

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, God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'
The word of the Lord.
hanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

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1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. *R/.*

2. I will thank you for you
have answered and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become
the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. *R/.*

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. *R/.*

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused
to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the
future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him
as he really is.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it
down, so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these pas-
chal 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.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 21st April 2024

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.

Sunday Cycle Readings Year B

Weekday Mass Readings Easter 4

Divine Office Easter 4

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 21 April	EASTER IV Good Shepherd Sunday Felix, Gilbert & Lionel Lyons RIP 8.30am Zayne D'Souza (2nd Birthday) 9.45am Dr Yohan Sebastianpillai RIP 11.15am Thomas Maguire RIP (St. George) 5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 22 April	Easter feria 9.30am Edward Johnston RIP
Tues 23 April	S. GEORGE, Patron of the Parish 9.30am Joan Brett (Get well Ints.)
Weds 24 April	Ss. Erkenwald & Mellitus 9.30am Ned Bowe RIP
Thurs 25 April	S. MARK 9.30am Edward C. Johnston RIP 12 noon FUNERAL MASS Hugh Singarayer RIP
Fri 26 April	Easter feria 9.30am Neil Cummins RIP
Sat 27 April	Easter feria 9.30am Sean Joyce RIP
Sun 28 April	EASTER V 6.15pm Vigil George Hillier RIP 8.30am Jake Scicinski (Ints.) 9.45am Baptiste Fernandes (Ints.) 11.15am Mary Walsh RIP 5.30pm THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



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.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock.
Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and
carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the
very effort of rising, my feet will give way.*

St. Jerome

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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, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Aaran Thayaparan, John, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert, Edward Granger, Chris Sweeney, Marjorie Hoareau, Catherine Corcoran, Barbara Gill, Ciara I., Mary O'Connell, Leslie De Lima.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Amy Pires.*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Earl Mc Shine Jones, Mary Honney, Magdolina Mary Nagy, Hugh Singarayer, Fr John Warnaby, Christine Sweeney., Paul McCarthy.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Neil Cummins, Thomas Maguire, Concetta Terenzio, Guiseppe Rodi*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

In memory of Concetta Terenzio RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Thomas Maguire RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for April 2024

"That the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."



' I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.' Jesus gives us this wonderful image in today's gospel. A lamb picks out the voice of its mother from all the voices in the flock. The attachment of the lamb to the mother is so strong that it is able to distinguish between noises that we could not distinguish. Sheep also learn to recognise the voice of the Shepherd, 'the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.'

Jesus is telling us that the love between himself and his followers is based upon complete trust; just the sound of his voice is enough to show us the way. In a baby, hearing develops before sight. Voices are more primitive than faces. Jesus, the Word of God, has spoken amongst us, and before we come to look on the face of God his voice sounds in our ears.

Jesus's image of the sheep and the shepherd is far from the peaceful image we can have of the English countryside (at least, we city dwellers!). The landscape Jesus calls to mind is not that of a peaceful pastoral scene, but the violent, unsafe landscape of his own time, when the shepherd and his sheep would have been under constant threat from thieves and wild animals. The shepherd is constantly watchful of his flock and knows that the flock's safety depends upon the strength of their bond with him. If the sheep fail to recognise his voice, they will wander off to almost certain doom. It is this troubled scene that Jesus calls to mind with the image of the good shepherd. Jesus is the good shepherd, who calls out to us in the midst of life's troubles and uncertainties. He is entering into greater and greater danger and he calls on his disciples to follow him, such that when the violence and conflict increase they are united to him and to one another. This unity is not just an earthly belonging together, but is founded upon the unity of the Holy Trinity. When Jesus tells his disciples that he and the Father are one, he is telling them that the community he is calling them into, the community of the Church, is not just an earthly institution.

As we journey through the confusions and the dangers of life, Jesus calls to us like the shepherd calling to his sheep. We tend to think of sheep as passive creatures, we criticise people for acting like sheep, but the sheep that Jesus is talking about are far from passive. Just to survive a sheep needs to be constantly aware, listening for the voice of the shepherd. And they can only do this successfully as part of a flock.

