

25th April 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)



JESUS CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God the Father's love is, allowing us to be called his children. Through the name of the Lord we can be sure that one day we shall see God as he really is.

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 24	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Colin Dunne RIP
Sun 25	<i>✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 09.30 Mary Smith RIP 11.00 Stanley Fellows RIP
Mon 26	09.30 Michael Bowden RIP
Tue 27	09.30 Wellbeing for Mrs G R Chetty & family
Wed 28	09.30 Peter Bertolelli RIP
Thu 29	Saint Catherine of Siena 09:30 Colin Dunne RIP
Fri 30	09.30 Canon Nigel Larn RIP
Sat 01	09.30 People of the Parish 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Teresa Dean RIP
Sun 02	<i>✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 09.30 Julia Hogan RIP 11.00 Leonard Reynolds RIP

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. This week we take up the second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese.

VACCINATION AT OUR HALL.

The following are wanted. Any registered:

- Nurses
- Chiropractors/podiatrists
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Dental hygienists/therapists
- Pharmacists
- Dieticians
- Paramedics
- Speech & language therapists
- Optometrists

That would like to work in the vaccine centre to please contact Sophia Jouichat on this email address:

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SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Ecclesiastical Education

MASS COUNT LAST WEEKEND

Saturday: 18:30 (32) Sunday: 09.30 (73), 11.00 (76)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

Tap to Donate Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: www.olspn.church

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Parish Development Fund

Ten years ago Fr Peter Mansfield embarked upon an ambitious project, to completely renovate the parish house. Riddled with asbestos, and only suitable for limited office use, the entire

interior of the building was gutted, remodelled, and renovated.

Now suitable for living in, Fr Peter moved into the parish house in 2011, and his previous house across the street, was sold by the diocese. Whilst this helped with the costs, it still left the parish with a lot of debt. Money was borrowed from the diocese and surrounding parishes, and we established the Parish Development Fund to pay back our debt.

It has been a long journey, but it has finished, the debt has been paid off. Whilst maintaining and improving the parish buildings is a constant process - the church pew kneelers being our next project - it does mean the massive undertaking of renovating the parish house has come to a close.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 117

R. **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.**

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.

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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: 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.