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**Sunday 21st April 2024**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book page 265)**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Priest Training Fund**



Every year, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter as the Good Shepherd Sunday. We continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus as the most important event for us as Christians. It is also celebrated as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. We celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for us as part of the sheepfold.

For us at the Parish of the Good Shepherd, the good shepherd Sunday has a special meaning for us. It is an opportunity for us to look at our mission which flows from our motto: "Growing together in love", and to pray for the grace to truly live up to our motto; and to keep making efforts to grow truly and together in Love. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge: the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us, but he also challenges us to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence Bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. We become also a good sheep by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through the homilies, Bible classes, counselling and advice; active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions. We become a good sheep by cooperating with our priests and deacons, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence.

On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men and women to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life; and for all of us that we may live out our vocations as He wills. Amen.

**PRIEST CORNER:** I will be away from Monday until Wednesday for a short meeting in Manchester along with Fr. Godwin. Fr. Jamie and Deacon Barry will be around in case of any emergencies or sick calls.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION INCIDENT:** We have had a report of some few incidents of people receiving the Holy Communion and putting it in their pocket instead of consuming it right away. This is a sacrilegious act that could have a serious spiritual consequence on the entire parish community. Please always consume while standing in front of the priest after receiving the Holy Communion. Do not take it away on any grounds except for those permitted to take to the sick by the Priest. I encourage everyone to be vigilant in both Churches about this. Report to the priest immediately if you notice someone making this mistake. Fr. Leo

## **PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

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!



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## **ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

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- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504

## **WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE – Led by Fr Leo Illah CSSp.**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The cost has now been confirmed at £355 per person based on 2 sharing plus £20 single supplement. A non-refundable deposit of £250 per person is required at the time of booking. Travel insurance is £37 per person if required. **Places are limited so please book early. Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** Contact Mary [doover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:doover@rcaos.org.uk) or call/text 07936 573155 to request a booking form. A poster with further information can be found in the porch of both churches or on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Maureen Collins** who has died. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am at St Paul's** followed by burial at St James Cemetery at 1.30pm. We pray especially for her family at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Gloria Rockenbauer** who has died in Aylesham. Gloria's Requiem will be at St. Finbarr's on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am** to be followed by burial at Aylesham cemetery. May her Gentle Soul rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Jacqueline Edwards** an active member of the Parish community at St. Finbarr's. We pray for her soul and her husband, Chris Burke and the family.

**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING AND DAY:** Dear Lay Eucharistic Ministers of our Parish, I want to invite you from both St. Finbarr's and St. Paul's for a half day training and prayer together **on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 11am to 2pm.** We shall be looking at the new situations around our ministry and we shall seek to organize our way of serving more effectively at the Parish. This meeting will be the first training in a long while and I appeal to all Eucharistic ministers and all those exposing the sacraments either for Benediction or adoration to also please attend. Light Refreshment will be provided during the meeting. God bless. Fr. Leo

**INVITE TO THE WHOLE PARISH FROM ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP.** We would very much like to invite you to a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May to a talk being given by Br. Paul O'Carm. from the Shrine of St Jude at Faversham, which will be held in **St Paul's Church at 2pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> May.** This is to partly celebrate that the Prayer Group will be going into our 10th year in September/October. He will speak about how he became a Carmelite, the Shrine, and also about St Jude. Refreshments will be served after the talk and a chance to meet him. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**EASTER TEA** led by the Mini Vinnies at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Aylesham, CT3 3AS on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.15pm onwards. Proceeds will go to the SVP. Food and tea, a raffle and entertainment led by children from school. The school would really welcome members of our parish family and friends.

**BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FINBARR'S:** It will be wonderful to start a Bible study group at St. Finbarr's, starting by the first week of May. We already have a Bible study group in Dover for years, it will now also start at St. Finbarr's. This will be an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the Bible with Lectio Divina and other forms of praying with the Bible. This is being planned to start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May by 7pm. If you are keen to know more about the Bible, please come along and learn more. God bless. Fr. Leo

**THANKS, FROM FR ANDREW.** I would just like to thank everybody in Dover and Aylesham for their warm send off last week. Thank you for all the presents, kind words and prayers. You are a truly wonderful parish. Here it has been busy but everybody is very kind. I am offering mass for all of you. Fr. Andrew

