



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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**21ST APRIL 2024 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. [...] [This Sunday's] gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. In the portion of the chapter that we hear

proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Available at <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Bill Guilfoyle, Sarah Edwards, George Johnstone, Oscar St Anne, Harry Wheeler,

Joseph Kenneth Otway, Joaquina de Fatima G Marques Prates, Maureen McDermott

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NOTICES

POLITE NOTICE: If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

DRESS CODE: A gentle reminder that, when coming to Church, we need to dress appropriately as we are in a place of worship. Please make sure that you not wearing anything with a low neckline, sleeveless garments which expose the shoulders, clothing that exposes the knees or upper legs (whether sitting or standing), clothing that exposes the stomach or back, or clothing made of see-through material; also avoid excessively tight clothing. Dress well; you are in the presence of Our Lord, your king.

JENNIFER HARDIMAN RIP: Please pray for the eternal rest of Jennifer Hardiman who passed away on 31 March. Jennifer's funeral will be celebrated on Friday 26 April at 11 am. Keep her family and friends in your prayers at this time of grief.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Today we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place this weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at *Redemptoris Mater*. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

INTERNATIONAL MASS: On Sunday 19 May, Pentecost Sunday, we are celebrating our International Mass. This will be the first since 2019 and we want to make sure we celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage while gathered as a community around the Altar. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am followed by the International Buffet. To plan the event we ask a representative from each community/country to give us their name and country they will be representing; all representatives are invited to our planning meeting on Thursday 2 May. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Church where you can leave your Country, Name, and Contact Number.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Every year we have a lot of Marriage Papers request for Marriages taking place abroad later in the year, especially November and December. If any couple is planning on **getting married between November 2024 and January 2025**, please contact the Parish Office via email at heston@rcdow.org.uk so we can arrange a group course in the early summer so the certificates are ready for the Marriage Papers. In your email please give the full name of both parties, the date of your marriage and where the marriage will be taking place.

DONATIONS: From this Sunday, you will find a trolley at the back of the Church where you can leave your donations for our Fairs and Raffles. We are looking for bottles for our Tombolas, brand new and like new toys for the Children Tombolas, good condition items for our bric-a-brac, brand new toiletries, and gift set. Please make sure any item you donate is brand new or in good condition, we do not want to become the place where you can dispose of your rubbish.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The envelopes can be collected from the Parish Office (when open) or from the Repository (on weekends), please note that due to GDPR we cannot leave these at the back of the Church. If you ask someone else to collect on your behalf, please let us know in advance. We have also been made aware that not all boxes have been ordered, if your box is one of these please contact the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION: The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open at <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by

contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

REFERENCE REQUESTS: When applying for a job at times you may be required to put down someone as referee for a character reference. From time to time, parishioners have put down one of the Fathers as their reference. When doing so, please, inform the fathers and make yourself known; with so many in our parish sometimes it can be difficult to put the name to the face.

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

*****SACRAMENTS*****

BAPTISMS: Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are available every Saturday morning between 10 and 10:45 am. If you need confession out of this time, please contact the Parish Office.

***** USEFUL PRAYERS *****

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of "Divine Vocations" and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the "Divine Union" of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (*Three "Glory Be" in honour of the Holy Trinity*)

APRIL 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 20th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving from Gonsalves Family
Sunday 21st +FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Alisha Fernandes – Birthday Souls of Ancestors of Francis & Shilpa Fernandes Francisco Fernandes – RIP Natalie Elizabeth Gawlak – RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Monday 22nd	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Vigil Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Cloy Fernandes – Thanksgiving Antonio Sebastiao - RIP
Tuesday 23rd <i>St George</i> <i>Patron of England</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Ansilvio & Samantha – Wedding Anniversary Souls of 38 Sonia Gardens
Wednesday 24th <i>Ss Erkenwald &</i> <i>Mellitus</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary The Souls of the Fernandes Family Ida Fernandes E Palha - RIP
Thursday 25th <i>St Mark</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Francisco & Helena – Wedding Anniversary Gerard Cooney – RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 26th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 11 am 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Souls of the De Sousa Family Requiem Mass for Jennifer Hardiman RIP -
Saturday 27th	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Souls of the Furtado Family Adoration & Confessions Maureen McDermott – RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 28th +FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Suresh Uraon – RIP + Nandu & Celine Uraon David Quadros – RIP Joseph Rozario Ida Fernandes E Palha - RIP

*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel, use Car Park entrance.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 21 APRIL: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
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SUNDAY 21 APRIL: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass
MONDAY 22 APRIL: PFC Meeting 7:30pm (PFC Members Only)
SUNDAY 28 APRIL: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass
SUNDAY 28 APRIL: FHC Parents' Meeting after 9:30 am Mass
THURSDAY 2 MAY: International Mass Planning Meeting 7:30pm
SATURDAY 4 MAY: Confirmation Retreat at SPEC
THURSDAY 9 MAY: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation)

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and at no extra cost to you.

You can also give your donation by scanning the QR Code.

