



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Week 4 Year B

Sunday 25th April 2021

6pm* Theresa Harrington +

9am: Joseph Breen (int)

11.30am Margaret Oversby +

6pm: Joan Ferguson (int)

Monday 26

6.30pm: Private Intention

Tuesday 27

10am: Paul Sutherland +

Wednesday 28

NO MASS

Thursday 29

St Catherine of Siena

10am Anna & Greg Pasciak
(thanksgiving)

Friday 30

10am Elsa Jordache +

6pm Adoration in Church

Saturday 1st May

6pm* Liam Kinsella +

2nd: Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am: Walter Vassallo +

11.30am Bridget Mary Lyons +

6pm: Eileen Walsh &
Patrick Folan +

*vigil mass (sat)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.

During this weekend may we as a Parish community experience the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own. The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (*Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4*). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (*1 Peter 2:25*).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. May we allow this wonderful truth to fill our hearts and minds as a Parish during this Eastertide.

Eastertide Quote: St Cyril of Alexander, a 5th century church father comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd: "He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defence of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including: Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Paddy Falvey, Terry Loftus, Joan Ferguson, John Bridgeman, Patrick Boland, Ouida Jayasuriya.

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Offertory Envelopes: Have you signed a Gift Aid Form? We will soon be claiming the income tax you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying income tax or you have any queries, please email the parish office barnet@rcdow.org.uk so that we do not ask for the tax you have paid. **Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection at each Sunday Mass on 24/25 April 2021.**

Please note we are not allowed to leave them in the porch unattended due to general data protection regulations. After the 24th April, you can collect from the presbytery, but please telephone before your visit. Thank you.

I have completed the CAFOD Walk for Water of walking 400,000 steps during Lent. I actually walked 665,245 steps! Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in supporting me on my 'Just Giving' page which is still open for your kind donations: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water-with-cafod2022> My walking has produced over £1,605 - I would love to reach my target of £1,850. Thank you for your support. God Bless, David Williams. If giving online is impossible for you, offerings can be placed in an envelope marked 'David Williams' through the presbytery door.

Priest Training Fund: this Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** where we support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests.

Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can - a donation envelope is attached to this newsletter.

Please also pray for vocations for all our priests.

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