



**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Yr A
Good Shepherd Sunday**

25th/26th April 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 25 9.30am 6pm	Jose & Lourdes D'Souza Ann Cottis	T'GIVING RIP
Sun 26 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	John O'Connor Manuel Pereira & Florina Lourenco People of the Parish Jaster Rodrigues	RIP RIP INT RIP
Mon 27 9.30am	Sr Monica Killeen	T'GIVING
Tue 28 9.30am 7pm	Pobre Fernandes Andre & Martha Fernandes	RIP (2mths) RIP
Wed 29 9.30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	RIP
Thur 30 9.30am	John Hanrahan	RIP (A)
Fri 1 May 9.30am 7pm	James Fernandes & Cleo Da Costa - W/A Melchor & Paguyo Families	T'GIVING T'GIVING
Sat 2 9.30am 6pm	Dominic & Ese Dieseru (W/A) Power Family	T'GIVING INT
Sun 3 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Fernandes Family Anselmo Luis People of the Parish Achamma Alex	T'GIVING RIP INT RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of the Wolanski Family RIP

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm
Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am
Sacred Heart Devotion First Friday 10am
Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm; Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm
Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm; Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm

Dear Friends,

Behind the altar stands a man, one familiar to all in the Church. You see him at baptisms and funerals, at hospital bedsides, and at the altar each day. He celebrates Mass faithfully, caring for people in the way he knows best. Much of what he does is quiet, carried out with a joy that is difficult to put into words.

In moments of both joy and suffering, he is there reminding us that unconditional love still exists in a world that often forgets it. Yet this love is not his own; it is the love of Christ, shared through him.

He is a priest.

There is no stereotype, no fixed type of man who becomes a priest. There is simply someone called by God to serve His Church: to administer the Sacraments and to walk alongside others on the journey toward seeing God face to face.

So, I ask you: Do you know a man who might be called to serve the people of God? Pray for him.

If you are the one reading this.

Are you ready to say yes?

Have a blessed week,
Ashley Wells (Seminarian)

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The 4th Sunday of Easter is dedicated annually to promoting vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood, this year on the 25-26th April. Materials from our Vocations Team will be provided to assist with this. Finally, at all Masses on Good Shepherd Sunday weekend, our seminarian, Ashley, will tell us something more of his own vocational call to priesthood, which we look forward to hearing very much.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: Fourth Sunday of Easter p.262
Morning Prayer Week 4

Next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter p.265

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)
Feast: April 29, Patron of Rome, fire prevention & nurses
*"Be who God meant you to be and
you will set the world on fire."*

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CATECHESIS CORNER

It is fitting that this weekend, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded that 'priests must encourage the faithful to come to the sacrament of Penance' and in celebrating the sacrament of Penance, 'the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgement is both just and merciful' (CCC 1464-1465). We are often told how the priest must be a servant leader and, in this, we are reminded how the priest 'is not the master of God's forgiveness, but its servant ... uniting himself to the intention and charity of Christ. He should have a proven knowledge of Christian behaviour, experience of human affairs, respect and sensitivity towards the one who has fallen; he must love the truth, be faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, and lead the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity' (CCC 1466). Bring this together, linked with last week's Catechesis Corner, and we can understand that a 'golden thread' throughout St Augustine's Confessions is that of being sought, rescued, and carried by God after wandering away, which I propose is a magnificent summary of this healing sacrament.

AN IMMENSE THANK YOU from all the parish clergy and staff for your thoughtful cards, encouraging messages and your very generous gifts that we have received this Easter; they are very much appreciated, with stacks of chocolate to get through! Our thanks also go to you for gathering in such magnificent numbers for our celebrations, and to all those who have worked so tirelessly to bring about the beautiful Holy Week and Easter experiences that we have all enjoyed together. Finally, congratulations and assurances of prayer to those who received the Easter sacraments. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35) If you are 18-35 years old and are seeking to meet with other young people, sharing faith, friendship and food, then please come along to one of our Friday evening group meetings, where you will be very welcome. This initiative was born a few weeks ago and already is proving to be a valued addition to the life of our parish. In the future, we hope to have varied events, including talks and activities, video evenings, specific faith-based discussion groups, etc. if you wish to know more about this, please speak with our seminarian, Ashley.

