

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund: Good Shepherd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of men who are responding to God's call to serve as priests in our diocese. Their journey involves years of preparation human, spiritual, and pastoral equipping them to serve parish communities in the years ahead. Your support helps make this formation possible. It is a direct way of strengthening the life of the Church and ensuring that future generations will continue to receive the sacraments and pastoral care. If you are able, please give generously in today's collection. You may also donate via rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund. Please also continue to pray for vocations and for those currently serving.

May Devotion: There will be rosary said on Fridays through out the month of May at 11.30am before 12noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass. Let us avail ourselves of this opportunity to pray as a community.

Parish Pilgrimage To Assisi 2026 This will commemorate with the 800th year of Francis of Assisi, we will also visit the final resting place of the first millennial saint, Saint Carlos Acutti. The dates and cost will be **26th-30th October, 2026. The cost for the trip will be £1440** For more information please contact the parish office.

Parish Community Birthday Celebrations: April birthday thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 26th after the 11.30am Mass.

Death: Maura Eivers was a dedicated member of this parish community, she served our Food & Friends outreach with so much passion and empathy. She sadly passed away on the 1st of April. Her funeral mass will take place on **Friday 15th May at 12noon** here in our parish. May her soul rest peacefully.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Apr. 19th, 26th, May 10th, 17th, 31st, June Sat. 6th @10am Reconciliation/Rehearsal, **Sunday 7th Celebration of the First Holy Communion.**

100 Club May draw: The next draw is on Friday 1st May and it will take place after the First Friday service. Subscriptions should be put in by 25th / 26th April weekend. New Members Welcome! Application forms at the back of the church or ask in the parish office.

Legacy: A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forebearers

Christian Stewardship: 19th April 2026

Envelopes: £160 **Loose:** £ 520.30. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.



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April Diary

Weekend 25th/26th: **Priest Training Fund collection**

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**

Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**

Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**

Every 1st Friday 12 noon: **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room 7.45pm**

Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room.

May Diary

May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary who is most happy to intercede for us at this time. We are encouraged to make Marian devotions especially praying the rosary at this time. We have opportunity to do this solemnly as a community 30 minutes before every weekend Mass. All are invited.

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to share the first announcement of our 4th Annual Fundraising Event—an evening that promises joy, connection, and purpose. 📅

Date: Sat., 17th October 2026 ⌚ Time: 6:00pm Venue: 21 Hatchard Road, London N19 4NG This year, we are elevating the celebration with a High Tea Dinner & Dance Fundraiser—an event designed not only for enjoyment, but for meaningful impact. For over 15 years, our parish has remained committed to supporting the most vulnerable in our community. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to provide:

- Daily breakfast for approximately 30 people
- Weekly lunch for around 40 people

- Around 70 food bags each week for individuals and families in need

Ongoing care and support for the less privileged and marginalised

This vital work continues because of you. Every pound raised goes directly toward supporting homeless and vulnerable members of our community—offering practical help, dignity, and hope where it is needed most. Last year, together we raised over £5,000. This year, we hope to go even further—and with your support, we believe we can achieve something truly remarkable.

Be Part of the Momentum

There are many ways you can get involved:

- Save the date—tickets sell out quickly each year
- Spread the word—invite friends, family, and colleagues
- Donate raffle prizes—gift vouchers, experiences, food, drinks, desserts, or special items
- Sponsor a table or donate—contributions can be made via the church account or using the coloured envelopes available at the back of the church
- Volunteer your time—help us behind the scenes to make the event a success
- Share your talents—music, dance, storytelling, comedy, and more are welcome
- Connect us with local businesses—your introductions could lead to valuable sponsorships
- Explore matched funding—many employers support charitable initiatives

A Special Highlight

We are excited to announce that we have an official England football shirt signed by the entire team, complete with a certificate of authenticity, available for sale. This is a rare and special item—perfect for any football enthusiast. Further details on how to bid will be shared soon. More information about ticket sales and ways to contribute will follow shortly. For now, we invite you to share in the excitement and begin spreading the word.

Get in Touch

If you would like to get involved early or learn more, please contact the Parish Office.

