



Sunday 3rd May 2020

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter during this difficult time for all of us. It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
Easter week 4

Divine Office
Easter week 4

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

THIS WEEK

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| Sun 3 May
9.30am | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
For the people of the parish
John White RIP |
| Mon 4 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Richard Reay RIP
CalWhite RIP |
| Tues 5 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Neil Sweeney Ints RIP
John Calnan RIP |
| Weds 6 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Sephanie Kennedy Ints
Bridie Wright RIP |
| Thurs 7 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Ron & Nancy Ferraii Ints |
| Fri 8 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Sue Bobbie O'Neil
Richard O'Dwyer RIP |
| Sat 9 May
9.30am | Easter feria
Leshia Dempsey Ints |
| Sun 10 May
9.30am | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
For the people of the parish
Gregory Motias Dias RIP &
Thomas Dias RIP |

TODAY'S MASS



"Christ the Good Shepherd brings us life."

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd.

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.'
Pope Saint John Paul II

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Paul Turnbull, Tom Fernandes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Esther Mary Sampat, Avash Javardi, John Calnan, Barbara Mc Nicholas

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ ALL WHO WORK IN THE NHS AT THIS TIME.
- ◆ DOCTORS, NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF.
- ◆ ALL WHO ARE SICK IN ANY WAY.
- ◆ THE ELDERLY & VULNERABLE.
- ◆ FOR OUR POLITICIANS MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
- ◆ FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR CARE HOMES AND ALL WHO WORK THERE.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week for
Glicerio Salmorin RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for
Vocations to the Priesthood



This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today: 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'.

Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

Moreover, the most comforting of the Psalms begins "The Lord is my shepherd." It ends with this line: "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Goodness and mercy are present in the person of the Good Shepherd. Thus, they have to follow the lost sheep, because the shepherd is heading out after them, to look for them.

In the Gospel, on the other hand, the order of leading and following is reversed. Jesus says that his sheep know his voice, and so they follow him. Now, a sheep doesn't recognize the voice of the shepherd unless it already knows the shepherd! The difference, then, between being a lost sheep who is followed by the Shepherd and being a faithful sheep who follows the Shepherd is a matter of knowing the Shepherd. It's a matter of personal relationship. Personal relationship requires openness to love, with all its risks. That openness is the reason why Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd, he is also the Gate into the fold, open to the sheep that are his own. To be a sheep that is Christ's own, a person has to open to love of the Lord. You have to go within Jesus, through Jesus, who is the Gate and the Way, as well as being the leader along the way. Here is the good news, then. Whether a person is faithful or astray, they will be surrounded by the love of the Good Shepherd. Saint Patrick's prayer says it well: *Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ with me.*

NEWS UPDATE



STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

YOU CAN FIND POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINING MASS LIVE-STREAMING

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/pray-at-home/> <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus>

WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED please know we try to continue as normal behind the doors. Mass is offered every day for you, your loved ones, all the sick and the departed.

MAY is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Many families have discovered during this difficult time the importance of the prayer of the rosary. Why not give it ago either by yourself or with your family?

SPREAD THE WORD AROUND that we are producing this "On Line" newsletter each week.

TODAY IS "VOCATIONS SUNDAY" :Who are the happiest people in Britain? Millionaires? Rock stars? Artists? A government survey published in March asked people in a wide range of jobs and with very different salaries how happy they were. Second in the list on an average salary of over £120,000 were chief executives; but top of the list, earning just 17% of the executives' salary, were clergy. Our clergy are the happiest group in the country. Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and all the faithful are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Pope Francis says 'vocation flows from the heart of God.' To respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd is to come close to the heart of God. There is nothing more fulfilling than a life lived close to the heart of God. Filled with the Holy Spirit may we follow Christ in our own lives and pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

A PRACTICAL NOTE: If there is anything urgent or desperate, always phone one of us in the Presbytery.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: If you have regularly been giving through the envelope scheme, your new envelopes for the coming year should have arrived in the post. We have heard that one or two packages containing these have opened up and some of the contents lost. Please do therefore let us know that if for some reason you have not received your giving envelopes and we can then issue you with a new set. **Above all, thanks for whatever**

you can do.

BISHOPS TO LIVE-STREAM THURSDAY MASSES DURING PANDEMIC:

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the front line of care and the community, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm.

- ◆ 7th May Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral
- ◆ 14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Newcastle Cathedral
- ◆ 21st May Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral
- ◆ 28th May Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedrals' webpages, links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

CAFÉ – a catholic resource recently launched CaFE@HOME for parishes and groups to spiritually nourish people in the midst of this terrible virus crisis and it is proving very helpful around the country They have just added a **FREE download series SAINTS** - helping us today <https://faithcafe.org/collections/saints-helping-us-today> It is one of their older courses so the download definition is not to their current TV-quality standard, but the wisdom and teaching of the Saints is as strong as ever and the location filming is very enjoyable.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER RESOURCE. During this challenging time, the publishers of Magnificat are offering complimentary access to the online version of the resource to help people pray at home. Magnificat contains the readings for Sunday and daily Mass, together with simplified versions of morning and evening prayer, as well as reflections and meditations. The online version of Magnificat can be accessed at <http://www.magnificat.com/free>

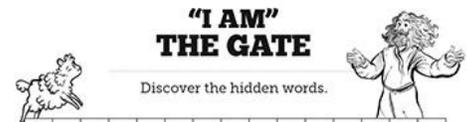
DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS MANY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESAN NEWSPAPERS have been put on one website www.ChurchPaper.co.uk so you can stay in contact with the Church and the Catholic community. There are over 600 editions of the following newspapers: A&B News, Cardiff People, Catholic East Anglia, The Vine,

UCM, Reach- Catholic Schools Paper, additional newspapers are expected to be added shortly.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL - COVID-19 - ADMISSIONS UPDATE

We are currently continuing with our Admissions timetable as set out for entry September 2021 and the same deadlines apply. Please check our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/school/admissions-2021-22/> for the updated information and forms on changes that have been implemented due to social distancing restrictions.

Completed applications can be submitted elec-



Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

BLIND	JESUS	SAVED
GATE	JOHN	SHEEP
HEAVEN	LIFE	SHEPHERD
SALVATION	GOD	THIEF



St Vincent de Paul Society
The Catholic Parish of St George, Sudbury

Help during the Coronavirus outbreak

Do you need help with tasks such as shopping, posting letters and urgent supplies during the current Coronavirus outbreak?

Are you feeling isolated and just want to have a chat with a friendly person over the phone?

If you would like practical assistance or if you know of someone who may need some help, please contact us so that we can be ready to assist you when you need it.

If you are referring someone else, please make sure that they are happy for you to provide their details and for us to contact them.

Please contact St George's SVP
Tel. 0208 9000250 or 0775 3654154 (Theresa)
email: StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

Turning concern into action
The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is a registered charity number: 1053992

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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 and ever.