



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

*Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday
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This fourth Sunday of Easter which traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd derives its theme from the Gospel narratives (John 10) read each year, in which Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising). We too are part of that flock for whose sake the Good Shepherd laid down his life. In a world that is ever in need of a good shepherd, the fourth Sunday of Easter is kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

In the First Reading, Peter is happy to tell the people of Jesus' name and the power that his name gives. It is by this name says to them that "this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today ... this is the only name by which we can be saved." It is by 'the power of this name' that we are all made God's children, and are promised an eternal reward, about which St John writes in the second reading. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus speaks of himself as the Good shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved us, his flock.

Our response therefore should echo the words of today's Psalm, normally sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem - a thanksgiving prayer from someone who has been rescued from an ordeal. By his dying on the cross, Christ the Good Shepherd has shielded us from eternal damnation. Like Peter, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as his Saviour.

On this Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray that everyone should be willing and able to fulfil the vocation God calls them to. Please pray for and encourage our young and not so young people to consider vocation to the priesthood and religious life. We also pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict and lead them into the way of peace and security.

Offertory

Loose Plate – £239.10 - Thank you for your generosity

2nd Collection for the Priests Training Fund – Sat 20th April – Sunday 21st April

Sacrament of Baptism – is the gateway to all other Sacraments. We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who, as a matter of fact attend Masses. As part of the preparation for a child's baptism, could the parents planning to have their baby baptised book an appointment to meet with Fr Joseph. We do need proof of baptism in the Catholic Church of at least one of the parents. Godparent(s) must be a Catholic, and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Baptism/Confirmation certificates or letter from Parish of Baptism confirming this will be required also for godparents.

Mass Intentions for the Month of April

Sat 20 th	5.00 pm	
Sun 21 st	9.00 am	
	10.30 am	
Mon 22 nd	12 Noon	Imy O'Connor Anni
Sat 27 th	5.00 pm	
Sun 28 th	9.00 am	
	10.30 am	

NB: There will only be one weekday Mass - Mondays at 12 Noon going forward

Confessions at 4.15 pm before the 5.00 pm Saturday Mass

First Reading. Acts 4: 8-12 – This is the only name by which we can be saved

Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2 – We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel: John 10 11-18 – The good shepherd is one who lays his life for his sheep.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish –

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun, Lana Ridley, Susan McQuinn, Jasmin Mayo, Pete Harrison, John Thornton, Ashley Dew, Eileen Carlton, John Egan

Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

Ministries for the weekend in April 2024

Saturday 20th

Reader: David Leadbeater

Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

Sunday

9.00 am

Reader: Wendy Everitt

Eucharistic Minister: Lina Carmela

10.30 am

Reader: Tricia Apps

Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) -

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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.

WRCDT TRING
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account Number: 91094998

Please do include your name as your reference. If you would like to gift-aid your donation please use the standing order form which can be found in the church porch. When completing the form, remember to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK tax payer. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary is available the following weekend 27th/28th for the week.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle lit for a Special Intention or Anniversary, please let us know. The recommended donation is £5.00.

The Holy Rosary Prayer

- is said after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays. Please come and join on us to pray for peace in our world and for other intentions.

Mass Intention Envelopes - Please fill in all the details on the Mass Intention envelopes which can be found at the back of the church. You can also gift-aid your Mass offering if you are a UK tax payer; but we will need the name/address of the donor to be able to claim the gift-aid. Thank you.

Dates still available for Mass Intentions

Sat 20th, Sun 21st (both Masses) Sat 27th Sun 28th (both Masses)

Dates for your Diary in April

Annual Collection for the Priests Training Fund - Sat 20th April - Sunday 21st April

Sewing Club Saturday 27th April 2.00 pm in the Hall

The Crochet /Knit Group - 10th and 24th April at 2.00 pm in the Hall.

Church Plant Sale - Saturday afternoon May 11th

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays at the 9.00 am Mass. Please bring your children along as it is a wonderful way for them to learn about the Scriptures.

The children listen to the Gospel reading, have a discussion and do a craft activity. We go from the church to the hall after the opening prayer and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old.



What Is a SPOG? As SPOG's we are 'Special People of God.'

SPOG is Corpus Christi's YOUTH GROUP and all young ones in Year 4 (post F.H.C.) upwards to roughly Year 8.

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm.

Dates: Wednesdays during term time.

Venue: Church Hall.

Cost: £1.50 per session.

For the younger children it can be 6.30pm to 7.30pm, parents welcome. There's plenty of tea/coffee!

We are very fortunate to have several invaluable adult volunteers who support the group.

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