

## THIS WEEK

**Morning Mass: Mon-Sat, 10:00am**  
*followed by Adoration & Confession until 11:00am, then the Rosary*

**Evening Mass: Mon, 6:30pm** (*in the Day Chapel - use the side entrance to enter the chapel*) and **Fri, 6:30pm** (*in the main Church*)

**Tue:** Divine Mercy Mass, 6:30pm

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Ps 23 (22)

1 Peter 2: 20b-25

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

**FEBRUARY TOTAL: £13,005.85**

Standing order & online: £ 4,559.33

Contactless: £ 1,604.00

Cash: £ 6,842.52

**TOTAL: £ 13,005.85**

**Weekly average: £ 2,694.00**

CAFOD: £ 731.00

## SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Creating and maintaining a safe environment is everyone's responsibility. Each of us plays an important role in fostering a culture of care and protection within our parish community. We are all called to help safeguard children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact: our parish safeguarding representatives:

Angela Anyanwu ☎ 07979 047550

Bernadeta Dymek ✉ [stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

You may also leave a message on the Parish Office phone: ☎ 020 8800 2121

## NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

**Saturday Evening Mass (Vigil):** 6:30pm

**Sunday Mass:** 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,

- **in Polish (*po polsku*):** 12:30pm, 6:30pm

- **in Spanish (*en espanol*):** 4:30pm

**Monday - Saturday Mass:** 10:00am

**Monday & Friday Mass:** 6:30pm

*Padre Pio* and *Divine Mercy* Masses:

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month: 6.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

after 10:00am Mass each weekday & Saturdays or *by appointment*.

**Rosary:** 11:00am each weekday.

## PARISH STAFF & TEAM

☎ **020 8800 2121**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Jim Conway SJ.

**Assistant Priests:** Fr. John McCabe SJ

Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

**Resident Jesuits:** Fr. Anthony Aduaka SJ (ANW, KCL), Fr. Roseller Atilano SJ (PHI, LSE) Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (ACE, *Arise* Project), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

**Music:** Ann Bennett

**Sunday Sacristan:** Axel Rejas

**Parish Secretary:** Judy Bronson

☎ 020 8800 2262 (*Tue-Thu 9:00am 1:00pm*)

**Catechetics:** Aga Wiecek ☎ 020 8800 2202



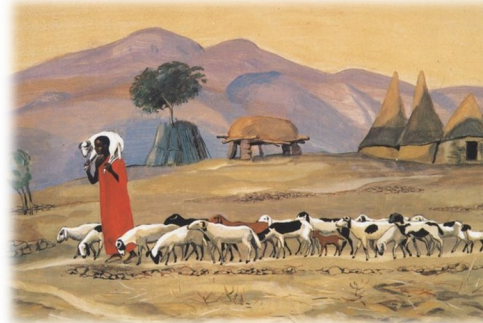
**4th Sunday of Easter (Yr A)**  
**26th April 2026**

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday



'The Good Shepherd'  
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48288>

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the beautiful image of Christ the Good Shepherd. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the one who knows his sheep, calls them by name, and leads them to life in abundance. This is not a distant or abstract care; it's personal, attentive, and faithful. Each of us is known and loved, and each of us is invited to listen for his voice amid the many competing voices of our world.

This Sunday is also traditionally a day of prayer for vocations. In today's Pastoral Letter, the Archbishop of Westminster invites us to pray earnestly for vocations to the priesthood, that more men may respond generously to the Lord's call to serve his people as shepherds in his name. The need is real, and the call is urgent but it's also hopeful, because Christ continues to call.

At the same time, Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us that vocation is not limited to the priesthood. Every Christian life is a calling. Whether in marriage, family life, singlehood, consecrated life, ordained ministry, or in dedicated service within the world, each of us has a path by which we are to follow the Shepherd and make his love known. The key question is simple, but not always easy: am I listening? The Shepherd calls each of us by name. He leads, but he does not force. In the quiet of prayer, in the life of the Church, and even in the ordinary events of daily life, his voice can be heard.

Let us pray this week for those discerning a call to the priesthood and consecrated life. And let us also pray for one another that we may each have the courage to recognise our own vocation, and to follow where the Good Shepherd leads.

