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Times of Mass & Services

16th/17th April 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	Christian Hargreave Int
Monday	10.00 am	Julia Bennett RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Celia Ford RIP
Thursday	6.15 pm	Des Rooney RIP
Friday	9.00 am	Bill Malone RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm	Rex Holbrook RIP
Sunday	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*

TODAY there is the annual second collection to pay for the training of our future priests. This year there are three priests to be ordained for our diocese, thank God, and three men have

been accepted to begin their training this September.

'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. **TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

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

Those who are starving know that without food we are dead. Now that Jesus is risen, prisoners too hear the words, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

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.