

25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021  
+4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioners

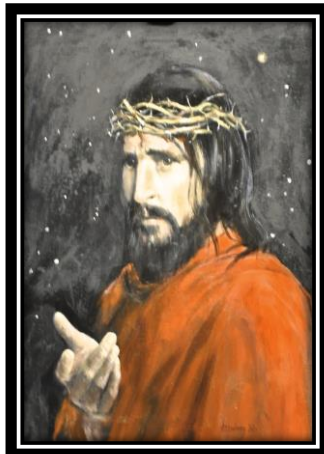
I am the Good Shepherd

The fourth Sunday of Eastertide is always called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'Vocations Sunday'. In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus say that he is the 'Good Shepherd'. He reminds us that we are his flock and that we can trust him to lead us safely where we will find true life under his protection. In the Scriptures one of the most frequent motifs used to describe God's care for his people is the symbol of the shepherd looking after his sheep. We may not think that being a 'sheep' is a particularly attractive image as we consider sheep rather timid and passive creatures who may also seem a little bit simple and likely to follow their leader without much reflection. Well actually, that describes us rather well! Like sheep we can easily be frightened of really embracing the life that is best for us and we can be easily led astray by faulty ideas and prohibited activities which come from influential currents in society and culture. The Church is honoured to think of herself as the flock belonging to the Lord and to appeal to his watchful and prudential care which guides us to the safe and verdant places of life and ultimately to the eternal pastures of heaven. Our Good Shepherd has laid down his life for us as a proof of his love and he calls each one of us to a vocation of love in this world to show that we belong to him and recognise his voice in our life. Some of his flock are chosen to follow his example in the specific vocation of priesthood and religious life and so we pray today especially for good shepherds in our Church who can respond to this call. May we all place ourselves continually under the watchful gaze of our Good Shepherd, Jesus and find our true calling in this life.

*God bless you*

*Fr Martin*

**CHRIST AND THE CROWN OF THORNS PAINTING** – We would like to have the painting professionally framed and would welcome contributions from parishioners for the project. Collection for this will take place over the next two weekends. You will be able to place your donation in the contribution box in the narthex. Alternatively, you can also contribute by placing your offering in an envelope marked "Painting Frame" and leave in the Parish Office if you are unable to get to weekend Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.



*Painting by Victor Daltrey (St Thomas More Parishioner)*

## St Thomas More Catholic Church

### 25TH APRIL 2021, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - [www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote)

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\*\*\*100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP\*\*\*

Good luck to all our members!!

#### MASS INTENTIONS + 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANTHONY KELLY RIP A  
09:30AM LES STRIDE RIP LD  
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

##### MONDAY 26TH APRIL

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING ANNEGIRT HILL

##### TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM JOHN CUMMINS RIP LD

##### WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM CATHERINE (KITTY) TOBIN RIP A

##### THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

##### FRIDAY 30TH APRIL

09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM BERNARD FERNANDES RIP A

##### SATURDAY 1ST MAY

09:00 -11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM DANUS LEE RIP A

FOLLOWED BY  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
CONFESSIONS

#### +5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### SUNDAY 2ND MAY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK NG RIP A  
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30AM INTS OF THE DOHERTY FAMILY

#### **Please remember our sick parishioners in your**

**prayers:** Brian Berry, Ron Johnson, Katie Murchan, Vincent Fernandes, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

**For those who have died recently:** Kathleen Dunleavy, Kathleen Sullivan, Olive Law, Lourdes Desouza, Jeyrani John Pillai, Debbie Williams and Lynda Rodricks.

#### **For those whose Anniversaries occur around this**

**time:** Martin Moran, Lena Moore, Anthony Kelly. Catherine (Kitty) Tobin, Paul Aloysius Gough and Jo Barton.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** This week there are lots of helper sheep who learn about Jesus and how he is a good shepherd to his flock.

<https://youtu.be/oVuiHIRSNoA>

**Priest Training Fund:** This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and our second collection will 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 also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**FOOD BANK:** Please remember to bring along your food donations before the next collection on **28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)



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AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE



# 'The Old Testament- A Guide for the Perplexed'



Series of five talks, Tuesday Evenings,  
7.00-8.00pm, given by Fr John Deehan



20<sup>th</sup> April - Managing our Expectations

27<sup>th</sup> April - Why and How was the Old Testament Written?

The Myths of Genesis 1-11

4<sup>th</sup> May - The Challenge of Living in the Promised Land.

The Former Prophets

11<sup>th</sup> May - Coming to terms with reality but not losing hope.

The Great Prophets

18<sup>th</sup> May - Exile and Restoration.

The Writings

The talks will be delivered via Zoom.

Please register beforehand on [Eventbrite](#)