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### **Services & intentions to 21 April.**

Sunday 14th. Third of Easter.

Cathy Hannon. Noreen Hughes.

Tuesday. 10.00. O Dwyer family

Friday. 10.00. benefactors ints.

Sunday 21st. 10.00 4th of Easter.

Kevin Fitzpatrick. Gerard Brady.

### **Order of Service, 14th April.**

#### **Prayers and Readings begin page 259**

Penitential Rite A page 8

Kyrie and Canticle of Glory- sung.

Profession of faith (Creed.) page 11.

#### **Music-**

'Presto' from *Concerto in F* Handel.

Hymn. **58.** At the Lambs high feast we sing.

Hymn. **37.** Alleluia sing to Jesus

*I know that my redeemer liveth.* Handel..

Hymn. **818.** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

*Fanfare.* Leighton.

### **Church based Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.**

We need more people to fulfil these ministerial roles at Sunday Masses. Those who have been fulfilling these roles for some time want others to come forward so that there can be more people on the rota and it doesn't look as if they are the only ones who have carry out these duties week after week- they would like to hand on the baton to others. So, how about it? You have seen how it is done, it just requires a little confidence and willingness on your part.

### **Planned Giving.**

Boxes of envelopes are now available to enable you to decide in advance what you are going to give to support your church each weekend. If you are a taxpayer we encourage you to fill out a form which allows us to reclaim the amount of tax that you will have already paid or are likely to pay on your income during the tax year 2024-2025. This can considerably increase our income without costing you anything. The form can be filled in anytime and is retrospective to your first payment. If you are retired you will still be paying tax on your pension income.

### **First Holy Communions—Saturday 25th May at 10.00.**

Children from St. Annes School, English Martyrs School and St Bernard's School will come together in this church to make their First Communion. If there are any other children not in these schools who would like to make First Communion now is the time to mention it.

### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter is *Vocations Sunday* or *Good Shepherd Sunday*.**

This year it is on Sunday 21 April, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We will hear in the Gospel "*Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd'.*"

[Read the Papal Message](#) for Vocations Sunday 2024: "*Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace*".

The Second Collection in our churches over the weekend 20/21 April is for the [Clergy Training Fund](#), which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese.

The [Diocesan Vocations Office](#) asks all to pray for an increase in vocations for the Archdiocese.

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