# + ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

A Parish under the care of the Augustinians

# Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 30th April 2023

### **Gospel Teaching**

All four Gospel writers use the metaphor of Jesus as shepherd. John explains that the life and work of Jesus demonstrate God's love for everyone. Just as the sheep recognise the shepherd's voice, so we know the voice of Jesus when he calls us. This kind of love resembles the love the Father has for Jesus. It is a love that binds us at once to the Father, to Jesus and to each other. The gate guards against all that threatens the well-being of the sheep. Jesus emphasises that sheep recognise the voice of the one who cares for them. They follow their shepherd and will not follow a stranger whose voice they do not know.

"Life" or "eternal life" in John's Gospel is not just about life after death. It is life that begins here and now; it is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. It is knowing the voice of the good shepherd who truly cares for us. It is life in community, finding security and nourishment as part of the flock. It is life that abounds in meaning and value, and endures even beyond death. For John, Jesus reveals the presence of God. The thief comes to kill and destroy, but Jesus comes to offer life in abundance.

We may reflect on those places in our Church where we still need "good shepherding" or where the "shepherding" has left us in need. Some issues cry out for our Church's response, like ending violence and militarism, protecting the natural world, and helping women and young people play fulfilling roles in the Church and in society. Today's image of the good shepherd also challenges us to apply the image to the wider world. Does not the image of the good shepherd challenge our international institutions to show a special care for those in need – those who are poor and powerless, migrants and refugees, vulnerable children and minorities? Does it not challenge our nation and its institutions to a more sincere respect for human rights? A world that makes real the loving care of the good shepherd must work to put an end to all kinds of abuse that God's people currently endure.

The Pope concluded his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in 2022 with an appeal to the entire Church to work together, inspired by God's love. "Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that the People of God, amid the dramatic events of history, may increasingly respond to this call," the Pope said. "Let us implore the light of the Holy Spirit, so that all of us may find our proper place and give the very best of ourselves in this great divine plan!"

#### MASS TIMES

#### Sunday:

9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm

Monday to Friday: 8 am & 12.15 pm

Saturday: 12.15 pm, 6 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days of Obligation: 8 am, 12.15 pm & 7 pm CONTACT DETAILS

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See also: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html

Readings: Acts 2: 14, 36-41, Psalm 22, 1 Peter 2: 20-25 John 10: 1-10



# PARISH DIARY

#### Sunday 30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

(Good Shepherd Sunday) World Day of Prayer for Vocations Masses: 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm Retiring Collection - Augustinian Priest Training Fund

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May Easter Feria

12 noon - Regina Caeli 12.15 pm Mass

**Tuesday 2nd May** St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor 8 am Mass

12 noon - Regina Caeli 12.15 pm Mass

Wednesday 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles

8 am Mass

12 noon - Regina Caeli

12.15 pm Mass

Thursday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

8 am Mass

12 noon - Regina Caeli

12.15 pm Mass

Friday 5th May Easter Feria

Blessed Vincent Soler, Priest & Companions, Martyrs 8 am Mass

12 noon - Regina Caeli

12.15 pm Mass for His Majesty King Charles III on his

Coronation

7 pm Novena Mass to Sto. Niño

Saturday 6th May Easter Feria

12 noon - Regina Caeli 12.15 pm Mass

6 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Blessed Maria of St. Joseph Alvarado, Virgin Masses: 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm

### PARISH LIFE

Car Parking - The management of the car park has been handed over to external agents and have installed ANPR. The arrangements for the weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday up until the 12.15 pm Masses remain the same, i.e. the gate will be open around Mass times). For any Masses or services during the week, ie, Weekday Masses, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings, you will have to book a space, which can be done online at <a href="https://parkbee.com.uk">https://parkbee.com.uk</a> Please note that several parking bays have been suspended due to current re-building of the party wall (Guinness Trust Buildings).

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**Live Streaming Masses and Services -** To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: **www.churchservices.tv.** 

#### 7 to 9 Votive Day Candle Stands

(located near St. Anthony's/St. Patrick's Statues)
Please **only** use candles which can be purchased from the Repository or Parish Office
Price per Candle **£5** (available in Blue, Red & White)

#### **Church Shop - Opening Times**

Monday to Thursday - 11.45 am to 1.30 pm Saturday 11.45 am to 1.30 pm 5.30 pm to 7 pm

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

We still need of more volunteers to come forward for the various ministries in the Church;

**Would you like to join the Choir? -** Please pick up a form from the Church Porch.

**Church Cleaning -** Please speak to Antonia if you can help on Mondays after the 8 am Mass.

**Readers -** If you would like to read at any of the Sunday Masses, please email Annabel, staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk

**Diocesan Job Vacancies -** For current job vacancies, visit <a href="https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/">https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/</a>

# OPENING TIMES, DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### **Church Opening Times for Individual Prayer**

Weekdays: 7 am to 5 pm

Saturdays: 10 am until after the 6 pm Mass Sundays: 8 am until after the 6.30 pm Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Saturday 10.30 am - 11.45 am.