Together, let us make this year's fundraiser not only a success, but a vibrant celebration of faith in action and community spirit at its very best. With gratitude and anticipation, Thank you in advance, Parish Team

+ 4th Sunday Of Easter Year A

26th April 2026



We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

EDITED ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, the whole church prays for vocations to the priesthood. We are blessed with so many wonderful priests serving in the Diocese and I ask you to join with me in praying in thanksgiving for their ministry amongst us all. Please pray, too, for those who are in formation for the Priesthood and for the staff in our seminaries who are entrusted with the important work of their formation. The ministry of the priest is one of service. This was expressed during Holy Week in the Renewal of Priestly Promises, which took place at the Chrism Mass as our priests resolved to continue their ministry, following "Christ the head and shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls." Renewal of Priestly Promises at the Chrism Mass. This spirit of service, itself a self-emptying in imitation of Christ Himself, brings with it the utmost joy for all those called by the Lord to share in His priesthood. Priestly ministry flows, in a very particular way, from the celebration of the Eucharist. This celebration is vital for our lives, for the life of the Church and the priest is called by Christ Himself to celebrate the Eucharist with and for the People of God. From this celebration flows his ministry of servant-leadership for all those entrusted to his care—in whatever circumstance he may carry this out. This priestly service: a response to Christ's call, rooted in His gift of the Eucharist and nourished by the Word of God and daily commitment to prayer, is a great endeavour, enabling all whom the priest serves to grow in Christian life and in the mission of the Church. The discernment of this vocation, as Pope Leo reminds us, calls for "a relationship based on prayer and silence." POPE LEO XIV, Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2026. Such prayer and silence require a commitment of time, but this is time that will bear great fruit. It is important for us all—in our parish communities, schools and homes—to foster time for such prayer and support those whom the Lord calls to share in His priesthood. Times of Adoration provide excellent opportunities for prayer for priestly vocations and I ask every parish to hold a Holy Hour each week over the next month for this intention. I invite parishes to form groups of people who will commit to praying the Rosary for vocations to priesthood. The call to priesthood, more often than not, comes in quiet ways: the example of a priest; the example of parents and family members as they persevere in faith; a thought about service to the Church. Above all, the call to priesthood comes through the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."

Mass Times & Intentions 26th April – 2nd May 2026

Sat 25th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Barbara & Derek Gomes (RIP)

Sun 26th 9:00am: Essien-Oku family, Odeyemi family, Ann Waldron, Felix & family, Bridie McGivney (INT)

11:30am: Mary Asforis (RIP), Bridie McGivney (Birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Volunteers of the Parish

Mon 27th 12 noon: Patrick Reaney, Pat Reaney (ANN), Bernadette (INT)

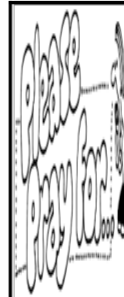
Tues 28th 12 noon: Bingo Club Members, Priscilla, Sam & family (INT)

Wed 29th St Catherine of Siena 12 noon: Barbara Kroll (RIP), Toney & Betty McGrane (ANN)

Thurs 30th 12 noon: Holy Souls (RIP), Bridie McDaid (posthumous birthday) (ANN)

Fri 1st St Joseph the Worker 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction

Sat 2nd St Athanasius 12 noon: Catherine & John O'Connor, Martin McDonagh (ANN)



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta L, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Julie Antwi, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Ann Forrester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray, Carmel Cannon, Dominic Roberts, Maria Cruz, Maria Minodora

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr Augustine I.Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, John Duong CSSp

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Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, before Masses Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon Prayer/Faith Group: Sat. 10am

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23)

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

R.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in
the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I
fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff
will give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, Kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For Online Mass)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 9am

Sun 11.30am

Sun 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea

Paula Zanke

Ignatius Etukudoh

Joanna Hemingway

Eucharist Minister

June G/Debra

Innocent Teme

Mary A & Joyce McD

Roxanne C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers

Essien Ekpenyong-Oku

Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe

Joseph Ogbonna

THE 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, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the 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.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy & Catechism
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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