



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## Fourth Sunday of EASTER 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (*and on request*)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)



## Good Shepherd Sunday 21 April 2024

Today we pray in particular for all the priests of our Diocese,  
and for vocations to the priesthood.

Please, take home a **blue donation envelope** and return it next week.

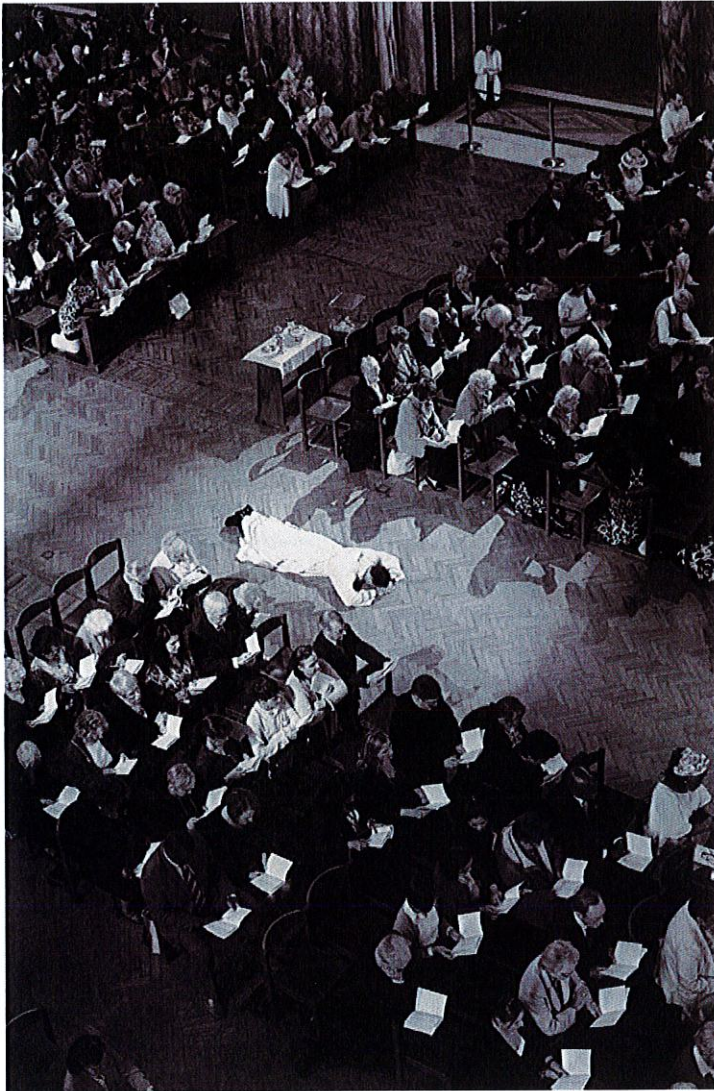
All the money collected will be given to the **Priest Training Fund**.

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# our reason for being



Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". We pray for Priests and vocations to Priesthood.

What is the "*raison d'être*" of a Priest? Who are we Priests? Are we 'special'?

Every vocation is born of love of predilection. As for every person, God has called us, Priests, to be His children.

Among His children, God has entrusted a particular task to us, Priests, which brings us closer to Him: giving ourselves for others.

'*Others*' are our reason for being, the objective of our love, since in them we fulfil this service that the Lord asks of us.

The existence of a Priest is a 'pro-existence', his being is a 'being for', his life is a 'Eucharistic prayer'. But how?

In the first place with **prayer**, presenting every concrete situation to God: "Lord, he (she) whom you love is suffering". Secondly, with the **oblative offering** of all of our being. When Jesus says, "Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?", He is not seeking a merely theoretical willingness to martyrdom, but a radical acceptance of the fact that we are here to do His will and to renounce our own. Our studies, our work and our rest, every decision, both vital and daily, everything is in keeping with this service.

Thirdly, with **humility**, knowing that Priests are on a journey, in need of that prayer, even more than those we have been called to serve. We Priests should not underestimate the power of intercession of those whom God has placed in our way: our Bishops and formators, companion priests, families, friends, our communities and our parishes.

Do not forget to pray for your Priests, and for me!

*In manus.*

Father Ivano