

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE JOIN US

### **THE LETTER - A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH - A Film**

We invite you to join us in the Church Hall

**THIS FRIDAY, 28TH APRIL, 7PM**

To watch a screening of **THE LETTER** a short documentary film (80 minutes) , commenting on the impact of climate change on members of the global community. The film brings the essence of the Pope Francis's Laudate si letter to create a film of the dialogue between Pope Francis and voices from around the world. Please add you name to the sign up sheet (for seating) **This is a free event** and tea, coffee and cake will be served.

### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE**

at **St Chad's Cathedral** on **Saturday 29th April at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments.

Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) to confirm your attendance.

### **FAMILY MASS WITH MAY PROCESSION**

on Sunday, 14th May at 10.30am

### **FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL

**21ST MAY, 2023**

### **THE THAMES CLEAN UP—THE BIG PLASTIC BLITZ**

working along the banks of the Thames

**SATURDAY, 3RD JUNE - 9.30AM - 12.30PM**

Meet at Sonning Bridge look out for the Gazebo near the Copa Club

Please come for some or all of the morning

Sign up sheet at the back of Church

**FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE** 10.30am, Sunday, 18th June

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** 12 noon, Sunday, 9th July

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No 234216

**Thought for the week**

**30th April, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter brings us to what is possibly one of the most recognisable and, most beautiful, images of Jesus: that of the Good Shepherd. The psalm in particular is one we have heard many times, and is easily recognised:

*‘The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.’*

It is easy in these unsettled times of war and confrontation to forget that we must put our trust in the Lord; we are the sheep, he is the shepherd, and we must follow his leadership.

I know there have been times that I have called upon him and it feels as though he has not listened to my prayers. It is easy to become blinkered, when sometimes all we need to remember is that God knows our plight, but He also knows what he Himself is about. As a shepherd knows the needs of his sheep and a mother knows the needs of her child, so God knows our needs, but His ways are often mysterious, so I will trust Him still.

Benedict XVI said, there are two verbs to describe our attitude to the Good Shepherd: ‘to listen’ and ‘to follow.’ We are reminded so many times of listening to God’s Word and following his example, that it can occasionally lose its importance. So on this Sunday, it is worth taking a few moments for some silent contemplation, prayer and thanks for the love the Lord has for us, the guidance he gives us and the path he is walking with us through life.

A Parishioner



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Haggar.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan has to have 3 months chemo so he continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for victims of all wars.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



**Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Robert Downs, Patrick Keogh, Marjorie Burge, Peter McCann, Eileen and Jo McDermott, Edmund Bernard Pike, Romano Martin Rodrigues Gunter Plum, Tom Reilly, James Allison, Mic Micotti, Margaret Bonner Mowbray, Robert Brown, Gunter Plum, Philip Hoban, Jean Howarth, Mr Benedict Chin Siew Onn, George Pascoe, Anthony Michael Stitt, Richard John Stitt.