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3rd Week of Easter Sunday
5 May 2019



SURVIVE-MIVA (UK Registered Charity No. 268745) is a Catholic lay Association which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In 2018 they supplied a total of 521 modes of transport to 7 countries. This total was comprised of 1 auto-rickshaw, 1 boat with outboard motor, 86 motorbikes/mopeds, 13 community health outreach vehicles, and 420 bicycles.

One of the transport grants made in 2018 was for £11,200 to buy 15 mopeds for Bon Secours Social Service Centre in Poonamallee, Tamil Nadu, India, which is run by the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Bon Secours. The mopeds enable the Sisters to conduct health clinics, and health awareness and developmental programmes for women, children and Dalit people (those who are so low in the social hierarchy that they are outside the caste system) living in remote villages.

Another grant, for £4,600, provided 74 bicycles for catechists and lay leaders in Kasaala Catholic Parish, Luweero, Uganda. Subsistence agriculture is undertaken by the majority of the people in the Parish and catechists/lay leaders travel long distances across their allocated sub-parishes and villages to carry out their social/pastoral duties. Next weekend, there will be a second collection on behalf of survive-miva.

To make a donation or to find out more about the work of the Association contact:
SURVIVE-MIVA, 5 Park Vale Road, Liverpool L9 2DG E-mail: info@survive-miva.org Tel: 0151 523 3878
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Alsager Welcomes Refugees will be holding a fundraising quiz night at the Thirteen Club on Friday 10th May. Tickets £5 per person. St Gabriel's already has a reputation for being one of the most generous supporters of this charity. It would be great if our parish could put together two teams of six people to take part. Contact Cathie and Tony Smith if you are interested. 01270 879961.

'VII ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 'CALLED TO HOLINESS'. The Annual Diocesan Conference will take place on Saturday 18 May in one venue this year: Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns. We have invited two speakers to address the theme of the Diocesan Year of Holiness: *Called to Holiness, Gifted for Mission: What is Holiness?* (Fr Anthony Doe); *The Vocation of the Laity* (Mrs Victoria Seed). Details on Diocesan Website or contact Barbara Davies 07730 526821. All welcome.

Pope Francis travels to Bulgaria on Sunday, on the first leg of his two-part Apostolic Journey to the Balkans. He will visit North Macedonia on Tuesday. Ahead of his trip, the Pope sent his greetings to the people of Bulgaria, saying his visit will be a pilgrimage "in the sign of faith, unity, and peace." "Your land is the homeland of witnesses of faith, from the time when the Saintly Brothers Cyril and Methodius sowed the Gospel there".

Fraternal communion. Pope Francis said "Pope St. John Paul II often commented, their evangelizing efforts brought abundant fruit, even in difficult times. Regarding his meeting on Sunday with Patriarch Neophyte and the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church Pope Francis said "Together we will manifest our willingness to follow the Lord Jesus on the path of fraternal communion among all Christians." Pacem in terris. Pope Francis also recalled Pope St. John XXIII, who spent 10 years as Apostolic Delegate to Bulgaria and created "a bond of esteem and affection that still lasts today." The Pope said his predecessor was "a man of faith, communion, and peace," and that he chose the motto for his Apostolic Visit to Bulgaria with him in mind: "Pacem in terris". (Peace on earth).Pope Francis concluded his message by asking all to pray for his visit. "May God grant peace and prosperity to Bulgaria!"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-05/pope-francis-apostolic-journey-bulgaria-video-message.html>

Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel's and St. Winefride's on Wednesday 9 October at 7pm in St. Gabriel's Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie.

World Youth Day @ Home. 7-9 June 2019. Join young people from across the country on Pentecost weekend for World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle. The beautiful site in Staffordshire will be hosting this amazing event featuring Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Rise Theatre, David Wells and more! Bursaries available. To go, please contact Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team <youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org>

On Sunday 19 May after 11.30 am Mass, there will be a May procession, with the Crowning of Our Lady's statue and recitation of the Rosary in the church garden. All welcome.

March For Life 2019 – London 11 May. A group rail booking has been made from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston at a cost of £46.20 return per person (concessionary fares available). For info John: 07909 920739; john@mcr4life.co.uk

Prayer websites for daily meditation. <http://ln54.blogspot.co.uk> <http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie>
missio.org.uk <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/> universalis.com <http://en.radiovaticana.va>
<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk>

REST IN PEACE: Tom Carnes, Julia Stammers, Arthur McMinn, Victoria Moseley, Chris Foulkes, Emma Blair, Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Alan Davies, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Bagshaw, Harry Tams, Kathleen O'Toole, Samuel Bagshaw, Stella Lyons, Theresa Kerr, Karen Bastiman. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Especially for Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, James Byrne, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner, Ruth Hilton and Ned Hilton, Jo Brookes, Helen Edwards and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 5 MAY 2019

Saturday 4th May English Martyrs Sunday 5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter 	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass 3pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Perks RIP & Joan Unwin RIP & Susan Ellis RIP Therese Lawton recovering from surgery James Turnock (Anniv) & Marjorie Turnock (Anniv) Helen Edwards (Sick) & Terry Orford (sick) New Milton House Service. (SVP) All welcome.
Monday 6th May	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour Theresa Kerr (Anniv) & intentions of the O'Toole Family SVP Meeting
Tues 7th May	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Wed 8th May	10am 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion Lectio Divina
Thurs 9th May	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 10th May	10am 10.30am	Shrewsbury Clergy Holy Rosary
Saturday 11th May Sunday 12th May 4th Sunday of Easter Special day of prayer for vocations	10am 5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	St. Gabriel's First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation Susan Ellis RIP (of Leek) Thanksgiving for Altar Servers and for Shay Norman celebrating 10 years as Altar Server
Saturday 11th May Sunday 12th May	6.30pm	11.30am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Atkinson Ceri Bugg	Nicola Hassall Sian Bithell
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Collection, 28th April, £584.57p

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please gift-aid if possible.

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