A sheep needs to be alert, listening for the voice of the shepherd, not straying from the flock. The message that we often hear today is that you need to be independent, able to stand on your own two feet, making your own way through the troubles of life. This message can only gain hold in a society where a significant number of people have financial independence, and where the dangers around them can be held at bay by increasingly expensive security arrangements. The reality of life for most people in this world is that you cannot survive on your own, you need the help and support of other people and you need the help of God.

When we follow Jesus in his Church, we are far from being passive and unthinking sheep; we are actively following his voice and opening our lives to the love of God and the love of our brother and sisters in the Church. This is what gives us the courage to be bold in the midst of life's dangers, to live full lives, not constantly looking over our shoulders for the next threat. It is what enables us to be truly who we are. As we place our trust in him we learn our true dignity as sons and daughters of God, the dignity that enables us to grow to the maturity of the children of God.



NEWS UPDATE

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL is the Solemnity of St. George, the Patron of the Parish—and of England. Mass as usual on Tuesday at 9.30pm. If you look over the front door of the presbytery you'll see some Latin words "*Sante Georgi adsls pro Anglia*" which means: "*St George be present for England*". May that be our prayer at this time that he may guide and intercede for us, our parish and our country.



THE SOLEMN MASS on SUNDAY 21st APRIL will also be a celebration of St George.

A CONTINUED HAPPY EASTER to everyone!

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? It always helps us to get to know you and also your family if you register with us. We can then send you information about the parish and opportunities. Registration forms can be found at the back of Church (underneath the picture of Pope Francis).

FUNERAL MASS of Hugh Singarayer on Thursday 25th May at 12 noon followed by burial at Carpenders Park. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Mary Honney on Monday 29th April followed by burial in Clamp Hill Cemetery.

FUNERAL MASS of Earl Mc Shine Jones on Wednesday 1st May at 11.00am followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green.

SAD NEWS: The death has been announced of **Paul McCarthy RIP**. Paul was Choirmaster here at St. George's for many, many years. His funeral will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Bull Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday 30th April at 11am.

MORE SAD NEWS: It was announced last weekend that **Fr John Warnaby** had died on Saturday aged 63. Fr John was recently assistant Priest here between 2019-2021 and then Parish Priest of Carpenders Park. Much of his time was spent here quietly during the several lockdowns. Fr John was a good and gentle priest with a great gift for preaching and we wish him now rest and peace eternal. Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's Church, Oxhey Drive, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW on Monday 29 April by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm. On Tuesday 30 April the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Mehall Lowry giving the homily.

And also

Christine Sweeney died last Thursday evening. She was a regular, until her recent illness, at daily Mass and offered her prayer daily for all of us. In these last months or so she went to live with her family who could give her the care she needed. Sadly she lost her husband Mike earlier in the year. She died surrounded by the love and prayers of her family who were praying the rosary at the time. May she rest in peace. Details of her funeral as we know them.

THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and our second collection, as you leave the church, will support the Priest Training Fund. 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

in Spain and one at the Beda in Rome, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic (preparation) year at Redemptorist 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 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, some are still available at the back of the church. Please place your donation in the bucket at the back of the church as you leave. You can also use the QR code on the poster to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

SOCIAL DANCE at St George's again on Friday 26th April. 8.00pm till late. **Tickets on the door.** A date for your diary.

MYSTERY TOUR: Our famous day out (organised by the Knights of St Columba) on **Saturday 22nd June**. Coach leaves St. George's at 8.00am, Cost: £25.00. Tickets (available now) must be purchased from the parish office in advance. *First come, first served.* You never know where you'll end up....!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - This coming **Tuesday 23rd April** at 7pm is the **FHC Practicalities Session for Parents/Carers ONLY** as we look forward to the First Holy Communion of the children in the coming weeks. Thank you for making **childcare arrangements well in advance so you are free to attend.**

CONFIRMATION 2024 - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 29th April**, Westminster Youth Ministry will be helping us reflect on '**Receiving God's Mercy**' as the Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive this gift anew in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on 13th May. Candidates are reminded that the deadline for handing in their **Letter to the Bishop** is **Monday 29th April**.