**Reconciliation -** Saturday 10.30 am to 11.45 am and by appointment.

**Regina Caeli -** Every day at 12 noon. (Throughout the Easter Season, The Angelus is replaced by Regina Caeli).

**Novena Mass to Sto. Niño -** Every first Friday of the month at 7 pm.

**Rosary -** (Led by parishioners) recited daily after the 8 am Mass (Monday to Friday) & 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mass for Migrants - Monday 1st May 2023 at 12 noon at St. Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB.

Presider: Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

Involvement from students at St Antony's Primary, St Angela's Ursuline and St Bonaventure's Secondary School.

For the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, celebrating the wonderful contribution of Migrants, with ethnic chaplaincies and parish communities throughout Essex, London and Kent.

*Travel by Train:* Forest Gate (Elizabeth Line), Wanstead Park (Overground) 15 minute walk to Church.

Travel by Car: limited spaces available at St Bonaventure's School, E7 9QD. (Access via St Antony's Road).

Final Call for the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral - Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2.30 pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. Details of attendees (names, wedding date, full postal address and email address or telephone number) should be sent to the Parish Office.

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine - Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on 15th May 2023. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Crouch Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150. Contact Patricia by email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or telephone 01268 762 278/07740 175 557.

Let's Journey Together (11th 17th May 2023) - The Isaiah Journey group (who prepare resources for the annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online entitled 'Let's Journey Together'. Guidance for participants, who have been affected by Clerical Abuse in the Catholic Church, and who wish to be part of this spiritual journey is available at: journeytogetherij@gmail.com

Vocations Open Evening - On Wednesday 17th May 2023 there will be an open evening at St. James, Spanish Place for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6 pm followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and information conversations and refreshments. Do come and join them if you can. Nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother Antonia Salzano - The mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on **Thursday 1st June at 6.30 pm**. Following a Sung Mass, Antonia Salzano will give a talk about her recently-beatified son, his life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.

"The Art of Accompaniment Conference" - Organised by the Archdiocese of Southwark for all those involved in evangelisation and catechesis. This will take place on Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July at Liverpool Hope University. For further information and to register an interest email: kinga.kosterska@cbcew.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Cardinal Nichols will lead the Diocesan Annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 21st to Friday 28th July 2023. Please book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <a href="https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes">https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes</a> to avoid disappointment as places are limited. If you know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 02087 7998 9173 immediately, so the Medical Team cam look into assisting with requirements and care.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023 -** Led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr. John Farrell OP. **Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November 2023**. Galilee

- Jerusalem - Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Full board: £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. To book visit <a href="https://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL">https://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL</a> or call Gill at Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or Elizabeth (Pilgrimage Office) on 0207 798 9173.

#### **Table of Moveable Feasts 2023**

Ascension
Pentecost
Corpus Christi
Ss Peter & Paul
Assumption of the BVM
All Saints
First Sunday of Advent

18th May
28th May
11th June
29th June
15th August
1st November
3rd December

Bold entries denote Holidays of Obligation in England and Wales.

#### LITURGY

Good Shepherd Sunday - Today the Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In his message for this day in 2022, Pope Francis said that when we speak about vocations, we are speaking about making God's dream come true. The Pope reminded religious and clergy that they are called to be protagonists of the Church's mission; to be guardians of one another and of creation; to welcome God's gaze; to respond to God's gaze; and to build a loving world. "As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together," the Pope said. "We are like the tiles of a mosaic. Each is lovely in itself, but only when they are put together do they form a picture; each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe."

The Friars welcome enquiries from men who feel called to discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

**Bank Holiday Monday -** Monday 1st May is a bank holiday, therefore, there will be only one Mass at 12.15 pm.

The Coronation of King Charles III - From Wednesday 3rd May until Friday 5th May, the Bishops of England and Wales ask each Catholic in our lands to pray for His Majesty and the Queen. We can do this in our daily prayer, asking Almighty God to guide the King in his appointed tasks. Prayer cards are available in the Church Porch.

#### Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Mass for His Majesty's King Charles III on his Coronation - The Triduum of prayer will culminate at the 12.15 pm Mass on Friday 5th May which will be a Mass for the King before his Coronation on Saturday.

Readings: Romans 8: 26-30, Psalm 131, Matthew 5:1-12a

#### Mother of Good Counsel Pilgrimage

at Clare Priory, Clare, Suffolk on **Sunday 14th May 2023** 

11.30 am - Rosary and Procession to the Shrine

12.15 pm - Service of Reconciliation, Adoration 2.15 pm - Mass of the Day

Please bring packed lunch. Tea/coffee and cakes available.
For more information, contact:

01787 277 326 or email: clarepriory@clarepriory.net

#### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - More information from the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion 2023 - Ongoing.

Confirmation 2023 - Ongoing.

Home Visit for the Sick - Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages** - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice longer if you wish to marry abroad, You also need to attend a Marriage Course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**RCIA** (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) - The next programme will start later this year.

#### SCHOOLS

Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School - Every September, Westminster Cathedral welcomes up to six choristers into Years 4 or 5. For more information, please contact Lucy Auger, by email: <a href="mailto:lauger@choirschool.com">lauger@choirschool.com</a> or call 020 7798 9081.

**Thinking about a School for your Daughter? -** St. Augustine's Priory, Ealing's leading independent Catholic School for girls, is holding an Open Day on the **9th May** for Nursery to Year 6. To find out more information please visit <a href="https://www.sapriory.com">www.sapriory.com</a>

### COMMUNITY MASS LIST

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Joe Tuffy, Mollie Loftus, Ann Davies, Jimmy O'Shea, Wayne Michael Turner, Juana Maria Corrillo, Margot Proesmans, Geraldine Burke, Alan Thomas Myler, Mary O'Malley, Ena Lynch, John Davenport.

#### **Anniversaries:**

Elisabeth Bishop, Lennie Burke, Ellen & William Campbell, Veronica Lennon, Jimmie Grimes.

#### Deceased:

Margo Stack, The Pinto family, Bridie McMorrow, Juliana Robin, Vicenta Robin, Fortunata Morana.

#### Intentions:

Holy Souls, Breda Doyle, Holy Souls, Helen Golden, Christine McGreal, Holy Souls, Anna & Tom Dalton.

#### Get Well:

Noel Horgan, Mary Molloy, Sharon, Tony & Ellis Murphy, Eden Mago, Ki Smith, James Ward.

#### Birthday:

Myrna Starr, Sandra Padrau, Slava, Moira Lombardi, Fidela Angelia.

# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these difficult times.

If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code:

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Name: WRCDT - HAMMERSMITH

Account No: 11308262
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Bank: HSBC
Ref: Your name

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**Gift Aid & Planned Giving -** This scheme enables parishes to claim back the tax element of your gift from those who pay tax and donate regularly to the Parish. This gives the parish an extra 25% on top of your donations at no cost to yourself.

**New Gift Aid Box -** For those already on the scheme, your new box is ready for you to collect from the Church Shop/back of the Church.

#### Ways you can Give

Gift Aid Box - If you feel that you are able to make regular donations, and would like a gift aid box, please complete the Parish Gift Aid Form/Standing Order Form (available from the Church Porch) and return it to the Parish Office.

By Standing Order - You may wish to set up a standing order for your donations, if so, please complete the standing order instruction on the Parish Gift Aid Form and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

Not donated in a while and would like to start giving again? If anyone has not donated in a while, we have ended your box. If you would like to start giving again by planned giving envelopes. Please complete the Gift Aid form and return it to the Parish and you will be issued with a new number and box.

Changed your Address? Please let the Parish Office know if you have recently changed your address, so that our records can be updated.

Contactless Payment Machines - If you wish for your donation to be gift-aided, please ensure that you fully complete the gift aid section. If you prefer, or if the machines are not working, for whatever reason, you can scan the QR code, which you will find above the machines, just enter your donation amount, input your card details in the normal way. Please don't forget to Gift Aid!

**Foodbank** - We are still collecting items for the Food Bank that can help families who are struggling. Please use the box in the porch for dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable/fruits) and toiletries. Thank you.

**The Augustinians Priest Training Fund -** the retiring collection this weekend will support the Augustinian Priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. You can also donate using the contactless machines.