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**Saturday 2nd May 6.00pm Vigil Mass 5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 3rd 9.30am Mass**

Monday 4th 10.00am Mass English Marytrs Feast

Tuesday 5th 10.00am Mass Mass

Thursday 7th No Exposition or evening Mass this Thursday.

Friday 8th 10.00am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 9th No Confessions today

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**Sunday 10th 9.30am Mass**

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

**Next Weekend we will be welcoming Father Anthony Cosmas Udoh MSP**

Fr. Anthony will be with us for the weekend and will be telling us about the work of the MSP Fathers and making an appeal for the support of their Apostolate.

The Missionary of St. Paul Fathers are a Nigerian Society of priests who take an oath of permanent membership of the Society and live the Evangelical Counsels (the Gospel invitations) of Poverty (or Simplicity of life,) of Chastity and Obedience. Their work is very varied, aiming to live and work amongst the poorest and most needy of people. No doubt Fr. Anthony will be telling us about some of their work and will be happy to answer your questions.

You can find them on <https://mspfathers.co.uk>.



**Mission Possible appeal last weekend.**

With your help, they raised £1195.00 through donations, child sponsorship and the purchase of Mama Margaret items. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Mission Boxes - Red Boxes**

### **collecting for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith – the APF**

The parish contributions for last year, including direct donations, were £2009.77. This is a tremendous support from you all to help the mission keep going.

Jummy and Pius thank all red box volunteers and supporters sincerely for their generosity. We would like to remind anyone with an unopened box to please bring it to church as soon as possible and hand it to us. If anyone would like a box, please let us know. We have plenty to share. Thank you.

## **Weekly donation envelopes.**

For those of you who use donation envelopes you will see that the new boxes of weekly envelopes are now available for collection at the weekend masses for those who have requested this.

## **Sponsored Walk for the Roof Fund.**

Ellen Wilson is raising money to help pay for repairs to the church roof, and hopes that you will sponsor her. The church is over a hundred and thirty years old, because of the height and size of the roof and the extensive scaffolding needed we will need to raise a significant sum.

Ellen is going to walk 15 miles, from Colne Bus Station to Burnley Bus Station and back again.

Please be generous. Thank you

## **Donations to the Church**

There are a variety of ways that you can give to the church.

Please note that if you are giving specifically for the appeal for repairs to the church roof, please make it clear to us that that is what you are giving the donation for.

General donations to 'the church' do not stay in full with the parish. General donations, unless otherwise specified, are also used for diocesan expenses such as sick and retired clergy (and there are more retired priests than priests in parishes at the moment), training of students for the priesthood and diaconate, schools, diocesan services, priests who are doing jobs which are not parish based etc.

If you want your donation to be ring-fenced for our building repairs so that the whole amount stays in the parish, please make it clear on your donation.

We are thankful for all donations and remind you of the ways that you can contribute:

Cash - baskets at weekend masses.

Cash for the Roof Fund - the two perspex collection boxes.

One off donations for the Roof Fund which can be Gift Aided - please use the envelopes next to the perspex collection boxes.

Card - using the machine at the back of church. Please select parish (which will support the roof fund), the Parish Community Service group (food bank, for short, but they do a lot more), and Piety stall for religious items.

Standing Order - this is the most convenient way to give perhaps for yourselves, but certainly for us. It reduces the work for the counters and reduces the cash to be taken to the bank. There are Standing Order forms at the back of church, or just ask a 'welcomer' or someone in the sacristy.

Bank Transfer - you can pay directly into the parish bank account. The details are as follows: Sort Code 205534 Account number 50869627. Account Name TSdT The Good Shepherd Colne Registered Charity.

Again, if you make a gift and you want the whole amount to be for the roof repairs, please ensure that you tell Fr. Peter who can give it the appropriate category code on the parish accounts.

## **Volunteering opportunity in church**

Do you come to church on Saturday evening? Why not come a little earlier and stay a little longer and join our Saturday evening welcomers team? You could do it with a friend. Please contact David on 07565 219235 or email [david.burridge088@gmail.com](mailto:david.burridge088@gmail.com) for more details.

## **Church cleaning**

There will be church cleaning on Tuesday 5th of May after Mass (approximately 10.30). Please come along and help if you can.