,
make us Your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry;
longing for water, many still thirsts.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless;
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
making Your Kingdom come.**

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER!

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER!

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - the great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
All: **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts
All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All: **It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

He never ceases to offer himself for us
but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you:
he is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more,
the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise,
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts
sing together the unending hymn of your glory
as they acclaim.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may become for us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
**TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

**DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU;
THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT,
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

The mystery of faith
All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this bread and this cup
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on Martin our Bishop and his suffragan Bishops
Ruth and Will; on all your people,
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother God,
Blessed Joseph her spouse, the apostles, the martyrs,
Saint Edward, St Richard, St Wilfrid and all the saints,
we may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

Through him, and with him, and in him.
O God, almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
all glory and honour are yours, for ever and ever.

All: **AMEN.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching
we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

As the priest breaks the consecrated bread, we sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Life,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Wine of Joy
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Risen Lord,
you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.**

Please kneel or sit

HOLY COMMUNION

✙ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Fr. Clay will receive Holy Communion, and say the
COMMUNION SENTENCE*

The Good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

*Then, we make the following **Act of Spiritual Communion**, saying the words with care and reverence, just as if we were trying to recite them together in church.*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit and to the glory of your Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Act of Praise and Thanksgiving

+ Blessed, praised, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in Heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ save me.
Blood of Christ inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee,
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy saints I may praise thee
Forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your son,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING and sending out

Please stand

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit
come down upon you,
and remain with you now and always.

All: **Amen**

Go in peace - proclaim the Good News. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Regina Caeli

In your mind's eye, turn to face the image of Our Lady as we recall
her joy upon meeting her Son after his resurrection, by singing (or
saying) the Regina Caeli:

(The tune is as for Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!)

Joy to thee O Queen of heaven! Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear! Alleluia!
As he promised hath aris'n! Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer! Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world,
mercifully grant, that, at the intercession of his mother the Virgin
Mary,
we too may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same, Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FINAL WORSHIP SONG

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son:
and give Him the glory great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see.

WH Doane 1832-1915

Welcome to our new Bishops of Horsham and Lewes

10 Downing Street has this week announced the names of the new bishops of Horsham and Lewes to serve as suffragan bishops in the Diocese of Chichester.

The **Revd Ruth Bushyager**, currently Vicar of St Paul's, Dorking in the Diocese of Guildford will serve as Bishop of Horsham.

The **Revd William Hazlewood**, currently Vicar of the United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham in the Diocese of Exeter will be the next Bishop of Lewes.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, said it was "a very significant day in the life of the Diocese of Chichester. It is the outcome of prayer, across the diocese and beyond, that has sustained us in this complex and demanding appointment process.

The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BURGESS HILL
*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 3rd May 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Easter



10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
*With the Ministry of Prayer for
Healing and Wholeness*

**"I AM THE GATE OF THE
SHEEPFOLD"**

Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Away from the Middle East in the first century, his examples may not be as compelling. Today's parable is a good example.

Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators. At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only one side. Since there was usually no gate for these pens, the shepherd lay his body across the entrance. He became the barrier against harm, putting his life on the line for the sheep. That is a beautiful picture of our relationship with Jesus. Jesus is our Shepherd. He loves us and cares for us - He even knows our name.

Jesus calls us to follow Him and if we belong to Him, we will know His voice and we will follow Him.

ARE YOU WHATS APP CAPABLE?

A number of St. Edward's family are staying in contact via this medium, if you are interested please contact Val Broom on 01444 235305; 07740513867. Even if you cannot join, if you have news or concerns to share please let us know. Stay well, keep safe, God bless.



It is our intention to send out by email, each week, a 'bulletin' containing any news, and prayer requests, and Fr. Clay is producing a weekly service sheet so we can all 'attend' 10 a.m. Mass together, separately, in our own homes.

Roy is also putting the mailings on the St. Edward's Facebook page and Jonathan puts the bulletin on our web site.

Thank you to all of you who are keeping in touch with our isolated members by phone etc.

Caroline Hill is knitting baby bonnets and would be grateful for any donations of double-knit wool. Cathie Ford needs some yeast

There are many services out there from a variety of churches, at home and abroad, which you can access if you a Google- capable.

Samantha is still cooking for the YMCA residences while they are still receiving food, mainly through Fare Share, so if you have any takeaway tubs you can spare please let us know.

PRAYER AND CARE

(The May prayer sheet has gone out by email; would my regular pew sheet providers please also get this to your recipients.)

During our interregnum, pray for the church wardens and officers and all the congregation that we may be empowered to build the kingdom in this community, and for Father Clay as he provides our pastoral care at this time.

Pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that they may be keep safe and well through this time.

Please pray for all our hospital and hospice chaplains under enormous pressure at this time, and for our younger priests who are carrying a larger load too.

Give thanks for the appointment of the new Bishops of Horsham and Lewes.

For those who are sick

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

Amelia Hill: Coping with severe hyper flexibility problems; counselling for pain management and joint issues, (joints spontaneously dislocating) and for **Caroline and Simon** under stress also at this time. Giving thanks for a slight alleviation at the moment.

Sue Silverlock: in pain and awaiting knee procedure

Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler: Multiple health issues

Geoffrey Burton; Bladder cancer.

Hannah: liver problems, undergoing tests, moving to a new ward when funding available

Gloria Baptist Smith: Recovering slowly from her illness

Also for:

Canon Beau Brandie: terminal pancreatic cancer

Yvonne: treatment for stage 4 cancer, liver, lung & spine

Randall Orr: recovering from treatment for cancer

Hazel: undergoing chemotherapy

Shelley Burges: stage 4 lymphoma

Anne Baughan & On Furber: recovering from surgery, now at home

Carol: breast cancer

Recently departed: Norah Jane Elizabeth Davies and Colin Tolworthy

Anniversaries:

James Bullman; (Sunday); Edward Whelan (Monday)

Dorothy Grace, Sylvia Smith and Douglas Tanner (Tuesday)

Kaitlin Smith (Wednesday)

Barry Hiscox, Ian Tiller and Henry Robinson (Thursday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May 10.00 Private Mass – please join in at home

Today is designated a day of world prayer for vocations

MONDAY THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

4th May

Pray for our fire brigade, for protection against infection and stress.

TUESDAY In Wales: Saint Asaph bishop

5th May 10.30 am Private Mass – please join in at home

Pray for St. Edwards Standing Committee as they work to keep our church active and safe.

WEDNESDAY

*6th May Pray for newly appointed Bishop of Horsham –
Ruth Bushyagar and Bishop of Lewes – Will Hazlewood*

THURSDAY

7th May Pray for the residents of Clifton Road

FRIDAY

8th May Pray for the Worldwide Red Cross and Red Crescent

SATURDAY

*9th May for Europe on Europe Day, as it continues its struggles
against the current pandemic.*

NEXT SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May 10.00 Private Mass – please join in at home

*Please pray for all funeral directors, working under difficult
and trying circumstances at this time.*