<b>Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham</b> <b>‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Dates</b> <b>APRIL/MAY 2024</b>		
<b>YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16 YRS UP</b>	<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b>	<b>6PM AT ST. PAUL’S UPPER HALL.</b>
<b>ALTAR SERVER’S TRAINING FOR ALL OUR YOUNG CHILDREN WILLING TO SERVE.</b>	<b>AFTER MASS AT ST. FINBARR’S ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL</b>	<b>ST. FINBARR’S. AFTER MASS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.</b>
<b>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER’S TRAINING AND SEMINAR DAY</b>	<b>SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 ONE EVENT FOR BOTH CHURCHES</b>	<b>11AM TO 2PM AT ST. PAUL’S HALL</b>
<b>ROSARY PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.</b>	<b>ST. PAUL’S. 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024</b>	<b>STARTING AT 3PM. END WITH TEAS AND COFFEE AT THE HALL, DOVER</b>
<b>PARENT’S EVENING (FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN’S PARENTS)</b>	<b>MON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 6PM</b>	<b>ST. PAUL’S UPPER HALL DOVER.</b>
<b>CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST. We shall celebrate it as the PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY. (SPIRITAN FEAST DAY)</b>	<b>AT ST. PAUL’S: SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY. ONE SINGLE MASS BY 10AM FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATIONS IN THE HALL ( NO 9:15AM MASS). Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.</b>	<b>AT ST. FINBARR’S – 26<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY- AFTER THE 11:15AM MASS. Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.</b>

**A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD.** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between **CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**CATECHISM:**

*He gives eternal life to his sheep by receiving us into his sheepfold through Baptism. Jesus also strengthens our Faith by giving us the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, supplies food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist and the Divine words of the Holy Bible, and he makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the Priesthood.*

*When you receive the Holy Communion; receive it on your hand or on the tongue and consume it immediately, do not take it to your seat or put in your pocket. If you see anybody do this, please approach them and talk with them and inform the priest immediately.*

**Please Pray for those who are unwell:**

**St Finbarr’s:** Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

**St Paul’s:** Cecilia Maza, Gaby Anaya Amor, Maureen Arman, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Fr Jeff Cridland, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, Maureen Houghton, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

**Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

**St Finbarr’s:** Joseph Arthur Kelly, Thomas Garrity, Patrick Ronald Devereux, Michael John Leamy, Maralyn Fleming, Grace Henderson Park Walker, Julia James.

**St Paul’s:** Julie Shearn, John Cheesman, Fr Tony Pyle, Tilly McConnell, John Joseph O’Hanlon, Catherine Herd, Edward Javier Perry, Edward Bayliss, Doreen Mitchell, Michael FitzPatrick, Russell Wills, John Clithero, Joe Johnston, Ada Doolin, John William Siddle, Eileen Agnus Sayers, Thomas Connolly, Michael Nolan, Anthony Chalwin Carter.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 20th April</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Peter Joseph Grilli. Fr Godwin</b>
<b>ST ADALBERT</b>	<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Mass for G/E John &amp; Joyce Nix (Sheila) Fr Jamie</b>
	<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for Julia James RIP (Mary Ayres) Fr Jamie</b>
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 20th April</b>	<b>10am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sr Anna-May O'Reilly DC &amp; Sr Catherine Farrelly DC. Fr Godwin Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Jamie Mass for G/E Sheila (Jane Francis) Fr Jamie</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Martha Leat (Kath Quigley) Fr Leo Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for St Joseph's Men's Prayer Group (Matthew) Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall</b>
	<b>Monday 22nd April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for William Nugent RIP (Sheila) Fr Jamie</b>
<b>SAINT GEORGE</b>	<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Nora Lyons 'F' Fr Jamie</b>
<b>ST ADALBERT</b>	<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	<b>10am 5.30pm</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm</b>
<b>SAINT MARK</b>	<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	<b>9.30am 10am 10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Maureen &amp; Joe Johnston RIP Fr Jamie Bible Study</b>
	<b>Friday 26th April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Ronan Bracken RIP (Sheila) Fr Godwin</b>
	<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	<b>10am 11am - 2pm 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Maureen Collins RIP (Lizzie) Fr Leo Lay Eucharistic Minister Training in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Godwin Mass for Barry Pape RIP (Jaen Pape) Fr Godwin</b>
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass for Ann Crabill (Lizzie) Fr Jamie Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Ronan Bracken RIP (Rory &amp; Sara) Fr Leo Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall</b>

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024

## First reading

Acts 4:8-12

*The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved*

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.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

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

## Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

*We shall see God because as he really is.*

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:14

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

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

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.'

## Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.**