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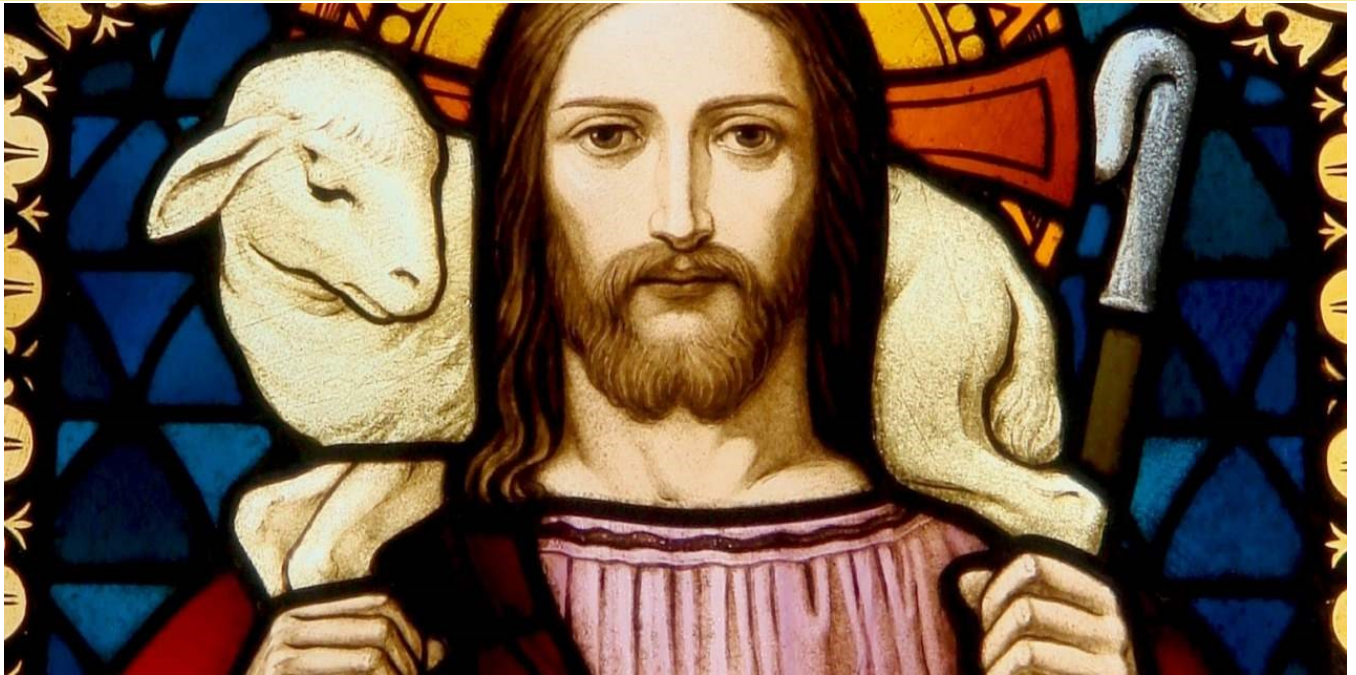
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Confessions Tuesday to Friday 12 midday or on request. Church open Monday to Saturday 9am to 6pm for prayer.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024/ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



“The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. ” John 10:11

This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Our second collection will support the **Priest Training Fund**. This fund pays for the 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 two seminarians abroad and two on a propaedeutic year. 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. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. 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.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 20th April	8:15 of the catechumenatae
Sun 21st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00am Fr Michael Daily RIP 11:00am Pro Populo
Mon 22nd April	NO MASS
Tue 23rd April St George	12:30pm Fr John Warnaby RIP 6:00pm
Wed 24th April St Erkenwald & Melitus	12:30pm Benjamin Borromeo RIP
Thu 25th April St Mark	12:30pm Ada RIP 6:00pm
Fri 26th April	12:30pm

Last Collection: £221.08 Thank you very much for your generosity.

You are invited to join the **Popular Mission** this **Sunday** 21st April at **2pm in Market Place**, at the end of Great Titchfield Street. We go out to invite all who have gone astray to turn to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.



**Catechesis For Adults & Youth
Mondays & Thursdays at 8pm**

COME  and LISTEN!

Called to be good shepherds

Two men in our parish (Tom & Joe) are in seminaries, another one (Juan) was ordained last year. This year René, a seminarian for the Diocese of Aberdeen has been doing his placement at our parish. Please keep them all in your prayers. *Fr Oscar*



René De los Reyes
'I am doing studies in Allen hall seminary here in London and belong to the diocese of Aberdeen, Scotland. Born in the Philippines, worked as a an Intensive Care Nurse and a Nurse Specialist in Pain Management at Barts Health Trust, mainly at St Bartholomew's and Royal London Hospitals in the east side of London.

The seed of God's call to serve him in the priesthood was initially planted when I was 8 years old through a vision at the altar with Jesus raising the Holy Host right in front of my eyes. I heard a voice saying, "this is where I want you to be."

The vision of Jesus brought strength, courage, and hope amidst all the challenges, pains, and sufferings throughout my life journey to the present. I felt the great presence of Christ particularly in my day to day work, decisions, and discernment to the vocation for the priesthood.

I left my professional career in 2012, and joined a religious order, lived, studied, worked, and discerned for 9 years before moving to the diocesan vocation.

Christ has been gracious and generous throughout my journey, and as I fully embrace and dedicate my life to God's call to serve, he continually fills me with deep joy, fervour, and immense peace. As I wake up each morning, with utmost gratitude, I always pray, "Here I am Lord, give me the strength and determination to do your will. "



Tom Blackburn
'Reflecting back, while simultaneously preparing for my Priestly ordination on June 29th (save the date), I am full of gratitude for all the things the Lord has done.

10 years ago, having first heard the call to go to the seminary while I was at university, I made the decision that I did not want this vocation and chose my own path. This decision led to many sins and sufferings, however, God never despised my freedom but has poured out his mercy and sanctified my history.

These last 10 months, largely spent in the parish, have been a beautiful experience of God acting through my poverty. Despite many times I think I am offering something to God, it is when I am not in control that I see the Holy Spirit descend and act within whatever situation I find myself.

I am incredibly grateful that the Lord has given me a Christian community in this Parish to help re-discover the depths of my baptism, and believe that it is as part of the Christian Community that the Lord is calling me to evangelise'.

Lord Jesus, as once you called the first disciples and made them fishers of men, continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me."

Grant to men and women in our day the grace and trust to respond to Your voice.

Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those living a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal.

Send, Lord, workers into Your fields to feed and guide Your flock as Good Shepherds in imitation of You.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord who calls each one of us to play our part in His plan of salvation. Amen. By St JPII