The Archbishop has asked every parish to offer a weekly Holy Hour of Adoration for vocations over the next four weeks. At St Ignatius, this will begin next Friday, 1st May, and conclude on Friday, 22nd May. Please let others know!

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## **WELCOME..**

to our visitors and anyone coming to St Ignatius for the first time. We hope you feel at home. Please say hello to the priests and parishioners.

## **DIVINE MERCY MASS**

Will take place this Tuesday 28th April at 6.30pm

## **HOLY HOUR - FOR VOCATIONS**

Over the next four weeks, Archbishop Richard has asked every parish in the Archdiocese to hold a weekly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood. At St Ignatius, the Holy Hour will take place each Friday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, beginning on Friday 1st May and concluding on Friday 22nd May. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 6:30pm.

## **CONFIRMATIONS: Congratulations!**

Twenty-two of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation at last night's 6.30pm parish Mass. Please continue to keep them in your prayers; that the Sacrament will strengthen their faith as they mature and grow into adulthood.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Fourteen of our children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday and their First Holy Communion on Saturday 2nd May. Another thirty-one of our children will receive their First Communion on Sunday 3rd May at the 12.30pm Mass. Please keep them, their parents and catechists in your prayers.

## **PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

There'll be a retiring collection for the diocesan priest's training fund today. Envelopes for your offering are also available from the back of the Church.

## **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Please collect your new box of envelopes from the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **TEA, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS**

Join us after our morning Masses today for refreshments in the hall.

## **Pastoral Letter for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, the whole church prays for vocations to the priesthood. We are blessed with so many wonderful priests serving in the Diocese and I ask you to join with me in praying in thanksgiving for their ministry amongst us all. Please pray, too, for those who are in formation for the Priesthood and for the staff in our seminaries who are entrusted with the important work of their formation.*

*The ministry of the priest is one of service. This was expressed during Holy Week in the Renewal of Priestly Promises, which took place at the Chrism Mass as our priests resolved to continue their ministry, following "Christ the head and shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls."<sup>[1]</sup> This spirit of service, itself a self-emptying in imitation of Christ Himself, brings with it the utmost joy for all those called by the Lord to share in His priesthood.*

*Priestly ministry flows, in a very particular way, from the celebration of the Eucharist. The celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our lives. This celebration is vital for our lives, for the life of the Church and the priest is called by Christ Himself to celebrate the Eucharist with and for the People of God. From this celebration flows his ministry of servant-leadership for all those entrusted to his care -in whatever circumstance he may carry this out. This priestly service: a response to Christ's call, rooted in His gift of the Eucharist and nourished by the Word of God and daily commitment to prayer, is a great endeavour, enabling all whom the priest serves to grow in Christian life and in the mission of the Church.*

*The discernment of this vocation, as Pope Leo reminds us, calls for "a relationship based on prayer and silence." Such prayer and silence require a commitment of time, but this is time that will bear great fruit. It is important for us all – in our parish communities, schools and homes – to foster time for such prayer and support those whom the Lord calls to share in His priesthood. A diocesan resource has been produced that will assist us in this path of prayer for vocations to priesthood leading to the celebration of Pentecost. The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is an aspect of parish life in many parts of the Diocese. Times of Adoration provide excellent opportunities for prayer for priestly vocations and I ask every parish to hold a Holy Hour each week over the next month for this intention. The praying of the Rosary is a part of many people's lives of prayer. I invite parishes to form groups of people who will commit to praying the Rosary for vocations to priesthood, whether this be together or alone but united with others through prayer.*

*The call to priesthood, more often than not, comes in quiet ways: the example of a priest; the example of parents and family members as they persevere in faith; a thought about service to the Church; a renewed experience of God's presence when on retreat or at a day of prayer and celebration; a reawakening of awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Above all, the call to priesthood comes through the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit.*

*To those of you who sense these stirrings of the Holy Spirit, calling you to service of Christ and his Church, "pause, listen, entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."*

With every Blessing,

**✠ Archbishop Richard Moth**  
Archbishop of Westminster