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Times of Mass & Services 23rd/24th April 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm Rex Holbrook RIP
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am James Hobbs RIP
<u>Monday</u>	10.00 am Pauline Hopkins RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am Julia Bennett RIP
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am Breda Edwards RIP
<u>Thursday</u>	6.15 pm Aiden & Karen Int
<u>Friday</u>	9.00 am Mary & Jack Int
<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm John Glen Int
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am People of the Parish

POPE FRANCIS' SPECIAL APPEAL

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, has written to say: "You may have heard already that, after the *Regina Coeli* on Sunday 3rd April, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

Consequently, I would be grateful if this special collection could be taken up in all the churches of the Archdiocese. Please accept my thanks in advance for your support for the special collection for the Ukraine. I know that Bishop Hlib Lonchyna, the Ukrainian Eparch, and our three Ukrainian priests working in the Archdiocese, Canon Aleksandr Lisovskij, Fr Mykhajlo Onatsko, and Fr Yaroslav Riy, will be grateful for this gesture of solidarity at a difficult time for the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

Yours devotedly in Christ.

+*Bernard*

MONDAY is the Feast of St Mark, the Evangelist.

FRIDAY is the Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe.

'TO LIVE IS TO CHANGE AND TO BE PERFECT IS TO HAVE CHANGED OFTEN' words of Blessed John Henry Newman. Those called to consecrated life and priesthood live this out in a special way: a divine disruption takes their lives in unimagined directions. In turn, their changed lives influence others and help many people to make the changes necessary to growing in faith, in relationships and in responsibility.

THIS WEEK'S TWEET The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wed., bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy.

"The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath..It is an attribute of God himself".

Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WAL-SINGHAM The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady is on Sat. 14th May, led by Bishop Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE also 14th May. Archbishop Bernard Longley personally invites you to St Chad's Cathedral to make a stand for LIFE at the UK's national March for Life. Main event 1pm.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Harry, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.