Weekend 3rd & 4th May 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

- **1.**We pray for Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter. We ask God to bless him as he tries to lead the church with courage and with compassion. Lord, hear us.
- **2.**In the Gospel we heard Jesus invite Peter to be leader of his church. We pray for vocations; that those who feel called by the Lord may have the generosity to answer his invitation. Lord, hear us.
- **3.**We pray for ourselves that, just as the Lord was kind and forgiving to Peter, we may be kind and forgiving towards all those who have disappointed us or failed us. Lord, hear us.
- **4.**We pray for those who are sick, those who are in hospital. We pray that they may not be discouraged in their discomfort or pain. May they find hope and encouragement in Christ's victory over suffering and death. Lord, hear us.

Weekend 10th & 11th May 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

- 1. We pray for Pope Francis, and the leaders of our church, that they may watch over the flock of Christ with humility and with compassion. Lord, hear us.
- 2. This Good Shepherd Sunday is also Vocations Sunday. So, we pray that the Lord might inspire more men and women to devote their lives to caring for his flock. Lord, hear us.
- 3. We pray for ourselves, that we may be willing to follow the example of Christ by giving of our skills and talents to the community in which we live. Lord, hear us.
- 4. We pray for those in our community who are sick, or weak, the wounded. We ask the Lord to take them into his care and to touch them with his healing love. Lord, hear us.

Weekend 17th & 18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 1. In our first reading we heard how Paul and Barnabas put fresh heart into the disciples. We pray for the leaders of our church today, that they likewise may encourage and put fresh heart into the lives of all believers. Lord, hear us.
- 2. We pray for our parish, that we may be a community that cares for and looks after all our neighbours and friends. Lord, hear us.
- 3. For ourselves, that we may never be discouraged by our own failures and may our love for one another be sincere, generous and unselfish. Lord, hear us,
- 4. We pray for those who are sick, those who are lonely, that they may find comfort and hope in our care and in our love for them. Lord, hear us.

Weekend 24th & 25th May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 1. We pray for the leaders of our church, that may radiate peace and hope to all whom they serve. Lord, hear us.
- 2. We pray for those parts of the world where war and violence cause so much pain and suffering. We pray that men of violence may open their hearts to Christ's message of love and peace. Lord, hear us.
- 3. We pray for ourselves, for our families and for our community, that our lives may be free from all strife and may be filled with the peace that Christ promised in today's Gospel. Lord, hear us.
- 4. We pray for those of our community who are sick and for all those who feel overwhelmed by the pressures of life. May they come to experience Christ's gift of healing love. Lord, hear us.