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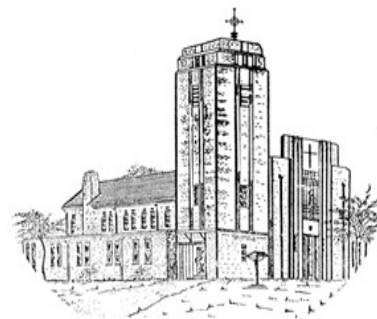
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

24th April to 2nd May
2021

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass Readings

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117; 1

John 3:1-2;

John 10:11-18

THE RISEN CHRIST IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD AND MODEL

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday. So, the Liturgy invites us to contemplate Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This is a most lovely and ancient way of coming close to our Blessed Lord. The image of the shepherd is portrayed in the Bible many times. In the Old Testament, God is seen as the shepherd who takes care of his flock. Prophet Isaiah says that "He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest."

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus proclaims "I am the good shepherd". This proclamation of Jesus recalls how God introduced himself to Moses as "I am". So Jesus by using this expression reveals himself as the Son of God and the fulfilment of the prophecies of the good shepherd. This also emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life: "The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep." It is this love that led Jesus to the cross on which He sacrificed his life for his flock. This testifies that Jesus knows his sheep. He knows when they are hungry, thirsty, weak and wounded. To love is to know. There is no love without knowledge. Unlike hired men who work only for their wages and do not defend their flock against attacks but take to their heels and leave the sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Jesus the Good Shepherd never forsakes his flock in time of danger but stays with them even unto death. These are images that readily move us to be closer to Jesus in a sense of our need and our gratitude for his love and care. Today is also Vocations Sunday. On this day we are especially asked to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel.

May the Good Shepherd guide and strengthen us in the pathway of constant kindness, especially at this time of trial. May he restore in us all a deep sense of our vocation to be with him, to live in him and to work through him, every day.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who Gift Aid their Offertory Donations. Last year's tax refund was £5866.19 It is a great financial support to our parish. We encourage parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid your offertory donations. We also encourage people to set up a standing order as this is easier for everyone. To set up a Standing Order and to Gift Aid please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who Gift Aid via the envelope boxes can now collect them from the Church Porch. Please ask a steward. Many thanks for your support to our parish.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Patrick Prichard, James Gardner, Betty Bacon, Josephine Moore, Francis Clarke, Linda Concannon, Bridget Murphy, Bert Fenton, Naomi Hill, Gerard Whittle, Joseph Greaves, Mary Donohoe, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you for your generous offerings for Mass Intentions for your family and friends. As we now have a large number booked, we would ask you to consider sending some of your intentions to support our retired priests in England, particularly Fr Tom Kelly, or our Mission in India. We understand that it is important for you to know when a Mass is being offered, but like this you would also be helping the work of the Church in other ways. Please indicate your choice on the Mass Intentions Envelopes. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR EASTER

The "Walk with Me" booklets and calendar for the Easter Season are still available in the Church Porch. A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Please consider taking a copy for yourself. Many thanks.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall is still closed but cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available from the Parish Office during office hours. Other cards are also available for different occasions.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 24th April – Sunday 2nd May (Psalter Week 4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 24th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30pm Ints of Fiona Mahon and Family</p>	<p>3:30pm First Holy Communion Commitment Mass for St Mark’s School Children</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 25th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Vocation Sunday Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund.</p>	<p>8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30am Margaret Fitzgerald 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30am Linda Concannon RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 26th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Paddy Waldron - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 27th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Linda Concannon RIP - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 28th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Joe McNamara RIP</p>	<p>7:30pm Baptism Preparation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 29th April Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</p>	<p>10:00am Thomas Ethridge - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 30th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Bert Fenton RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 1st May Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Sandra Pearson</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 2nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>8:30am Mrs Vivian Stokes 10:30am Emma and Richard Santy</p>	<p>10:30am Baptism</p>

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 169.50**

**Loose Money:
£290.60**

**Standing order for
February: £1388.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 171**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of
the Reconciliation

can now be
received by
appointment on
Wednesday and
Saturday. To make
an

appointment please
speak to Fr. Vincent
or the Parish Office.
Many Thanks.

Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 21;
1 John 3: 18-24;
John 15:1-8

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

DAY OF PRAYER & ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR VOCATIONS

Ever year in February, we used to organize a Day of Prayer & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations. Due to Pandemic this year we could not do it. The Forth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This day is designated as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This weekend we are organizing a Day of prayer and Adoration for Vocations. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main Altar this Saturday 24th April at 12 noon and Sunday 25th at 8:00am and 10:00am. The intention of this prayer initiative is to promote and pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and to the Religious life.

BAPTISM DURING MASS

On Sunday 2nd May we will be celebrating a Baptism during the 10:30am Mass. There will be special provision for the family in addition to the normal capacity for the congregation. We pray for the family and welcome them to our community.

