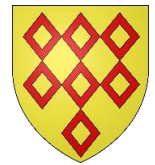


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20-21 April 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Word for the Week: “I am the Good Shepherd – who lays down his life for his sheep”. *Jn 10.11*

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
Sat 20 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 3</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – Jennifer and Daniel Bourke (for health and well-being)
SUN 21 R: Glorious 8am 10am	'Good Shepherd' Sunday (Easter 4) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> <i>Priest Training Fund second collection</i> Mass – Ewemade Atake (Birthday) Parish Mass – Margaret Robinson RIP
Mon 22 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 4</i> Mass – Bridget Murphy RIP (1 st anniversary)
Tues 23 9.30am R: Sorrowful	St George, Solemnity Mass – Ignace DeBono RIP (anniversary)
Wed 24 9.30am 11.00am R: Glorious	<i>Sts Erkenwald and Mellitus, Memorial</i> Mass – Bridget Murphy RIP (1 st anniversary) Funeral Mass for Honore Nyange Kitenge
Thurs 25 R: Luminous	<i>St Mark, Feast</i> No Mass day [Gospel: Mk 16.15-20]
Fri 26 5.30pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Easter 4</i> Mass – Lydia Arthur RIP (anniversary) <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 27 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 4</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday – Maria Conceicao Fernandes (for speedy recovery)
SUN 28 8am 10am R: Glorious	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass – Alec Moody RIP (Birthday remembrance) Parish Mass – Angela DeBono RIP (Birthday remembrance)

♦ **Ascension Day** – a Day of Obligation – falls on Thursday 9 May. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 7pm that day.

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan

♦ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director

♦ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish.
Please take this newsletter home.

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at the *back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ **This weekend is Good Shepherd**

Sunday, Easter 4, and includes the annual **second collection for our diocesan Priest Training Fund**, that is the fund that supports your future priests. At present, for this Diocese, we have 14 men across 6 years of formation, and 2 more preparing to begin. On average it costs about £25,000 per year to educate, prepare and house one seminarian. Your future parish priests must come from somewhere! Please be generous; show our seminarians they are wanted and supported; and show God you want the Church to be resilient, led by good and selfless clergy.



♦ **Easter Greeting**

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

♦ **A Prayer to be said before all Masses**

ALMIGHTY God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

The **ORDER of Mass** can be found on the **pew card**.

Scripture readings can be found from **p.262-5** of the *Mass Book*.

Psalm response: 'Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.'



All sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures | to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as, | you talk- to us." **Alleluia ...**

♦ **Marian Eastertide Antiphon** sung or said after all Masses

JOY to thee, O Queen of heaven: alleluia.

He whom thou wast blessed to bear, alleluia.

As He promised, hath arisen! alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer. alleluia.

Tune: Laudate 267

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Together, let us pray: **O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures

The shepherds were the first outsiders to visit the infant Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. It was with them that News of the birth of a Saviour was first shared. Even if shepherds were not highly regarded by the Jewish society of Jesus' day, they would have been a familiar sight, and everyone knew they served an important task. The Jewish people *nomadic* in their origins, and their great spiritual leaders – Abraham, Moses and David – were all cast by providence in the role of shepherd. The psalm which has become best known in the Christian tradition but was also frequently recited by devout Israelites cast God as shepherd: *The Lord is my shepherd, so I can want for nothing!*' (Ps. 22, 1). This weekend Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd of all.

We are challenged during Eastertide to understand *how* the risen Lord makes himself present in the world, by means of His Church. One way is to unite people, both to God and to one another, by *guiding* them as a shepherd conserves the unity of a flock. So, we're invited to pray that pastors may be provided to serve Christ as shepherds on His flock. In many respects, as parents, friends, elders, spiritual guides, confidantes, peacemakers, we can serve as guides for one another and those coming to faith – so long as we are ministering *Christ's teaching and love*, not our own philosophies.



unique Saviour. Obey His (your shepherd's) commands and God's love will be perfected in you. Don't, and it won't.

Gospel: John 10.11-18 Jesus appears to His disciples. Again that mixture of factors when the risen Victim appears: recognition, terror, the assurance of peace, the mandate to expand the message that is central to the Resurrection: *the forgiveness of sins.*

But to animate the Church, serving Christ in the midst of Christ's body, the Church needs dedicated pastors, well-prepared for this role. There is an idea among English Catholics that priests come from *elsewhere*, that they grow on trees, and will be *provided*. They don't; they won't. It is from our *midst* that the Lord raises up men to serve in this way.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 4.8–12 Peter, who had only recently *denied* Jesus, comes out very strongly in proclaiming the risen Jesus as a *unique* Saviour. He says, very pointedly, to the listening Israelites – leaders and ordinary people alike – that the man they had rejected in favour of Barabbas, God had raised up as their Saviour! As proof, the man born lame, who sat for years at the 'Beautiful' Gate of the Temple, had been healed through *Jesus'* power, not Peter's. This is the task of the Church today.

Second Reading (NT): 1 John 3.1–2 St John makes the same point: Jesus is the

♦ **Pastoral cover** Fr Jonathan is away. The first Mass on his return will Monday 22 April. Masses have been covered by **Fr Mike Guthrie, Fr Eugene Curran, Fr Tony Sammarco**, and this Sunday, **Fr Guy Sawyer**. They all deserve our warmest welcome and thanks – certainly mine. FrJ

♦ **If you haven't** collected your Planned Giving envelopes please do after Mass – or you may get a visit from your parish priest!

♦ **After its Easter recess Parliament** will be back on this week, and will debate the Criminal Justice Bill, with two new, untested amendments concerning abortion: 1 de-criminalization, and 2 a change in the term for legal abortion. Now is the time to **pray for your MP**, whom some of us have lobbied.

♦ **Diocese to Lourdes 19-26 July** Registration via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or via the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Plane, train or coach travel options available. **All applications by Tuesday 30 April please.**

♦ **Speaking of Lourdes**, Emma Nwawulor, having had such a wonderful time **supporting sick pilgrims** last year, wants to do the same again this year. That means she needs sponsorship. There are envelopes at the back for any help you can give (she needs to collect £1000) and a QR code on the noticeboard if you prefer to help by contactless donation.

♦ **Leave a legacy for the next generation** Please consider St William's or the Diocese in your Will.

Your faith has been a constant in life – a source of strength, comfort, and hope throughout. As you contemplate your will, your legacy to the future, we invite you to consider how you can make a lasting impact by supporting the Diocese of Westminster, this parish, or a particular aspect of our outreach, in your Will. Every year, Legacy Gifts have a transformational impact in parishes and across our diocese. We are all benefitting in some way from the kindness of legacy gifts. Each one, at every level, makes a difference. To know more ask FrJ.

♦ **Confirmation** Alongside our first communion group, a group of adult and teenage confirmation candidates begin their preparation this week. Over the next eight weeks, meeting each Tuesday, they will be thinking and praying hard with Fr Jonathan about receiving this sacrament that seals their life with the presence of the 'inseparable' Holy Spirit. Please pray for them.

Readers

20 Apr	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
21 Apr	8am	Freda Adzinku
	10am	Carol-Anne Chandler, Anna Acuti
27 Apr	5.30pm	Daniela Amasanti-DeBono
28 Apr	8am	Audrey Da Costa
	10am	Robert Chandler, Patrick Arthur

Church Cleaning Rota

27 Apr	Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitė
4 May	Team C	Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira

Weekly Almsgiving on 14/04/2024

Loose Plate	£ 320.04
Envelopes	£ 142.01
Standing Orders & Online	£ 405.00
TOTAL	£ 867.05

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