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**Fourth Sunday of Easter 2nd/3rd May 2020**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Page262: Acts:14; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

**Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter:** Page: 265: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



 **“I am the gate of the Sheepfold”**

 Today, on this fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The image of Our Lord as the Good Shepherd who leads and cares for His flock is well known to us from Scripture, but we the probably haven’t seen that many sheep on the Green opposite the Church! That is not to say that the idea of a shepherd leading his sheep isn’t relevant – it most certainly is, especially in these challenging times. We all need leaders who have the best interests of the community at heart and express that leadership through service.

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**Sr. Mary O’Malley, Sr. Nora Gorman, Sr. Katherine O’Reilly**

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In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

**MASS**

There will be no public Mass for the foreseeable future. Mass will, however, be said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email Feltham.rcdow.org.uk or call

 Fr. John on 0787 905 8732

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 The Church also designates this Sunday as the one on which we consider the subject and reality of vocation. At the outset is important to say that each of us has unique vocation, just as each of us is uniquely created “for some definite purpose”, as St John Henry Newman put it. We are, each of us, called to be saints in the first instance. That is a lofty and noble calling and can only be done by a continued loving response to God’s grace each day. Over and beyond that though, there are specific vocations within the Catholic Christian life which we should all give some time to considering; in fact, itis inherent upon us to do so, if we wish to find fulfilment and happiness. It is all about knowing, loving and serving God in this world, so as to be happy with Him in the next and, by so doing, acquiring a sense of joyous purpose and fulfilment.

 In the Gospel Jesus says that the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. The priesthood and religious life is precisely about leadership and service. Each of us should consider and pray about how I can be of leadership and service to the community, using the gifts and talents we have each received for the Common Good. When we emerge from the current state of lockdown, our society will look and feel very different and the Church will have a vital role to play in re-establishing existing community structures, within a changed environment. We will need men and women who are generous, enthusiastic and who want to make a difference.

 At the heart of all this lies prayer, discernment and generosity. Ours is a wonderfully prayerful parish and that is wonderful. It is also incredibly generous! Today and indeed going forward, we should pray for our families and friends that they will respond to the promptings of God’s grace and offer themselves for His service in the priesthood or religious life. Families are the first educators – it is from here that vocations most often come. If you know of someone, or you yourself think you might have a calling to the Priesthood or religious life, firstly pray about it, talk to someone you trust about it and then maybe talk to Fr John or myself or one of the Pastoral Team about it. Above all, have confidence that discernment is always worthwhile – God will show us where He wants us to be and we will be the better for that. Remember too that God is never outdone in generosity; He will reward the seemingly small gift of ourselves back to Him in ways we could never imagine and always for our own good on our paths to sanctity.

 Let’s pray for each other.

**FR. JOHN LOUIS**

Are you living alone? Are you over 70? And taking time out during this difficult time. Would you like a call, someone to chat to and someone who may be able to help with things that you would normally do out and about yourself. Please give Fr. John a call on his mobile: 0787 905 8732

**REFLECTION**

***May – the month of Mary***

Many individuals and families pray the Rosary during the month of May. We are often told that Mary pondered things in her heart (Lk.2:19).

She contemplates the mystery of God in our world and in our daily lives. She is the woman of prayer and work in Nazareth. Mary is ‘**Our Lady of Help’ – ‘the Cause of our joy’** who sets out with haste (Lk.1:39) to be of service to others.

Mary journeyed with Jesus every step of the way, from the Annunciation to the Ascension. Mary mother of us all, she is a welcome companion in times of distress and difficulty, and also in times of hope and encouragement:

:Immaculate Virgin, Mother of the true God – Mother of the Church!

Grand peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are.

Our Lady and mother … We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church: hold us always with your loving hand.

**Can you help?** Do you have time to support our parish with some volunteering during the challenging weeks ahead? No matter how little time you can offer we would really appreciate your support. It could be from just making a call to helping with someone’s shopping Please call Annie (Baker) for more details on: 0208 707 2911 Do leave a message with your name and number if I am not in and I will get back to you as soon as possible. (Enjoy my voicemail)

**PRIESTS’ TRAINING FUND COLLECTION**

Our annual collection will not take place this year. Please pray for our seminarians this Sunday and if you would like to make a donation please visit the Diocesan website for more details.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O Jesus, send labourers into Your fields which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated brothers and sisters. Enkindle in the hearts of women and men the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give Your Church helpers in the work of tomorrow. **Amen**

***Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

(based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Ligouri)

**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the souls and those whohave died recently**:**

**Patricia Cole (nee Fenlon), Fredy Cubos, Thelma Rochester, Ann Chance, Michael Nfiah, Michael Patrick Chang and all who have died with the Pandemic** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Please keep all their families who mourn them in your prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Resourcing the Lockdown**

**Stations of the Resurrection:** *Via Lucis (Way of Light)*

Opportunity for meditation on the joyful events of Eastertic devised by Pope St John II.

<https://.youtube.com/watch?y=YBQCocmFq9c> –

Church Resurrection, Solon, Ohio, mosaics of stations, delivered by ministry team – 35 minutes

**Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral are now available to watch at** [**www.churchservices.tv/westminster**](http://www.churchservices.tv/westminster)

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| Sat 2 |  | Patrick Galligan RIPIntentions of the Power Family |
| Sun 3 |  | Ludovino Soares RIPPeople of the Parish |
| Mon 4 |  | People of the Parish |
| Tues 5 |  | Victims of the Pandemic |
| Wed 6 |  | Analiza Botelho in Thanksgiving 16th Birthday |
| Thurs 7 |  | People of the Parish and the NHS |
| Fri 1 |  | David Hayes RIP (Anniversary) |
| Sat 9 |  | People of the Parish |
| Sun 10 |  | Hubert D’Souza RIP (Anniversary)In Thanksgiving – Gashu Family |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Easterbrook Family (14th & 64th Wedding Anniversaries) |

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Dear Friends – During our current lockdown our parish is receiving no income. We have in place a facility to pay your usual contributions either by standing order or direct payment to the parish – there has never been a time when this has been more needed than now. If you would like to take advantage of this facility our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: St Lawrence Feltham Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

**Thank you for your continued generosity. FR. JOHN**

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