



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

4th Sunday of Easter

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First Reading: Acts 2:14-36-41, Responsorial Psalm 22: Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel John 10:1-10 - *I am the gate of the sheepfold*

Dear Parishioners,

In my room in the house that I grew up in, home, I had a large picture of our Blessed Lord depicted as The Good Shepherd. Every day from the age of about 9 years old I prayed in front of that picture that God would give me the grace of a vocation to the Priesthood and He did. I have not always lived up to the high calling He has given me that I have picked up the pieces and started again. I have never regretted the day I became a priest, in the good times or the bad times because I am well aware that the Lord is beside me in all the moments of my life.

The image of the Good Shepherd is one in which I am sure all of us find comfort and hope, it's a wonderful fact to know that when we go astray and are lost not only does the Lord think of us He goes out in search of us. He does not judge us or condemn us but offers His love and gently leads us home. Today we are especially praying for vocations to the Priesthood and especially from this Parish; priests are not perfect beings, they have all the flaws of humanity but they are vehicles of God's love, mercy and compassion. Vocations do not fall out of the trees; they come from ordinary homes, like yours. Unfortunately, today many parents think that the only way that their child can find happiness is the same way that they have found it, that is through marriage, family, a home and security but not everyone has that vocation.

I do not believe that God has stopped calling men for Ordination to the Priesthood, but I do believe it is possible to not hear that call.

So, I put it to you parents in the parish, when you speak to your boys about what they want to do or be in their adult life, no doubt you have mentioned certain professions to them, but has any of them been the priesthood?

I remember someone coming to the door in my last parish and she said to me, in a somewhat shocked tone: "Father, I knocked at the door earlier but there was no one in." She expected a priest to be there always to answer the door, as do most Catholics.

Sadly, if things don't change, people will come to the presbytery to discover it empty and sold, and the church either demolished or turned into flats.

Unlike any other diocese in this country, we have not seen many closures of parishes, nor parishioners taking their diocese to court to fight the closure of their church. Sadly, it will come unless vocations increase.

For this September only two men have applied for a place in the seminary, but they may not even get in if they fail the strict admission procedures. This is why it is vital that when your son is considering his future, the question of a vocation to the priesthood is raised. I can't urge you strongly enough to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

Please be as generous as you can in next week's collection for the training of your future priests. God Bless You, Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions - April

Saturday 29 th	5.00 pm	Bettine Byrd R.I.P
Sunday 30 th	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Marie Gavin R.I.P
	12 Noon	Baptism - Isla Taylor

May

Monday 1 st	12.00 Noon*	(Bank holiday)
Tuesday 2 nd	10.00 am	Paddy O'Connor Anni
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00 am 11.00 am	Funeral Mass - Aida Jones
Friday 5 th	6.00 pm	
Saturday 6 th	12 Noon 5.00 pm	Baptism - Clémence Verdier Mary Brady R.I.P
Sunday 7 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	Davis Family INT

SATURDAYS:

Confessions will be heard at 4.15.

Then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Casstells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Matthew Fernandez Colin & Kathleen Humphreys, Margaret Tucker, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun

LATELY DEAD

We pray for Aida Jones, recently deceased, and all grieving families.

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know.

Corpus Christi Sunday 11th June: 12 Noon

Fr Sean would like to have a party after the 10.30 Mass. Hopefully it will be a wonderfully warm day. Margaret's idea for food would be an International themed Bring & Share Cold Buffet. If you have a family recipe that you would like to prepare for the Feast make sure you put your name down on the list that will be available nearer the date.

It will also be a lovely way of celebrating with the children who will have made their First Holy Communion on this day. Please put the date in your diary.

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Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.



Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

There will be a Coronation Breakfast in the hall on Sunday 7th May, after the 9.00 and 10.30 am Masses to Celebrate King Charles' Coronation. Everyone is welcome to Toast Our King. Donations will be much appreciated.

Important Notices

Springo on Saturday 13th May. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this week-end for another fun fundraising bingo evening organised by the Justice & Peace Group. The venue is Corpus Christi Church Hall and doors will open at 7pm with the games to start at 7.30pm. There will be cash prizes. Please bring your own cold drinks Tickets are £10 each. Net proceeds will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee and Justice & Peace Group, Tring.

Children's Liturgy Dear all, if you would like to join us occasionally to help with children's liturgy, any volunteers would be most welcome. We listen to a reading, discuss it and then do a related craft, before returning to church for the offertory. Thanks, Íde

Choir – If anybody wishes to join please get in touch, any voice types are welcome, particularly Tenors! We meet on Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm in the Church to practice and then sing for the 10.30 am Mass. Thanks, Tom.

Toys from the Toy Cupboard – Please can I ask that on Sunday after the 9am and 10.30 am Masses the children do not use the equipment in the toy cupboard as I believe this belongs to the Music Box group and we don't want any damage to the toys. Claire from Music Box has been hiring the Hall for many years.



Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the Offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

Dates free for Mass Intentions for May

Monday 1 st	12.00 Noon
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00 am
Sunday 7 th	10.30 am
Monday 8 th	10.00 am
Tuesday 9 th	10.00 am
Wednesday 10 th	10.00 am
Friday 12 th	6.00 pm
Sunday 14 th	9.00 am
	10.30 am

Please let me know if you wish to book a Mass.

Ministers for the weekend of Saturday/ Sunday

Saturday 29th April

5.00 pm Mass
Reader: David Leadbeater
Eucharistic Minister: Lucy Hutt

Sunday 30th April

9.00 am Mass
Reader: Paul Kelly
Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am Mass
Reader: Tricia Apps
Eucharistic Minister:

Dates for your Diary

Knit & Crochet Club is on Wednesday 10th May from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm - all welcome including beginners as wool, needles and teaching is provided.

Wednesday 10th May - There will be Tea and coffee after the 10.00 am Mass

Walking Group: On Friday 20th April, eight of us enjoyed a walk in Ashridge through the bluebell woods. Look out for the next walk in a future edition of the Newsletter. Thank you, Michael.