



# Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR A**

**3rd May 2020**

There will be no public Mass celebrations but  
Fr Kieran will celebrate Mass privately for us all

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for...

Fourth Sunday of Easter	David Nicholson Anniv.
Monday Feast of English Martyrs	Frances Shortis
Tuesday, weekday of Easter	David Philip Jones
Wednesday, weekday of Easter	John & Teresa Ryder
Thursday, weekday of Easter	Frank Duckett
Friday, weekday of Easter	Sarah Byrne
Saturday, weekday of Easter	Pat Brandwood B'day Mem.
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Tom & Betty Kenndy B'day Mem.

Saturday 2nd May -  
Friday 8th May  
Priests of the Deanery  
All those suffering from  
Covid-19



We hold in prayer all who are sick in  
body, mind or spirit and those who care  
for them.

Also, those who have died recently

Deceased	Date of funeral
Joan Margaret Covey	29th April
Ruth Burgess	29th April
Catherine Hulme	30th April
Paul Hough	30th May
David Mort	5th May
William Ross	6th May
Kenneth Jones	6th May
Stephen John Peak	7th May
Margaret Lillian Case	7th May
Vincent France	12th May
Gerald Pilling	13th May
Lucy Lewis	14th May
Bridie Marian Marren	15th May
Dennis Paul Kerfoot	19th May
Edward Webster	20th May
Kathleen Ruanne	20th May
Peter Galloway	21st May
Anita Hilton	21st May
Elsie Loughlin	22nd May

Also Mary Keavney  
and whose anniversaries occur at this  
time.

### Collections

Obviously with the Churches closed at the moment, we can't give financial support as normal. You can wait until we are back together again and give what you have collected or you can put your offering through the letterbox at Sacred Herat or St Joseph's, or you may want to set up a standing order the bank details are as follows:  
HSBC 99-101 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 6PG sort code 40-29-12 account No. 51545205. Whatever you decide, thank you for your generosity!

### May - The Month of Mary

God wills that all his gifts should come to us through  
Mary" (St. Bernard)

Leo XIII explained the importance of the Rosary as the one road to God from the faithful to the mother and from her to Christ and through Christ to the Father, and that the Rosary was a vital means to participate with the life of Mary and to find the way to Christ

This is the month in which, we pay fervent homage and devotions and raise our hearts to Mary our Mother. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis is encouraging us to pray the Rosary during the month of May and especially at this very difficult time. Over leaf is a letter from Pope Francis asking us all to pray the Rosary during May.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.*



### St Vincent de Paul Society

The S.V.P. would like to say thank you for the two very generous donations they have recently received.



*LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS*  
**to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

FRANCIS

**First Prayer**

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection,*

*O Holy Mother of God;*

*Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Second Prayer**

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

