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2nd Sunday of Easter



27th April 2025



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Having conferred his blessing on the Church on Easter Sunday, Pope Francis returned to the Father's house on the following day. It was a most fitting conclusion to a life dedicated to the service of God and his Church.

Pope Francis won the hearts of people both within and way beyond the boundaries of the Church. Authenticity, compassion, humour, and humility—all trademarks of Francis's ebullient personality—had an attractiveness that shone through the melee of fake news, celebrity culture, and superficiality which characterise much of the world of today.

Pope Francis's rather sudden departure from this world has precipitated massive media attention on the Catholic Church, reminding us, and the whole world, that the Catholic Church, the only Church founded directly by Jesus, is the most deeply established and truly global of all institutions embracing all cultures throughout the ages.

As Catholics, we have much to be proud of after a series of wonderful Popes who have led the Church through very choppy seas since the second Vatican Council. Francis furthered all that was to be found in seed-form in the teachings of the Council—encouraging a more participatory and inclusive Church, and as expressed in the Council document, '*Gaudium et Spes*' (Joy and Hope), seeking a deeper engagement with the world.

Of course, some would say Pope Francis went too far, and others would say he didn't go far enough but the Catholic Church has a duty to be a unifying presence for all peoples and nations, always seeking to listen to those who hold views and opinions which differ from our own.

The secular media will want to put their own slant on Pope Francis, but we, as 'insiders', know that the true value of Francis was to be found not so much in his qualities as an individual, and not even that he was raised to the unique and exalted position of leader of the Catholic Church, but fundamentally and ultimately in his commitment to the person of Jesus Christ.

It is in Pope Francis's simple commitment to Jesus that he can be an inspiration to all of us to take our faith in Jesus and use it as the guiding light of our lives.

May Pope Francis rest in peace,

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 28th April

Monday 28th April	Tuesday 29th April	Wednesday 30th April	Thursday 1st May	Friday 2nd May	Saturday 3rd May	Sunday 4th May
Mass C.C 12.00 noon	Mass C.C 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass & Exposition C.C 10.00am	Mass C.C 10.00am	Wedding H.S. 3.00pm	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
Next Sunday: 27th April	Joan Penny-Heys	George Winkley
Next Sunday: 4th May	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

Children's Church: C.C. - Siobhan & Molly

H.S. - Annika and Amber

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

MASS INTENTIONS

Pope Francis, died recently.
Junior McGuinness, RIP (Co. Donegal)
Special Intention

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 28th Agnes Variyam (2015)
April 30th Harry Rogers (2009)
April 30th Eileen Thomason (2013)
May 1st Dorothy Reid (2015)
May 2nd Biagio Parents (1997)
Angela Cairns (2012)
May 3rd Chad Gildea (2015)



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.
AMEN*

BAPTISM

This coming Saturday, 26th April, we welcome Micah Hakim, son of Yoel and Melissa Hakim, into our parish community, and into the Family of God. May Micah always experience the love of God in his life, and, with God's grace, may he become everything that God created him to be!



CHURCH COLLECTION

20th April: £562.80
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Suzanne Kelly
£10.00 Marcelino Marquez
£10.00 Bridie Oldham
£10.00 Frances Howarth
£103.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!



Wedding bells are ringing!



Next Saturday (3rd May)
Amber Perviaz and Christian Variyam will be joined in Holy Matrimony at Holy Saviour's church at 3.00pm.

May God bless them with peace and joy as they make this important step in their lives, and may they find every blessing that they need in their future lives together.

