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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th/12th May 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 268: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30
Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Page: 271: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



The Good Shepherd

We Christians say that we believe in God but in practice we often live as if He didn't exist. Our day to day decisions are often not influenced by our beliefs but often by our prejudices, political opinions, social status, friendships, interests etc. This in part is due to a worldwide religious crisis without precedent; all peoples, all cultures and all religions are exposed to each other as never before. We are bombarded by so many ideas and opinions that it's hardly surprising that many people find it difficult to believe in anything with any certainty, let alone live it with conviction.

Our own Church's particular and painful crisis only adds to the confusion for us Catholics. The crisis creates an overwhelming sensation of being something beyond us. But how should we be reacting? Well the Gospel today can shed some light on the matter. You see the danger is that we react to the crisis atheistically, i.e. as if God didn't exist.

In the Gospel today Jesus is in Jerusalem proclaiming the Good News. It's winter and he enters one of the porticos of the temple to get out of the cold. He is surrounded by Jews who harass him with questions. Jesus is talking about the "sheep" that hear his voice and follow him. Then he turns and says: "The Father who gave them (the sheep) to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from the Father."

Jesus is saying that God the Father is greater than anyone. The fact that we are in crisis doesn't mean that God is in crisis. The fact that many Christians have lost their enthusiasm and courage doesn't mean that God has lost his will or strength to save us. The fact that the Church often doesn't seem to know how to connect with people of today's world, especially the young, doesn't mean that God hasn't other ways, unbeknown to us, to speak to each person's heart. The fact that many people no longer go to Church doesn't mean that they have escaped from God's caring hands.

God is God. No religious crisis, no mediocrity by us Christians, no Church scandal can "steal from the Father", those he loves infinitely. God doesn't abandon anybody. He has his own paths to guide and protect every single person, and his paths are not necessarily those we like to mark out for him. God knows what he is about, despite us and our failings.

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Protecting your Privacy:

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

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am; Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend.** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This 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. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Saturday 11th May - 12.00 noon

Micaela Antido, Shereese Mercedes Opokua Djan, Ainara Avila Guerrero, Alex Jasinski, Klara Krzywdzik, Jordan Marco, Eliza Maslanka, Tian Muhoozi, Scarlett Pennington, Khamani Prendergast, Jordan Diego Santos, Jeff Sefah, Aden Smart, Alexander Trafny and Sophie-Rose Uwechue

Sunday 12th May - 11.00am

Tomisin Rita Badejo, Cronon Coutinho, Elle Da Costa, Aziel Fernandes, Amelia Fuksa, George Hamblin, Emmanuela Okani and Kyra Sequeira.

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH

Our warmest congratulations to Kashyma Sarai Henry-Smith who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Saturday.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation session for Group 2 will be on **Thursday 16th May** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH NOTICES

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be no 11am Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday 18th May**. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon, to which everyone is invited.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

This eight-week Bible Study evening has now commenced and there is still time to register if you are interested. Please speak to Jordan or Alai. Wednesdays from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Parish Centre. Registration is free. The workbook is £15.99. Please contact Jordan for further information. See poster in porch.

UCM

The UCM meet on **Monday 13th May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. A talk will be given by Doreen on her younger days on holidays in the Hop Fields of Kent. We hope to have an enjoyable evening.

KSC

The Knights of St Columba meet on **Tuesday 14th May** in the Parish Centre at 7pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday 14th May** at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

MALAYALAM COMMUNITY

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Mass in Malayalam every third Sunday of the month at 3pm, starting on **Sunday 19th May**.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE

The Knights of St Columba invite you to join them for their annual Pilgrimage to The Friars in Aylesford on **Sunday 16th June**. A coach will leave from St Lawrence's at 9.00am returning around 5 or 6pm. The cost of a seat on the coach will be £17.00 per person. In order to secure a seat please put your name on the list in the porch. Put your money in an envelope marked **KSC Aylesford Pilgrimage** and hand it in to Florie in the Parish Office at the latest by **Friday 24th May**.

QUIZ NIGHT

The West London Goans are having a Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips Supper on **Saturday 6th July** from 7pm to 10.30pm. Tickets: Adults: £10 for fish/chips or chicken/chips; Children: £5 chicken nuggets/chips. Contact Tim Fernandes for further information.

OTHER

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANWORTH

Are hosting Evensong with St Paul's Cathedral Choir on **Sunday 19th May** at 3.15pm. For more information please contact info@allsaintshanworth.com or 07761 054893.

FELTHAM BALKAN DANCE GROUP

The Dance Group started over 30 years ago and dance to the beautiful music of the Balkans. The next meeting will be on **17th May** in the Parish Centre. The first visit is free, then it a fee of £25 for a term (3-4 months depending on dates). For more information please contact Philip Dobison on 07723 395554.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL

31 May and 1 June in Leicester Square. Please see notice board for further information.

CARITAS

WHO CARES? RESPONDING TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH.

Wednesday 29th May 6.30pm-8.30pm Vaughan House, Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Saturday 8 June from 1-3pm At St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston NW1 1TA.

Posters for these events on the notice board. If interested register with caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207 931 6077 for your free ticket.

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

15 & 16 June. Adults: £45.00, 18-21 - £23.00, Reception to School Year 13 - £12.00, 0-3 Years - Free. Please see leaflet on notice board or pick up a booking form from the porch

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Ronald Gerald Toomey RIP, Nellie Chitson RIP and Rita Conway RIP who have died recently.

RONALD GERALD TOOMEY RIP - A Memorial Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 14th May** at 12.00noon.

NELLIE CHITSON RIP - Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 3rd June** at 12.20pm

Rita Conway's funeral arrangements will be announced next week.

Please also remember in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sacrament of Reconciliation For the intentions of the Power Family (with Reception into Full Communion with the Church of Kashyma Sarai Henry-Smith)
Sun 12	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Roberto Ordoña RIP) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Antonio Fernandes RIP
Mon 13	9.30	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 14	09.30 12.00	Starina D'Souza RIP (Anniversary) Memorial Mass - GERRY TOOMEY RIP
Wed 15	09.30	Deceased members of the Pham Family
Thurs 16	09.30	Lancelot Potts RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Fri 17	09.30	Susanah Ejechi Thompson RIP Wedding of Kevin Payet and Jennifer Ojideh
Sat 18	10.00 11.00 12.00 14.00 17.00 18.00	Baptism Cillian Cimpoiias No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Geraldine Ward RIP (Anniversary) Baptisms of Jack Daley, Julia Moisson, Carmen Webb and Adora Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Geraldine Ward RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 19	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	John Igboanugo Junior RIP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Christine Cahalane RIP [Anniversary]) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Nevis & Jo D'Souza RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in the Easter and last week's collections:

4-5 May: Envelopes £716.42 Loose £1,158.14

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,643.56**