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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 19TH APRIL 2026

✠ TWO WEEKS AT ST MATTHEW'S ✠

Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00am MASS - Julia and Frederick Sherwin
Monday 20th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am - <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 21st April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am - <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 22nd April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am - <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Thursday 23rd April <i>St George, Martyr</i>	10:00am - <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Friday 24th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am - <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion *no exposition today*</i>
Saturday 25th April <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	NO MASSES TODAY
Sunday 26th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00am MASS - Physical healing of Ruth Walton's leg.
Monday 27th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	NO MASSES TODAY
Tuesday 28th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am MASS - Dan Campbell
Wednesday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10:00am MASS - Geoff Boyd UB
Thursday 30th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am MASS - Special Intention (AH)
Friday 1st May <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	9:30am - <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10:00am MASS - For Priests (UB)
Saturday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop</i>	NO MASSES TODAY
Sunday 3rd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00am MASS - Physical healing of Ruth Walton's leg.

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

PARISH CONSULTATION

Please log on to the Diocesan website diocesehn.org.uk and look for the toolkit documents. There you will have your opportunity to make your comments on the future of our Parish.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ...
 will resume on a Friday morning, beginning on the 1st May at 9.30am

WE WELCOME ...

Deb Fozzard who is speaking to us at Mass to promote the charity **Safe Homes" Safe Families and Home for Good hope** for a society where no family feels alone, and every child has a home where they can flourish. We believe the Church is central to this vision. We empower families, equip churches, and influence systemic change. Our Safe Families programme supports isolated, overwhelmed families through local volunteers, helping them build stable homes and strong community connections. And Home for Good ensures that when, sadly, children come into care, there is a home for every one of them

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God of peace, Strengthen my determination to work for a world of peace and justice; My conviction that, whatever our nationality or race, we are all global citizens, one in Christ; My courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the gospel; My commitment to find nonviolent ways of resolving conflict-personal, local, national and international; My efforts to forgive injuries and to love those find it hard to love. **Amen**

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.com/StandwithSudan.



BULLETIN ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on a Wednesday 15th April.

Please email to **bulletin.stmatthew.ponteland@diocesehn.org.uk**



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Lenne PP. XIV