



**International
English-Speaking
Catholic Parish**

St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

APRIL 2024



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

APRIL 2024

Tuesday, 02.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Saturday, 06.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Sunday, 07.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Tuesday, 09.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Saturday, 13.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Sunday, 14.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Tuesday, 16.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Saturday, 20.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Sunday, 21.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Tuesday, 23.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Saturday, 27.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Sunday, 28.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)
Tuesday, 30.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Christian</i>)

Total Parish Collection for February 2024: **2,286.94 Euros**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

The following children from our Parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27:



Jevin Ikechukwu Emmanuel Agbatorho

Oscar Cesar Daniel Boisdequin

Ethan Ayevbosa Yunusa Bolte

Nathaniel Aisosa Latif Bolte

Rigby-Dax Delaney

Elizabeth McCusker

Maria-Isabel Flory Foott

Chiamaka Cheryl Ukaigwe

Claire Wangari Gathogo

Chidinma Jennifer Ukaigwe

Vera Rey Mazzolari

Giselle René Vaz

Victoria Rey Mazzolari

Marie Soleil Ellul Zammit

Please remember all of them – and the class teachers – as they prepare for this most special day.

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CONFIRMATION GROUP PROJECT

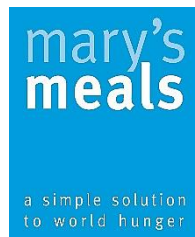
We, the Confirmation Group of 2024, are dedicated to supporting "The Foundation for Water and Education in Cambodia." Our vision is to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate by supporting this esteemed foundation, which has been striving to improve lives since its inception in 2010. Their mission is to provide clean water through building wells and supply bicycles to those in need. With the help of your donations, we could make a meaningful impact and bring hope to deserving individuals. Join us in creating a brighter future. Thank you for your support. **** Special 2nd collections for this project at each of our Masses during the month April ****



ADORATION WEEKEND: At the end of each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of **April 6th / 7th** there will be a short adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

A THANK YOU FROM “MARY’S MEALS” – (2023 Parish Charity)

Thank you from the bottom of our heart to the whole of your parish for your so very generous donation. We were delighted to receive the **2,464 €**. With this money Mary’s Meals can provide school meals for a year for **112 children**. That is wonderful! The daily school meal makes such a difference to the lives of these children. It gives them access to education, which can be their way out of poverty. Many thanks again and best regards – Mary’s Meals Germany



"Sharing is caring"! – We invite you to *an evening of "share and care" time* twice a month with Br. Anil. Let us come together, meet, share the Word of God and celebrate our Christian life together in a familiar atmosphere. **Dates of Meeting in April: April 4 & 25**

Time: 18.00-19.00 Place: Vilbeler Str. 36

St.
Leonhards

FOOD DONATIONS – Each Saturday at Mass we collect non-perishable, non-refrigerated food for the Mother Teresa Sisters (things like marmalade, fruit teas (rather than black tea), sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami). Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

TUESDAY MASS – Each Tuesday we celebrate Mass at St. Leonhard’s Church at 18.00.

CHIP FOR TOILETS – Please note that there are no toilets available in St. Leonhard’s Church, but we are able to use the toilets located at the Caritas building nearby. If you need to use the toilet, please see the Security Guard in the back. He has the chip to open the door.

Holy
Cross

FOOD DONATIONS - We collect food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. We need non-perishable food items, e.g. pasta, sauce, soups, cereals, etc. Especially important: marmalade, fruit teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami (the kinds that don’t require refrigeration), 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese (again the kind that doesn’t require refrigeration). **Please do not bring outdated food items.** Thank you.



FAMILY MASS – APRIL 21 - The Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on April 21st will be for both “young” and “old” alike ... with certain elements geared especially towards children incorporated into the regular Sunday Mass.

COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to not use so much plastic and to be environmentally friendly, we ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social** and to then bring it back home with you.

St.
Mary's

FOOD DONATIONS - You can bring your food donations for the Hattersheim-Hofheim Tafel each Sunday to Mass. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, non-refrigerated milk and canned goods.

MASS RESPONSES

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. – OR --

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone

are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Profession of Faith (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Invitation to Prayer

PRIEST: Pray, brethren .. acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

PRIEST: The Lord be with you. PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts. PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right and just.

Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Sign of Peace - The peace of the Lord be with you always. People: And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. ... Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

April 6 / 7

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

FIRST READING – Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his

commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ... A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said

to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

April 13 / 14
3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING – Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ... And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

SECOND READING – 1 John 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

GOSPEL – Luke 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. ... While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is

to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

April 20 / 21
4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING – Acts 4: 7-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter and John were speaking to the people about the resurrection of Jesus, the captain of the temple arrested them and placed them in custody. The next day the rulers, elders and scribes assembled. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING – 1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world

does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

GOSPEL – John 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

April 27 / 28

5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING – Acts 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and

described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

R: Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL – John 15: 1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have

already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”



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Tuesdays 6:00 pm

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Mass time: Sundays 9:30 am



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Church location:

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Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm

