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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
MAY—MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
3 May 2020
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A**

Pray for more priests.

I wonder how many of you remember Seminarian Robert's talk to us all on this Sunday last year. The fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, and it's when we traditionally pray for more priests.



Seminarian Robert's talk was very moving as he

spoke about how it took him quite a long time over a somewhat complicated life to understand that he should go to the Seminary to discern whether God was calling him to the priesthood.

In the old days, young men often went straight from school to Seminary and were ordained at about the age of 25. The journey is now different for many of our seminarians. They come to the seminary rather older and having had careers in all sorts of jobs. Some have come straight from university, others have been teachers, or social workers, or worked in the NHS.

There is no doubt that the church needs more priests. I would like each one of us to think about someone we know who could be a priest, to pray for him and then gently suggest to him that God may be calling him to priesthood. As some of you know, vocations to the priesthood have come from this parish in the past – let's make this a parish which calls men to priesthood now.

Monsignor Roger.



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

Those who have died recently: Mary D'Bras, Christy O'Neill, Ellen Brady, Nora Sweeney

Those who are sick: Peter Corcoran, Elfriede Singleton, Michael O'Callaghan, Francis Maguire, Monica Lynch, Ann Stack, Cleveland Ellington, Esmie Ellington, Delton Daroux, Mona Daroux, Ethel Cuff

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Cleary, Oliver Fay, Rose & Jimmy Phillips, Michael O'Toole, Juan & Vivencia Gutierrez, Patrick Joseph Gavahan

Parish News

Good Shepherd Sunday, 3 May 2020 is the day when we pray for our seminarians and encourage other men to consider the call to the priesthood. The seminaries, Allen Hall, the Venerable English College and the Beda College in Rome, where future Westminster priests are in formation, are physically closed. Nevertheless, prayer continues in the life of seminarians and staff, and they are able to participate in streamed liturgies. All have on-line lectures, regular conversations with formation staff and spiritual direction. Our seminarians are praying for an end to the pandemic, for the priests serving in the parishes and hospitals, the heroic healthcare staff and care workers, and all who are suffering from this virus. While the present reality lacks the community dimension of formation and the important common liturgical life, their studies and preparation for priesthood continue. Due to the pandemic, as we are unable to gather in our churches to celebrate Mass, this year there will not be a collection for the Priests' Training Fund. Please pray for the seminarians and those discerning God's call at this time. May they model through their actions and words the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served. Read [Seminary News](#) to find out more about our seminarians in Allen Hall. Read or listen to Bishop John Sherrington's [reflection for Vocations Sunday](#) in a time of pandemic. Donations to the Priests' Training Fund are always gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the Diocesan [donation page](#).

Needing help throughout the Coronavirus outbreak? A group of parishioners have volunteered to provide support to those who are self-isolating and to all those needing practical help in our community such as offering to shop and deliver groceries etc. Please get in touch if there is anything that we can do or if you simply would like someone to talk to. 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 telephone 020 8451 4677 or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. Remember you are not alone and help is at hand.

Parish Daily Mass is posted each day on our *YouTube* page [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#) and *Facebook* page www.facebook.com/SMMWillesden. You can also find a list of parishes so that you can participate in Mass via live streaming under the newsletter tab on our website. Alternatively, you can join Pope Francis on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/featured>. There are also regular celebrations of Mass broadcast by RTE Radio 1 Extra and are accessible here on a standard radio, on 252 Long Wave. Please share this information verbally with any people who, through lack of internet links, would otherwise not receive it. More detail is available via email from roger.childs@rte.ie.

Mass Intentions. We are still taking Mass intentions and are now taking bookings from July onwards. If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677 or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Do you normally donate by cash in the Sunday Collection? Some parishioners who normally donate by cash in the Sunday collection and others who would like to make a one-off donation, have asked how they can donate. Please visit the 'Donate to our Parish' tab on our web page <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/donate/> which will give you details on how you can donate including a *Virgin Money Giving* button which is quick and easy to use. Remember if you are able to donate, and are a taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid option which enables the parish to claim 25% more from the government without you paying anything extra. Thank you all for everything that you give to our parish, financially, spiritually and pastorally. We all rely on this generosity of heart and spirit. Although the celebration of public Masses has ceased the life of the church, its witness to the Love of God, and its care for those in need, continues, as do all the costs necessary to maintain our presence here in Willesden Green. I understand that for some of you it has become increasingly difficult to work at this time, and the care of your family must be your top priority.

Funeral Notice

The Funeral Service of the late Mary Somit D'Bras will take place on Monday 4 May 2020 at 12:45pm at the West London Crematorium

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Pope Francis institutes prayers to Our Lady. In his [letter](#) on the month of May, Pope Francis has provided two new prayers which he encourages us to recite at the end of the Rosary and can be found here <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/pope-francis-provides-new-prayers-to-our-lady/>. Especially in this month where we express devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the pope encourages us to 'pray the Rosary at home within the family', recognising that 'the restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.'

Readings at Mass

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36—41

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: St Peter 2:20—25

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

Gospel: John 10:1—10

Sunday Readings and 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.

ST MARY MAGDALEN MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Week commencing 3 May 2020

Sunday 3 May 2020 – 4th Sunday of Easter

The Mass Intentions for the weekend are:

6:30pm	Oliver Fay	Anniv
9:00am	Rose & Jimmy Phillips	Anniv
10:30am	People of the Parish	
12 noon	Patrick Cleary	Anniv
6:30pm	Michael O'Toole	Anniv

Monday 4 May 2020 – The English Martyrs

9:30am	Eileen Delaney & Family	Ints
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Tuesday 5 May 2020 – Easter *Feria*

9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
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Wednesday 6 May 2020 – Easter *Feria*

9:30am	Patrick Joseph Gavahan	Anniv
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Thursday 7 May 2020 – Easter *Feria*

9:30am	Josephine Delaney & Paddy Delaney & Billy Delaney	RIP
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Friday 8 May 2020 – Easter *Feria*

9:30am	Juan Gutierrez & Vivencia Gutierrez	Anniv
6:30pm	Francis McCarroll	RIP

Saturday 9 May 2020 – Easter *Feria*

9:30am	Patrick McCann	RIP
6:30pm	Phil McGovern	Anniv