

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Good Shepherd Sunday)

7th May 2017

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses and Communion Services

Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
Communion Services at 10.15 a.m.
Friday, Mass at 5 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions:

Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)

This Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Can there be vocations in our time if we do not pray for them as the Lord commanded?

Please remember the children about to make their **First Confessions**. Their First Communions will be celebrated on the first Sunday of June, that is, the 4th June. Our sincere thanks to all who are preparing them.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mamie Trybis, Sarah Teresa Hayes, Kateann and Murdoch MacNeil, Annie and Dugald MacDonald, Mary Brown, Ewen Morrison, Angus MacDonald and Peter Doherty**. May they now rest in the peace of their Risen Lord.

Fr. MacKinnon will be absent from Tuesday to Friday. Deacon Thomas will have the pastoral care of the parish. There will be Mass on Friday evening at 5 p.m.

The parish garden is looking particularly lovely. Our thanks to those who give it such loving care!

Our thanks to those who have handed in their SCIAF Wee Boxes. So far, they have raised a remarkable £1,138!

May God forgive us for the times when we, as individuals and as a Church, failed to seek out and care for those little ones who were frightened, alone and in pain because someone was abusing them. That we did not always respond to your cries with the concern of the Good Shepherd is a matter of deep shame.

Sean Brady

I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way.

St. Jerome

Christ's flock is made up of sheep that not only listen to their shepherd, but are also able to recognize his voice, to follow him, faithfully and with full awareness, on the pastures of eternal life.

Pope John XXIII

Bible study without Bible experience is pointless. Knowing Psalm 23 is different from knowing the Shepherd.

Kingsley Opuwari Manuel

Those who join the Carmelite Order are not lost to their near and dear ones, but have been won for them, because it is our vocation to intercede to God for everyone.

Edith Stein

I feel in me the vocation of the Priest. I have the vocation of the Apostle. Martyrdom was the dream of my youth, and this dream has grown with me. Considering the mystical body of the Church, I desired to see myself in them all.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves.

Logan Pearsall Smith



In the face of attacks on Christian churches in Egypt, Muslim men form a protective ring around a church as its people celebrate the Eucharist