

**THIS WEEK:**

**Mon — Friday: 10am Mass  
Exposition and Confessions to  
11am.**

**Monday and Friday evening at  
6.30pm**

**Tuesday: Divine mercy Mass at  
6.30pm**

**Saturday: Teenage Confirmation  
Mass at 6.30pm**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES**

**MARCH: £ 12,516.09**

**Week average: £ 2,503**

**EASTER: £6,010.77**

**HOLY PLACES: £1,606.41**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2;  
John 10:11-18

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**NORMAL CHURCH TIMES**

**Saturday Evening 6.30<sup>pm</sup> (Vigil);**

**Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11**

**Polish (po polsku): 12.30<sup>pm</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Mass in Spanish: 4.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass**

**Evening Mass Monday and Friday at  
6.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Padre Pio/Divine Mercy: 2nd and  
4th Tuesday at 6.30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm Saturdays, or *by appointment at the Presbytery.*

**Rosary: 11am each weekday**

**PARISH STAFF & TEAM**

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ.

**Assistant Priests:** Fr. John McCabe SJ, Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

**Resident Jesuits:** Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (Congo), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

**Music:** Ann Bennett

**Sunday Sacristan:** Kevin De Souza

**Parish Secretary:** Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . M-Th 9am — 1pm

**Catechetics:** Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

*If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Representative: Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943*



**4th Easter Sunday Year B  
21st April 2024**

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**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

On the fourth Sunday of Easter a passage from chapter 10 of John's Gospel is always read, and this year we hear the middle bit. The chapter is about the Good Shepherd, as Jesus described himself, as opposed to those who did not care for their sheep as they ought to. The image of sheep and shepherds for the people and their leaders pervades the Bible and was adopted by the Church, so that the Pope is the chief shepherd, assisted by the bishops and parish clergy. This was easily understood in an agricultural society but is less obviously applicable to an industrial one. You have to go a long way from here to find sheep safely grazing, but I think we can still understand the image and the message it contains. Gilbert and Sullivan referred to a policeman's lot as not a happy one, and the same might be said of the shepherd's (see 'A Shepherd's Life' by James Rebanks).

It takes quite a lot of work to put the leg of lamb on the dinner table. Despite their importance culturally shepherds were rather looked down on in biblical times, but it was to them that the birth of the Saviour was announced in the nativity story, and they were the first set of visitors to be welcomed at the crib, in stark contrast to the opulence of the magi with their extravagant gifts; the shepherds brought only themselves, and probably a sheep or lamb or two as often depicted in art. Pope Francis has emphasised that he wants priests and especially bishops to have the 'smell of the sheep' about them, by which he means that they must be connected to the people they serve and not aloof from them.

On this Sunday there is always a collection for the training of future priests, and here that goes to the seminarians for the diocese of Westminster (not the Jesuits!). There are envelopes at the back of the church if you wish to contribute that way. But as well as contributing it is

**Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

important, indeed essential, to continue to pray for vocations and for those studying for the priesthood (it takes a long time!) (Fr. John)

**Collection for training of seminarians.** There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**EASTER GARDEN:** we are grateful for any donations of flowers in pots for our Easter garden in the St Joseph Chapel.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION APRIL:  
For the role of women**



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES BOXES 2024-2025**

The Planned Giving Boxes are ready for collection. Please meet Elisabete or one of our parish finance committee members in the Papers Stand opposite the repository after Sunday Mass.

**CAN YOU SING?** Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261. Otherwise please consider joining our 11am choir.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Following several meetings on the theme of synodality we are going to put together a Parish Pastoral Council to advise the parish priest and to assist in many matters concerning the parish. There will be a mixture of people and age groups, and some members will be *ex officio* owing to their current roles. We also hope to form a Young Adult group for 18—35 year old members.

Are you enthusiastic and wish to make a positive contribution to the life and future of the parish?

Can you spare 3 or 4 evenings a year to attend meetings?

Are you willing to consider the needs of all the parishioners?

Do you have a special skill such as minute taking?

Please write to the parish at the regular email address with “PPC” in the subject heading. Thank you. Fr. Andrew

**CONTACTLESS MACHINE:** If there is a problem with the machines please use this QR code and enter payment information to make your donations. Many thanks.

