



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022

The Lamb Has Become A Shepherd

It is helpful to recall that Luke authored a two-volume work, Luke-Acts. In his first volume he unfolds the healing life, death and resurrection of Jesus; in Acts, he shows the life-changing effect of Jesus that the disciples who knew him carried to the whole world.

In Luke's account of the Gospel, Jesus sends the twelve to announce the Kingdom of God but warns them that if they are not welcomed they are to shake the dust from their feet, a sign of dissociating oneself from another. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas proclaim Jesus as the Messiah who has begun God's rule on earth, but some Jews reject this testimony. Obedient to Jesus they turn to the Gentiles. In this manner, they fulfil the Old Testament and demonstrate one of Luke's major themes: the spread of the Good News "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47).

The second reading and Gospel continue the motif of universality, showing Jesus as the Good Shepherd for all people. Belonging to Jesus depends not on ethnicity or religious background or any accident of birth but on recognizing and responding to his call: "My sheep hear my voice" (Jn 10:27).

Revelation looks forward to the culmination of history and the completion of God's reign through Jesus. In the vision of John the Seer, those who pass through suffering and death like Jesus, with complete trust in God, will also emerge transformed and victorious (symbolized by white robes and palm branches) at the end. Regardless of "nation, race, people, and tongue" (Rv 7:9), all who hear and follow the voice of Jesus belong to his flock, now and forever.



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Sunday 8th May 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)
FHC Children	Sunday 15 th May 11am – Lounge

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 8 th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) (Day of Prayer for Vocations)
Thursday 12 th May	St John Houghton, Priest, Martyr
Friday 13 th May	St Erconwald, Bishop Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
Saturday 14 th May	St Matthias, Apostle – Feast
Sunday 15 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

We pray especially for vocations on this ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 8 th May	10.00 am	Padaer Phelan – RIP (donor – Lynn & Geoff Coxel)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 9 th May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 10 th May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 11 th May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 12 th May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 13 th May	9.30 am	Primuse Bernard – RIP/30 day death anniversary (donor – Claret)
Saturday 14 th May	9.00 am	Tommy Higgins – RIP (donor – Evelyn Townsend)
Sunday 15 th May	10.00 am	Nell Sullivan – RIP/Anniversary (donor – Mary Wright)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

Parish Notice Board

RIP – Tommy Higgins

We were very sad to hear of the death of dear Tommy Higgins. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. We have no funeral details as yet but will let you know in due course.

RIP – Margaret Thomas

Wife of Peter Thomas, one of our regular parishioners sadly passed away. Please remember Peter and the family in your prayers.

2nd Collection 8th May 2022

Today's second collection will be for Promotion of Vocations.

First Holy Communion

Next meeting will be on Sunday 15th May at 11am for Children (Lounge)

Next meeting for parents will be Monday 23rd May (Church)

Please remember the FHC children in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion. Please also remember the catechists who willingly give their time to help prepare the children.

Parish Finance:

01.05.22- Gift Aid: £80.60 Loose Plate: £208.92 Total: £289.52

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D'Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Promotion of Vocations

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood. There is also a retiring collection to support the promotion of vocations.

Flower Festival, St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church - 27th – 29th May

Taking the themes of peace, hope and Resurrection, the talented parish flower arrangers will fill this magnificent nineteenth century church with wonderful displays. We hope it will be a lovely way to invite people to church who may never have been before, and everyone is very welcome. There will be tasty cakes and refreshing tea and coffee in the hall. Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29th May 1pm – 4pm. The address is 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT, and there is some parking at the church, plenty of buses stop nearby, or we are just a 10 min walk from Romford Station.

The Acts of the Apostles

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

The Good Counsel Network

On Saturday 21st May the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

The Passage

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14th May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

Late Vocation To The Priesthood

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend.

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

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