**Sunday 7 May 2023 Psalter: Week I**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Ruby Cooper, Iris Bell; Christopher; Noreen Breadmore; Christina and John Morley; Leeah, Marjorie’s daughter; Sandra, Teresa and Tom’s niece; Father Tom, and all at the Care Home where he is chaplain; and all families of those suffering at this time.**

**MASS INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**EASTER SEASON YEAR A1**

**Saturday May 6**

**9.30am TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

**5.30 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**SUNDAY May 7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**9.00am CHILDREN’S MASS**

**Monday May 8**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Tuesday May 9**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**- SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

**Wednesday May 10 St John of Avila, Doctor of the Church**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday May 11**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Friday May 12 St Nereus *and* St Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**followed by Benediction**

**Saturday May 13 Our Lady of Fatima**

**9.30am TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

**5.30 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**SUNDAY May 14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY,** last Sunday, April 30th., was the day when we prayed especially for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Our two most recent seminarians are currently studying for their foundation year at the Royal English College in Valladolid in Spain, and we hope to have more starting there this year, and three men will begin major seminary studies. This, of course, costs money, so please help. There are gift aid envelopes for those who pay income tax. Through the words of the prophet Jeremiah God promises his people that He will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them. We do need priests, so please do pray for vocations, and please help to train them through your donations.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - £334.50. **EVC UGANDA** - ‘Boniface’ has been counted and £458.72 has been sent. See below for a picture of him. Thank you to everyone who contributed. *Ruth*

With blessings on every one of our parish family,

**Father Francis**

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

**KNIT & NATTER** Next meeting in the Hall on **Tuesday May 16 (2-4pm)**. All crafters welcome! *Christina*

 On **Sunday 7th May 2023**, Gillingham Methodist Church will be hosting a performance of Edward Elgar’s sublime choral work ‘***The Dream of Gerontius’*** .

As you can appreciate, an event of this magnitude does not come cheaply and we have set an admission price of £20. For more information, please see posters in porch.

**A LOVELY SURPRISE** Shortly after Easter, I received a letter of congratulations from The Director of Development, Oregon Catholic Press (OCP). It was to invite me to their annual Convention 2023, this year to be held in Reno, NV, USA in mid July. It is here that my newly published hymns and additional submissions will be showcased. The tone of the letter was so very warm and I have accepted the kind offer. I have to admit that a break in the sunshine to be part of a celebration of new music will be a privilege. *Philippa Daffern*

**ST EDWARD’S WAY** This is the last chance for donations (CAFOD) for Ruth and Madeleine’s sponsored pilgrimage – please mark any envelopes to Ruth and Madeleine and put in the Sunday collection plates. Thank you.

*The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!*  - St John Vianney

*“BONIFACE”*