CALLING NEW CATECHISTS & HELPERS - We are delighted when new people come forward wishing to help with our **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes**. These Programmes are fruitful thanks to the generous help of **volunteers from the Parish**. Might you consider **offering a year to help serve our children & young people** alongside a group of experienced Catechists? For further information or to meet to speak about opportunities for helping in other ways at the Parish, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

THE REPOSITORY has lots of Easter, First Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards available. Why not take a look?

SVP ACTIVITIES—looking ahead:

Collection of food for local food banks - Collection 27/28th April. Any cash donated would be used to buy food for our beneficiaries.

Bingo fundraiser, May 11th, after the Saturday vigil.

Bacon butty morning fundraiser, Sunday 23rd June. Dates for your diary.

CANDLE STANDS & BOXES After our break-in new the new ones are now in place.

STAINED GLASS REPAIR (after the Break-in) should begin soon as we now have quotes and we await the go-ahead from the insurance

CHILDREN READING AT 9.45 FAMILY MASS - If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are **welcome to read at the 9.45 Family Mass**. If your child might be interested in reading, or your family might like to take responsibility for the readings once a month, please contact our 9.45am Family Mass Readers Coordinator, **Roann Etan**,

at roann.etan@gmail.com.

OVER 60'S GROUP: Meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Bar/Café in the parish centre. Every Tuesday, apart from tea/coffee and cake and a friendly social gathering, they have an speaker on very useful informative topics. On every first Tuesday of the month they will be holding a Keep Fit session in the hall. **ALL** are welcome.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will continue to be distributed this weekend. As we have many similar names, please check carefully that you have the correct name and address. If you had a box last year and your box is not there please give your name and contact details to one of the helpers. If you would like a box for the first time please also give your name and details. Bankers' Order forms will also be available. Please return your box if you no longer wish to use it. **PLEASE** consider completing a gift aid declaration. By gift aiding your donation, which must be made by planned giving envelope, bankers' order or cheque, you are increasing your donation by 25%. That means every £1 donated become £1.25. At the end of the financial year we can claim this 25% tax back from the Inland Revenue. This does not cost you anything extra because as a standard tax payer you have already paid this tax. Gift Aid forms will also be available. Again, thanks for whatever you can give each week. We appreciate it very much and keeps "the show on the road"!

MINIBUS TO MASS - The Parish is hoping to set up a **new Minibus service** in the coming year to safely accompany vulnerable adults, living in the Parish, to Mass at St. George's. Might you consider helping as a **Driver or Escort?** Those generously offering to help will be required to complete a **DBS for Vulnerable Adults** with the Parish and a little online training supporting them in this new ministry with vulnerable adults. We are hugely grateful to **Stefan Scielinski** who has generously offered to coordinate this new initiative. If you might consider helping, please contact **Stefan** at stefanscielinski@gmail.com.

SUPPORTING YOU WHILST IN HOSPITAL - If you, or a loved one, are heading to hospital and would like a little pastoral & sacramental support whilst you are there, please let us know so we can ensure this is provided. There is a Catholic Chaplain resident at Northwick Park Hospital.

ROSARY IN CHURCH DURING MAY. Traditionally we have always had a group praying the rosary together each evening in the month of May (and October). This year it will happen, Monday- Friday at 6.00pm. Just turn up..if you don't have your rosary with you you still have your fingers!

ROSARY AT HOME If you'd like to be part of our prayer network, or know more please simply contact Cheryl on 07941002161.

MONEY COUNTING. If you volunteered for this important task (has to be done!), thank you! In a week or so we will get back to you to see how we can get together a rota.

SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) are calling all Pro-Lifers to join their Pro-Life Chain on Saturday 20th April, 11.00am-1.00pm on Kenton Bridge (opposite Kenton Station). For more details contact: [Iwona 0771399006](tel:0771399006)

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH - 26TH JULY Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <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. There are also many volunteering opportunities. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by 30th April.