

Sunday 8th May 2022

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 8 May 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Kevin Dowd RIP Michael Sheedy RIP Mary & Michael Hughes Patrick Denning RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 9 May 9.30am 11.00am	Easter feria Eddie Rozario ints. FUNERAL MASS Concetta Terezino RIP
Tues 10 May 9.30am	Easter feria Delphine de Lima RIP
Weds 11 May 9.30am	S. Pancras, martyr Paul Turnbull RIP
Thurs 12 May 9.30am 11.00am	Our lady of Fatima Basil Rego & Family RIP FUNERAL MASS Edith Arrola Caladiao RIP
Fri 13 May 9.30am	Easter feria Dorothy & Family Intentions
Sat 14 May 9.30am	S. MATTHIAS Baby Keitan for good life & health
Sun 15 May 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER John Rorke (birthday Ints) Pascoal Cardoso & Eemezia Gonzales (Thanksgiving) Nellie Graham RIP (27th anniv.) Spencer Coomarewel RIP & the Holy Souls THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52

St. Paul and St. Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2,3,5

A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9,14b-17

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd ' calls His sheep by name'."

Pope Saint John Paul II

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Caleb Mascarenhas, Zayne Alexander De Souza*

RECENTLY MARRIED: *Allan Dsouza & Annabel D'Souza*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Concetta Terezino, Edith Caladiao*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Delphine de Lima*

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR May:

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the sheep who are in danger because they have wandered from the fold (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. The security Jesus offers is an abiding relationship with the living God, and membership with his flock, the people of God. Jesus also promises the security of peace and protection from evil and the greatest harm that could befall us eternal destruction. The Lord does not spare us from all trouble. In this life we will experience pain, suffering, sickness, and death. But through these the Lord will lead us to ultimate victory and safety in his everlasting home. Even in the midst of our sufferings we can find a peace and security which no one can give except God alone. We can confidently follow the Lord wherever he leads, trusting that nothing can keep us from God if we surrender our lives to him. Above all we need to place our lives securely in God where they belong.

Let us commit ourselves afresh to listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to obey his word.

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our young children receiving their first Communion this weekend and next.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

FUNERAL MASS of Concetta Terezino on Monday 9th May at 11.00am followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Edlith Caladalo on Thursday 12th May at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU from Mgr. Jeremy, Fr Julio & Peter for all the kind Easter cards and gifts. We are most grateful to you all.

FOODBANK COLLECTION BY ST GEORGE'S SVP As you know, St George's SVP group organised a collection for the local food bank at last week's Masses. We had a fantastic response and on Monday 2nd May we were able to donate 60 large bags and 45 boxes of food and household items to Brent Food Bank. We also raised £1400 in cash which we will use to purchase more items for the food bank. Your amazing generosity has enabled us to help local people in need. Thank you so much for your support. The next SVP meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th May at 8pm in the Parish Centre in the Cafe Bar.

ROSARY AT HOME - If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please fill-in your details on the clipboard in the

church porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We keep the FHC children in our prayers as they welcome the gift of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this week. A huge thank you to Catechists & Helpers for all their support during the year preparing the children for this important moment. Those making their First Holy Communion next week are reminded that the FHC Rehearsal starts in church at 7pm. Thank you for arriving in good time for Tuesday's rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION - At the 'Sent Forth in the Spirit' Session, on **Monday 9th May at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be invited to reflect on how to enable the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bear fruit post-confirmation. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive promptly for the start of each session.

DEACON DAN DALEY WRITES: "Thanks to your support and God's grace over the years, I am delighted to be able to invite you all to my priestly ordination on Saturday 25th of June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral. Please do keep me in your prayers over the next few months".

FR DAN DALEY'S (as he will be) FIRST MASS will take place here at 11.15am on Sunday 26th June at 11.15am. Everyone welcome—no tickets required. This will be followed by a lunch in the hall.

THE LUNCH following Fr Dan's First Mass will need some co-ordinating and we'll be forming a committee for this occasion to make sure it all goes according to plan. If you feel you can help, please speak to Fr Jeremy.

AND FINALLY, we'll be having a collection to give a fitting present to the new Fr Dan to mark the occasion. More news soon.

CALLING NEW READERS - Might you consider reading at one of the Sunday Masses? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping with our First Holy Communion Programme? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are

available this weekend. As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

FILM CLUB with resume on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Café/Bar. More news soon—and what we'll be watching!

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - Regular meetings have now resumed and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 8pm in the parish centre.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

EVENT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OR HOSTING A UKRAINIAN FAMILY OR OTHERS SEEKING SANCTUARY.

Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary 18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom.

Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like.

This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster. Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> . or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 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 13:14,43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 99:1-3,5*

R/. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord,
all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *R/.*

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *R/.*

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *R/.*

Second reading: *Apocalypse 7:9,14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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Gospel Acclamation: *Jn10:14*

*Allelula, allelula!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my own sheep
and my own know me.
Allelula!*

Gospel: *John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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.