RACE NIGHT – LOURDES FUNDRAISER I am told that this is a not to be missed parish event! The expertise of parishioners leading this event lends itself for an evening of fun and joy, with some 'Race Night' entertainment, all as a fundraising event for our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Race Night will take place on **Saturday the 9th May**, around 7-7.30pm and tickets are being sold at all Masses from this weekend. Tickets are £10 each, which includes entrance, food and soft drinks. This is an opportunity for us to come together socially, for good causes, so please don't miss the opportunity!

ECCUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST - This will take place at Our Lady of Victories, High Street Kensington, W8 6SF, on 30 April 2026, 7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Rt Rev'd James Curry KCHS, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster & Lead Bishop for the Holy Land. There will be an address given by Dr Harry Hagopian KSG KSL, who is an Armenian Christian who hails originally from Jordan. He is an international lawyer who was also Assistant General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches in Beirut & has contributed to the debates on the future of the Holy Lands. He is author of "Let us Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" & "The Armenian Church in the Holy Land". The musical arrangement is by Timothy Macklin, Director of Music & Organist, Our Lady of Victories Church, and this will be followed by mezza refreshments in the parish centre.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
For those EMHCs who take Holy Communion to our sick brothers and sisters, we shall have our quarterly review meeting in the presbytery on Monday 11th May, immediately after the morning Mass.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD As mentioned before, Archbishop Richard would like us to engage with weekly Holy Hours in prayerful support of vocations to the priesthood. The Holy Hours will run between Good Shepherd Sunday (this week) and Pentecost, and they will each have set themes: **Week One** Pray for men to be open to God's call to the priesthood. **Week Two** Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood. **Week Three** Pray for seminarians in their formation. **Week Four** Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese. We will incorporate these into our weekly Holy Hour, Saturday 10.15-11.15am. Please do come along and offer you prayers

PRIEST TRAINING FUND APPEAL To support the work of our vocation team and seminaries — those responsible for discernment and formation of our future priests—there will be the annual second collection on the weekend of 25th-26th April. Currently there are 20 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese, including three men who have been accepted to begin their seminary formation in September. As part of this great number, we are fortunate to have Ashley with us in the parish for his pastoral year, which is bearing much fruit for us and for him. Fr Mike is one of the vocations promoters for the diocese, and he reports that, in addition to these 20 seminarians, there are currently 15 men who are also discerning whether God is calling them to priesthood. If God may be calling you to priesthood, either a few initial seeds or something you just cannot shift from the depths of your heart, then please do make an appointment with Father Mike, who will be delighted to assist you and accompany you. As always, we thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this year's Priest Training Fund Appeal.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026-27 - All those who currently use or had requested Planned Giving Envelopes, please collect your box of envelopes from the Parish Office. They started on the 12th of April.

ALMS - APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING - The group meets on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Centre, £5.00 per person per session. The next Meeting is on Monday, 27th April.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE - Meet on Monday 27th April at 12.30pm in the Presbytery.

CHISWICK PARISH OFFICE & PROPERTY MANAGER - JOB OPPORTUNITY. This is a newly expanded role from what was the Parish Administrator role in Chiswick parish. 37.5 hours per five-day week, Mon-Fri inclusive, full-time permanent, £18 an hour/ £35k per annum, closing date 5th May midday. Please read the Job Description carefully together with other information to be found on the diocesan website [<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/office-and-property-manager-job-ref-857-chisw/>] Diocesan HR will short-list on the basis of each application and its merit in meeting the Job Description criteria.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the souls of Andres Sanchez, John & Madeline Margaret McGillicuddy and Faye Nogollos who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thur: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

18th-19th April Loose: £1,475.01, Envelopes: £218.20
Total: £1,693.21 Late Easter: £60.00

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRC DT FELTHAM
Account Number: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20

Please add your Surname, First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, Mass, etc.