



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

4th Sunday of Easter Year C

THIS WEEK

4th Sunday of Easter - 8th May 2022

6pm*: Willie Hanley (int)
8.30am: Walter Vassallo+
10.30am: Maximus John D'Souza+
6.00pm: Sr Margaret Gallagher (int)

Mon 9th

6pm: Joe Bowe+

Tue 10th

9.30am: **St John of Avila**
Morning Prayer
10.00am: Georgina Awan (int)

Wed 11th

No Mass

Thur 12th

10.00am: Joe Bowe+
 10.30am: *Coffee Morning*

Fri 13th

9.30am: **Our Lady of Fatima**
Morning Prayer
10.00am: Michael & Lisa Geraghty (thanksgiving)
 1.30pm: *Christian Meditation*
 6.00pm: *Adoration*

Sat 14th

6pm*: **St Matthias**
Joe Bowe+

15th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Bami Adeyemo (int)
10.30am: Rogelio & Antonio Coranado+
6.00pm: Eileen Finch+

" My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognise the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him. Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector through our lives and especially in the life to come.

Eastertide Quote: St Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) contrasts those who listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, and those who close their ears to his call: "The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as disobedience is the mark of those who are not his. We take the word hear to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become part of his family. Therefore, when Christ says, 'I know mine,' he means I will receive them and give them a permanent mystical relationship with myself. It might be said that inasmuch as he has become man, he has made all human beings his relatives, since all are members of the same race. We are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of his incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of his holiness are alienated from him... 'My sheep follow me,' says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ and guided by his words rise through grace to his own dignity, for they are called 'children of God' (Matthew 5:9). When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow him." (excerpt from the COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 7.1)

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NEED TO TALK? If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass.

Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk



"Alpha has been a great experience. I met so many interesting people, shared thoughts and feelings on faith in a relaxed atmosphere, I have made some great friends and found things out about the Christian faith I never knew before. Everyone matters at Alpha." Clare Gallagher, Parishioner

You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, starting 7.30 pm - 9th May, or Friday lunchtimes, starting 12.00 pm - 27th May. Please register your interest at www.barnetalpha.com.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice, x2
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad!

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NOTICES

WELCOME!

SATURDAY CLASSES: Summer Term All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

Venue: The JP Room

Time: From 9.30am to 10.45am

Dates: April: 23rd, May: 7th & 21st, June: 11th & 25th, July: 9th

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CARDINAL'S MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS, Saturday 21st May 2022 at 6pm at Westminster Cathedral. Those who were Baptised or Received into the Church on Easter Vigil are warmly invited to attend, with catechists, families and friends. **Before Mass** we will gather in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1ON. The programme for the afternoon is as follows:

4.45pm :Tea & Welcome - Vaughan House Conference Room.

5.00pm: Reflection from Fr. Brian O'Mahony, Sub-Administrator of the Cathedral

5.30pm Preparing to celebrate Mass as New Catholics with our Bishop

6.00pm Mass



TUESDAYS: 10am -11.30am. (Term time only) at Church Parish Hall
Age Range: Birth to 3rd Birthday
£1 per family per morning
Parents: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits
Toddlers: toys, books puzzles etc
Come join us!

FR JOHN

Please take note that Fr. John will be away on his Easter vacation from 10th to 19th May.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Particular prayers: The people of Ukraine

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Denis Horgan, Catherine Malone, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Paul Dempsey

Recently Deceased: Mrs Laura Rosalba Toniato

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