

# St Aelred of Rievaulx Catholic Church

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## BULLETIN FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear People of St Aelred's

**We will continue to keep you updated on Parish events as much as possible. If at all possible, please check our website and join our Facebook page.**

**No Internet? No problem!** – Although we will be listing ways in which you can watch live broadcasts and be involved in prayer groups online in this bulletin, please do not worry if you don't have access to the internet, please reflect and pray within your home. Canon Callaghan and Fr Ben are celebrating Mass each day for the people of St Aelred's and St Roberts parishes and remember them in your prayers. Please also be aware that the bishop has issued, until further notice, a decree lifting all obligation to attend mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. It is most important that you stay at home and stay safe.

### **Please remember in your prayers –**

Those who are sick; Edna Gibson, Edna is ill in Ripon Hospital. Fr Jim Leavy is still in a lot of pain and convalescing and Iain Houston recovering from a bicycle accident.

Also those who have recently died especially Canon Anthony Pearson, Tony Fry and Pauline Hastings.

**CAFOD Emergency Appeal** - Coronavirus has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The spread of this virus to countries with poor health systems will be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with HIV or other underlying health conditions will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. Our programmes around the world are run by local experts and we are in constant touch with them as they plan for how to deal with this crisis. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, and your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. Ways in which you can help:



**Through prayer:** Join us at a live stream Mass

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Mass-live-streams>, use our coronavirus prayers <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers> or light a virtual candle <https://lightacandle.cafod.org.uk/#/> in prayer and make a special donation to our work protecting lives.

**Through campaigning:** Sign our new petition to the Prime Minister asking the government to put the needs of the most vulnerable first <https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>

**With your family:** If you have children in your family, please also make an appointment with us every Sunday for our online Children's Liturgy Live. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

**With a regular donation:** The vital work you support is needed now more than ever. Please consider a regular gift to our Emergency Response Team, that will allow us to react quickly when a crisis hits, and stay working with communities in the long term as they rebuild [https://cafod.org.uk/donations/direct-debit? Appeal=21906](https://cafod.org.uk/donations/direct-debit?Appeal=21906)

**EVENING PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH** - Even if you haven't as yet, you are more than welcome to join us. It is taking place on the web application "Zoom" at 6pm each day for the foreseeable future. It will finish by about 6.25pm. If you want to join us, email [office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) and you will be sent the Zoom ID and the group password. If you want to have the words in front of you, they can be found on the universalis app or the book of morning and evening prayer of the church. Zoom address: <https://zoom.us> No need for a long term commitment, just join if and when you can. Please phone Deacon David if you have any questions or need help to access these prayer sessions.

**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF  
MAY 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

**Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020**

***Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist***

**Pope Francis**

**(Prayers at the end of this bulletin)**

**St Aelred's SVP and the response to the Coronavirus Emergency** - SVP members are continuing to phone and support parishioners and others in need. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with this support. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers to do shopping, collect prescriptions, or other tasks, please do phone. Also, do contact us if you know of anyone in need whom you are unable to help.

**St Aelred's SVP telephone number is 07311214364**

**If you would like to donate to St Aelred's SVP, bank details are: sort code: 60-60-04;**

**Account number: 46076255**

**Harrogate District Food Bank:** how can you help? You can make a one-off gift direct to our bank account or via cheque. Our bank details are: Sort Code: 05-05-45 Account Number: 33843617 or donate food at: Waitrose, 92 Station Parade, Harrogate, HG1 1HD (front of store) Urgently needed food items: Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Pasta Sauce, Chocolate, Sponge Puddings, Washing Up Liquid, Sugar, Shower Gel, Shaving Foam, Razors, Shampoo.

**Parish Finance** - Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parishes of St. Robert's and St. Aelred's during the present time of crisis and lock-down. It is possible to make your weekly or monthly offerings in several ways: Set-up a Standing Order or make a one-off payment; Diocese of Leeds St Aelred of Rievaulx Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account No: 41017470 or use the text service; to donate £5 to St. Aelred's text CHURCH AELRED to 70500 for St. Aelred's \*\*Please note that it is a feature of the text-giving facility that allows for no more and no less than £5 to be given to the Offertory via each text. If your regular weekly parish giving is either more or less than this amount, please feel free either to send more than one text – or maybe use this facility just once a fortnight or once a month.\*\* Thank you all for your generosity and the support you give to your parish. Bless you all!

**Local charity HELP** - Will be providing support for those older and vulnerable people who don't have family or neighbours to help them, using safely recruited and fully supported volunteers. Please call 01423 813096 for assistance or email [help@harcvs.org.uk](mailto:help@harcvs.org.uk) If you would like to volunteer, please go to <https://www.harcvs.org.uk/news/become-here-help-volunteer>

**St Mary's Church Knaresborough** - Are livestreaming their weekly Mass on a Saturday at 6pm, the link is as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgAh1K6f850fzeZAwMsv6oA>

**Walsingham Live Streaming from the National Shrine of Our Lady - CATECHESIS** The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, from 29<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/sycamore/>

**Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care** - A Catholic Bishop will continue to celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm:

7th May Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

**First Prayer**

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Second Prayer**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety,  
we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your  
protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic.  
Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at  
times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are  
concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread  
of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the  
uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this  
great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your  
divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be  
comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the  
frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their  
heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their  
pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research,  
that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may  
come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social  
and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in  
developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective  
research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to  
recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we  
can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in  
faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that  
God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so  
that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust  
ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.