

## 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

11am Mass  
Hymns

Entrance: 644  
Gloria: 998

Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: 268  
Communion: 948

Offertory: 807 & 761  
Post-Communion: 909

Memorial Accl.<sup>n</sup>: *We Proclaim your death*  
Recessional: 881



### Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd

Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God our Father's love is, allowing us to be called his children. Through the name of the Lord Jesus 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.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the role of women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 20 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Gary Edge-Loake RIP
Sun 21 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Annie Abeyadeera RIP Christine Goodwin
Mon 22 09.30	Wellbeing - Cecilia Aidoo Rosary
Tue 23 09.30	<i>SAINT GEORGE</i> Selvathy RIP Rosary
Wed 24 09.30	Thanksgiving - Motha family Rosary
Thu 25 09.30 13:30	Saint Mark Wellbeing - Bridie Horgan Rosary Requiem Mass - Colleen May Holmes RIP
Fri 26 09.30	Christine & Carl Burrows RIP Exposition
Sat 27 09.30 18:30	Alwyns Bologania RIP First Mass of Sunday Victor Doron RIP
Sun 28 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Mary Smith RIP Stanley Fellows RIP

#### Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

#### Regina Caeli

V. O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia

V. He has risen as he said, Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

**Let us pray:** God our Father, you give joy to the world by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Sharing the Word

##### First Reading

This passage occurs after the healing of the cripple in chapter 3. Peter emphasizes that the healing signifies the power of the risen Jesus to save. The apostles faced fierce hostility from the Jewish leaders. But despite this they continued to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. He

asserted that Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders which however became the corner stone of the new building.

### Second Reading

John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us his children through baptism. But as the world does not acknowledge God, it does not acknowledge us. Our future state will be like the glorified Jesus.

### Gospel

Jesus is presented as the good shepherd who knows his sheep and is known by them. Jesus is different from the hired man because he is willing to die to protect his sheep against wolves. The other sheep are the gentiles who will become part of the flock.

The three readings reveal to us the great love God has shown us in what he had done for us in Jesus, the Good Shepherd and our Saviour.

### Life in the Spirit Seminars

Here is an invitation to spiritual renewal as we approach the feast of Pentecost.

Pope Francis has called for life in the Spirit Seminars in all parishes. These Seminars are being run throughout the Archdiocese with the support and encouragement of Archbishop John Wilson.

*"I ask each and all of you that as part of the current grace of Charismatic Renewal you organise seminars of life in the Spirit in your parishes and seminaries, schools, in neighbourhoods, to share Baptism in the Spirit."*

Pope Francis

St Edmund Beckenham is the hub for the seminars. 20 Village Way, BR3 3NP

The Seminars will begin on Wednesday 24th April at 8.00pm in the parish hall. There will be mass beforehand at 7.30pm in the church. All are invited. For more information including speakers or to register go to [bit.ly/LISS2024](https://bit.ly/LISS2024) or email [norwoodsouthple@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodsouthple@rcaos.org.uk). Or register in person on the night.

### Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

### First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the hall on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10am for, Chapter 11: To love and to serve.

### Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm for, Session Ten: Confirmation: Discipleship and Mission.

### Priest Training Fund - Second Collection

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am - 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque - please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £164 Not Gift Aided: £337

**Mass Count:** Sat (56), Sun 09.30 (93), 11.00 (84)

Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: Priest Training Fund (Gift Aid)**

**Next Week: St. George's Cathedral (Gift Aid)**

Donate

**Gift Aid:** Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

**Card:** Card Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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