

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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## Who wants to be a Sheep!

Who wants to be likened to a sheep! Sheep are seen as silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather his is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the head-teacher. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day to day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day to day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday', the day we are asked to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the Priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will be taken up at the end of Mass. This Fund helps our Diocese pay for training seminarians (we are blessed to have 39 at present!) and priests for further studies for specialised ministries.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICES:** Thurs., 6:00 p.m. for those making First Communion on Saturday and Friday at 6:30pm, for those making it on Sunday.

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Next weekend there will be two First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday, 13 May at 1:30 and Sunday, 14 May at 1:30. Parishioners are welcome to come to support the children at this special time. *(NB there will be no 10:30 Mass on Saturday morning)*

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION OF OUR INTERNATIONALITY:** On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, we will be celebrating our unity in diversity in our prayers at Mass and with an international feast afterwards. At the Mass itself, those who wish from various cultures will be invited to present gifts in the offertory procession. You are encouraged to wear your national costume, if you have one. For the international lunch after Mass, please plan now, if you are able, to bring some food that is typical of your country of origin. You will soon be asked to sign your country of origin and what you can bring for the feast (savoury, sweet, beverage ...) Also, we could treat each other to typical songs and dance.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE:** A few strong people with spades who can help dig up some soil that needs to be removed from behind the church. Please let Sister Miriam know you are willing and when you could be available so we can find a time to suit all the volunteers. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £329.05 Loose £148.13 Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

Please remember to pray for those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, Teresa Finnigan, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.262)</b>	8.30am	Bridie Rynne RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Katie Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Marvin & Frank's Intentions
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<b>1.30pm</b>	First Holy Communion children
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.265)</b>	8.30am	Dena Adams RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
		<b>1.30pm</b>	First Holy Communion children

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

*Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*