



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Joyce Cummings.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Patrick Rice, Robert & Rose Joseph, Baby Ryan Quinn. Michael Doran.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Amelia Murphy.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY

Christians in Africa: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

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Good Shepherd of the flock, you tend and feed and protect your chosen people and only ask us to put our trust in your loving care. As host you entertain us at your welcome table and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ever thankful for all your blessings, O Saviour of the world, living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week by
**MR & MRS MERVYN AND ELAINE IN
THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR
25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF
OUR LADY OFWALSINGHAM**
has been sponsored this week
**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
MRS. R. DONOHUE**



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
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Divine Office
Easter IV Week 4

**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 7th May 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

TODAY'S MASS



God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he lays down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by his wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41
Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Resurrection became the confirmation of his victory; the victory of the love of the Good Shepherd who says: 'They follow me.'
Saint John Paul II

Sunday Reflection

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day,



shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

has been created outside of the bar/café.

READERS AT 5.30pm MASS - We are currently searching for new readers to help at the 5.30pm Mass. The commitment would be once a month. If you would consider helping please speak to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or contact our Pastoral Assistant, Peter, at peterking-ley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

LOURDES 2017—Would you like to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this July? Fr Tony will be leading a group from this parish with the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage between Sunday 23rd July and Saturday 29th July 2017. Please let Fr Tony know if you'd like to come (as rooms in our preferred hotel are at a premium, the earlier you are able to confirm your place the better).

PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd June at 9.00am. The speaker will be our very own Stephen Dunn (a parishioner at St George's) who will talk about his behind-the-scenes involvement covering Pope Benedict's visit to the UK on BBC television.

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday 26th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CHURCH CLEANING: We are always looking for volunteers - if you are able to help on a Thursday once a month please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324. Thank you.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

MASS INTENTIONS UPDATE: We are now booked up until December. If you have a special date or anniversary please remember to book your Mass early to avoid disappointment.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office.

CAFÉ/BAR is open on Thursdays from 9-11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

HARROW SUPPORT GROUP for separated and divorced Catholics. The next meeting will be on Monday 8 May 2017 at 8pm in the hall at St Bernard's Church, Northolt Road. All are welcome, regardless of their situation. For more information please ring Jill 020 8204 3714 or Eileen 020 8756 1284

ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY FIRE APPEAL - Two parishioners recently lost their homes and possessions in a fire on Sudbury Heights Avenue. Emma Nurse has set up a Justgiving Page for donations to help them rebuild their lives. If you would like to give please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-louise-nurse. For further information please contact Emma on 07534946185. Thank you.

SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE TO RENT in Sudbury Town, close to station. Telephone Mona on 07404787082.

CARER/CLEANER AVAILABLE—Please ring Maria on 07858589719.

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.
SMART LOVING SEMINAR for married couples.
CATHOLIC SINGLES information
RETROUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.
WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.
CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

JOB VACANCIES:
TEACHER vacancies at St. Richard Reynolds Catholic college.
DIOCESAN VACANCIES: Please see folder and website. for latest details.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges .

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NEWS & VIEWS

WELCOME to all who have come to Mass today. Please stay on if you are able, for TEA & COFFEE after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses, in the Bar of the Parish Centre. THE TUCK SHOP will be open in the Parish Centre after the 9.45am Mass.

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you.

PLEASE TRY AND LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH TODAY.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 30 April:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 1 May:

Confirmation Reconciliation 8.00pm

Tuesday 2 May:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

First Holy Communion rehearsal in Church (for Saturday 13th May) 6.30pm

Set Dancing 8.30pm

Wednesday 3 May:

Oremus Course 1.00pm

First Holy Communion rehearsal in Church (for Sunday 14th May) 6.30pm

Oremus Course 7.00pm

Knights of St. Columba 8.15pm

Thursday 4 May:

Teas/coffees in the Bar/Café 9-11am

Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am

Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 5 May:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place at ALL MASSES this weekend.** The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets 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 also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk donations.

VOCATIONS UPDATE: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we can celebrate the fact that this parish has two men at Seminary Antonio Pineda in Rome and Daniel Daley at Allen Hall in Chelsea. It's doubly good news as Antonio is due to be ordained deacon this July. We continue to support them by our prayers and encouragement

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE - Thank you for keeping the children making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks in your prayers as they make this important step on their journey of faith. The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses and at the First Holy Communion Rehearsals for you to acquire any cards and presents you may wish to give.

CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATION SERVICE - The Confirmation Reconciliation Service is taking place in the Church on Monday 8th May. Parents, Carers and Sponsors are welcome to accompany the candidates at this service as they make this important step on their journey of faith. Candidates are reminded that attendance at the Reconciliation Service is a compulsory part of the programme for those wishing to be confirmed this year. Thank you.

THE FUNERAL MASS of Mary Joyce Cummings RIP will take place on Monday 8th May at 11.30am. Followed by cremation at Golder's Green Crematorium at 1.00pm.

AFTER THE MISSION - 'Oremus' is an eight-week course of teaching and practical advice about prayer. Our evening programme has just started, but it is not too late to join! Sessions are at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings in the cafe/bar - please contact Fr Tony if you are interested.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL BOXES - Thank you to all who have using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for Aid to the Church in Need. **Please return your filled collection boxes as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have returned them so far.**

GOOD NEWS: Around and about in the church and Parish Centre a fresh coat of paint as been going on. You'll notice all the lower levels in the nave of the church have been painted, especially the areas at the back which were badly damaged by damp and the sides which had become dirty where people often stand against the walls. In the parish centre all the windows and doors at the back have now been repaired and restored (after a neglect of about 25 years!) and the kitchen has been freshened up and cleaned. In addition a new store room

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord, Our God
we know that You are Goodness itself.
Throughout history you have called forth ministers of Word and Sacrament to lead, guide, and serve your people as priests.

We join with our Archbishop in praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.

We ask you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to stir up a desire in the hearts of young men in our parishes to serve your Church in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Help them to hear and respond generously to your call deep within their hearts, so they may join with those who have built up your Church, through their ministry as priests.

O God of Love and Mercy, we pray that you will inspire our priests to continue to share the joy and the happiness of their ministry at Your Altar in the Christian community.

Prompt parents, grandparents, and teachers to realize that sometimes you call future priests to your service through the encouragement of those who see in them the qualities of a good priest.

We pray especially for our seminarians. We ask you to help them to be the best human beings, the best Christians, and the best priests they can be.

Graciously hear our prayer through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of priests and in the name of Jesus who is Christ the Lord.
AMEN.



Pray for Vocations
to the Priesthood
and Religious Life
www.ukvocation.org



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 7 May

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Sat. Vigil)

Charles Kennedy RIP (1st)

8.30am

Michael Doran RIP

9.45am

Jerry Ryan RIP

11.15am

Edward Johnston RIP

5.30pm

PRO POPULO

Mon 8 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Holy Souls

11.30am

FUNERAL MASS

Mary Joyce Cummings RIP

Tues 9 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Dempsey & Delaney Families

Weds 10 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Margaret Flaherty RIP

Thur 11 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Thomas Quinlan

Fri 12 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Robert & Rose Joseph RIP

Sat 13 May

Easter feria

9.30am

Melinda Peter RIP

11.00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 33 (32): 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they

accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial psalm: psalm 22

R/. The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near the restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R./**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R./**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R./**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R./**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you

are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the Good shepherd says the lord;
I know my own sheep and my own
know me, Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the

voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me
will be safe: he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it
to the full.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal
pastures the sheep you have
Redeemed by the Precious Blood of
your Son. Who lives and reigns for
ever.