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Sunday, 22nd April 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Mass Intention: Vocations to the ordained and religious life

Hymns:

Entrance Hymn:	**762**	***Mass Settings:***			
Offertory Hymn:	**804**	**Kyrie:**	**M13**	**Acclamation:**	**M18**
Communion Hymn:	**806**	**Gloria:**	**M14**	**Great Amen:**	**M19**
Recessional Hymn:	**320**	**Sanctus:**	**M15**	**Agnus Dei:**	**M20**

WELCOME

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

There will be a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS

The plate collection for last Sunday was **£236.13.**

MINISTRIES TODAY

Celebrant:	Fr Ian Stevenson
Readers:	Mrs G Edwards; Col J Ryan
Extraordinary Minister	Mr E Baldwin; Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs E Haddon; Mr A Howard
Welcome Team:	Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs P Ryan

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 25th Apr: *St Mark, evangelist*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Regina Coeli
1200hrs – Holy Mass
The sick

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 29th APRIL 2018

Readers:	Mrs S Cole; Mrs E Haddon
Extraordinary Minister	Mr P Beal; Mrs G Edwards; Mrs P Rossiter; Mr J Thompson
Welcome Team:	Mrs M Casey; Mrs P Ryan
Children's Liturgy:	Mrs Y Spreadborough

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions,

PAPAL FOCUS

The Holy Father, speaking in St Peter's Square last Sunday at the Regina Coeli, again appealed for peace in Syria. He said: 'I am deeply troubled by the current world situation in which, despite the instruments available to the international community, there is still difficulty in agreeing to a common action in favour of peace in Syria and other regions of the world. While I continue to pray unceasingly for peace, and invite all people of good will to do the same, I renew my appeal to all those with political responsibilities to ensure that justice and peace prevail.'

TODAY'S INTENTION

On this Sunday the Church throughout the world prays for vocations and we are all asked to make a renewed effort to:
pray for the priests, both living and dead, who have ministered to us throughout our life; keep parish priests in our prayers throughout the week; encourage our children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister; pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call.

CELEBRATING LIFE

During remarks at the Regina Coeli with pilgrims last Sunday in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis called attention to the plight of British infant Alfie Evans and French patient Vincent Lambert Further details from: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34716

COMMUNITY EXERCISE

Our annual Parish Walk will take place on Saturday, 2nd June. The event is being coordinated by Geoff and Fran Scott once again, and a form is available at the back of church for everyone interested to complete with their details and lunch preferences.

FAITHFUL WITNESS

A National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress will take place in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. A timetable of events, together with application forms, are available at the back of church and funding is available from the RC Trusts for those who wish to attend to represent the Bishopric. For a series of podcasts see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-Adoremus-Podcasts

NATIONAL FESTIVAL

The bishops have agreed to the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary around the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 2020. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer. More details may be found at: www.DowryTour.org.uk

AND FINALLY …

… when everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

With every blessing
Fr Nick