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Fr. Paul writes:

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel reading—it is also associated with prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Normally we would also have the annual appeal for the Priests Training Fund but because St Gregory's is currently involved in the Growing in Faith fundraising campaign we have been let off the appeal for this year! So for once we can concentrate on the need to pray for and to think about vocations and not also have to dig in our pockets.

Things have changed in the way that individuals discern whether they may have a vocation to be a priest or a religious sister. I went for my interview with the Cardinal at the ripe old age of 13! And I was taken on and sent to St Edmund's College Ware for the remainder of my secondary education. I can't imagine any parents these days agreeing with such a proposal. But I also wonder now whether parents would give any encouragement to their teenage son or daughter who might be looking to the priesthood or religious life as a life-long calling.

There is a real need for more priests and nuns - but where are they going to come from without encouragement, support and prayer from us? I can only go on my experience and say a) that I love being a priest, b) that the experience of sharing people's lives, celebrations and sufferings has been humbling, enriching and fulfilling for me and c) that I would encourage anyone wondering or thinking about the possibility to speak to and talk it through with someone. Something for everyone of us - pray for more vocations and encourage those who are wondering whether they have a calling to the priesthood or religious life.

Knights of St. Columba

We welcome this weekend members of The Knights for a campaign drive. There will be a brief presentation by one of the Knights at the end of each Mass and others will be around to give information about their work.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Margaret Corbett will be collecting money after all the masses this weekend. Margaret can be contacted on 01895 631814.

Baptism Preparation

Monday 12th May - 8pm Church Hall. Please phone Gillian at the presbytery as this is by appointment only.

SVP St John Bosco Camp

Offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of camp:
For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August
For girls: 9th to 16th August
For more details and for application forms log onto www.svpboscocamp.org.uk

**4th May 2014
MASS TIMES**

Saturday
Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm
Sunday
10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Monday
10.00 am
Tuesday
10.00 am
Wednesday
10.00 am
Thursday
NO MASS HERE
Friday
10.00 am
Saturday
10.00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday
10.30 am-11.30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)**

Saturdays: After the morning & evening Mass or by appointment



COLLECTION

Envelopes	£1027.76
Loose Plate	£ 434.47
Standing Orders	£ 500.00
Total	£1962.23



Mass Intentions for week 11th May to 18th May 2014

This SUNDAY 11th May	5.30 pm (Sat)	Seamus Somers (RIP)
4th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	Adam Augier & Quinn Family (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Fr. Gabriel Mary (RIP)
Monday 12th May	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Phil Whelan (RIP)
Tuesday 13th May	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Herman Hickman (RIP)
Wednesday 14th May	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Fr. Gabriel Mary (RIP)
Thursday 15th May	NO MASS HERE TODAY	
	10.00 am	Mass at The Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip
Friday 16th May	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Hannah Headon (RIP)
Saturday 17th May	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Theresa Earey (RIP)
	1.00 pm	Holy Matrimony - Nicola Hickman & Simon Jones
	4.00 pm	Holy Baptism - Joshua Newman
Next Sunday 18th May	5.30 pm (Sat)	Giuseppe Noviello (RIP)
5th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	John Conroy (RIP)
		+ Holy Baptism - Isla Gallagher
	6.00 pm	Sheila Chambers (Intentions)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Lily McGinley, Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Pauline Davey, Micah McKennon, Bridie Murren, Frances Wilson, Barbara Smith, Carissa Price, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Thelma Buckingham, Michael Clough, Tom Hennessy, Betty Molloy, Denise Busby, Russ Gomez, Michael Diller, Madeleine Quigley, Peter Masterson, Sheila Smith, Slyvia Bryant.

(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME, WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:- Seamus Somers, Adam Augier, Deceased Members of the Quinn Family, Fr. Gabriel Mary, Phil Whelan, Herman Hickman, Hannah Headon, Theresa Earey.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

This Saturday 10th May

5.30 pm Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11th May

10.00 am Children's Liturgy

NO TEAS & COFFEE TODAY

Monday 12th May

1.30 pm Monday Club

6.30 pm Confirmation Class

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation

(Please phone presbytery as this is by appointment only)

Friday 16th May

10.30 am Parents & Toddlers

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Saturday 17th May

8.30 am Church Cleaning

5.30 pm Children's Liturgy

6.30 pm Social Gathering

Sunday 18th May

10.00 am Children's Liturgy

11.00 am Tea & Coffee in hall after Mass

Monday 19th May

11.00 am St. Swithun Wells' May Procession

5.00 pm Walk With Me

Friday 23rd May

10.30 am Parents & Toddlers

6.00 pm Rehearsal 1st Holy Communions