



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 24th / 25th April 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The second collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians. We have nine seminarians in formation for our diocese at this time. At the Beda in Rome we have the Rev. Deacon Tony Grant who is to be ordained a priest in the summer. At Oscott College in Birmingham we have the Rev. Deacon Michael Barwick who is to be ordained in the summer also. Also at Oscott is Alexander Johnson, Jonathan Burden, Frank Westcott and Alex Wyndham. At Allen Hall in Westminster we have Damien Wade who is to be ordained deacon this year and also at Allen Hall are Matúš Meleg and Moses Itene, please pray for them all today and in the future.

Today you will be given a prayer card to help you pray for vocations and there will be an opportunity to have a mass said for vocations if you would like to. If you would like to have a mass said for vocations then please take an envelope and indicate how many masses you would like to be said, write your name as the donor and specify any special date you would prefer and give it to your parish priest.



Today, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church focuses our attention on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the most beloved images of Our Lord in the New Testament. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because he lays down his life for his sheep; Jesus is the Good Shepherd because he knows each of his sheep by name. And those who belong to his flock hear his voice and follow him.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday the Church summons us to pray that the Good Shepherd will send others to pastor and watch over his flock. And so today is a day of prayer for vocations: vocations to the priesthood and vocations to religious life. On this day, the Church invites us to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call young men and women to dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel as priests and religious.

Do you know a young man who might be a good priest? If so, invite him to consider exploring the possibility of becoming a priest? It is not that young people are uninterested in dedicating their lives to God. I have met many who are. But they have never been invited to consider the possibility of doing so. But what if you reached out to them and suggested the possibility? What if you planted the seed that might lead to a vocation to priesthood or religious life?

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24th APRIL - 2nd MAY 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 24th

6pm **Intentions of Miss Dianne** (Chris and Tom)

Sunday 25th

9am Third Sunday of Easter
For All Parishioners

10.45am **Domenica Cameron RIP** (Margherita Mancino)

Monday 26th

Feria
No Mass

Tuesday 27th

Feria
No Mass

Wednesday 28th

Feria
No Mass

Thursday 29th

St. Catherine of Siena
No Mass

Friday 30th

9.15am Feria
Brian Woodcock RIP - Anniversary *and*
the Intentions of the Jarvey Family (Maureen Woodcock)

Saturday 1st

6pm **Ann Norton RIP - Anniversary** (Serena and Brian)

Sunday 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter
9am **Michael Jackson RIP** (Brendan Glyde) ***and***
For All Parishioners
10.45am **Tony and Pat Shead for their Golden Wedding**
Anniversary (Ann and Simon Smalley)

MASS BOOKINGS

The online Booking System will be open from 9am on Monday to 12noon on Friday for the weekend Masses of the 1st and 2nd May.

As restrictions are easing up, and people are feeling more confident after having their jabs, we are starting to become more busy. Please book early to be assured of a space.

A few reminders to those of you coming to Mass:-

- 1) Please remember to wear a mask, and sanitize your hands on the way in and the way out.
- 2) Unless you have a family pew, please sit at the END of the pew only.
- 3) Please maintain a social distance from other Mass-goers at all times, and do not stand around outside the church after Mass.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Don't forget that there will be no Masses Monday to Thursday this week whilst Fr Brett is away.

GIFT AID BOXES

New boxes are now available from the office, if you haven't already had yours delivered. If you have booked to attend Mass, we will endeavour to leave yours with the Stewards.

Otherwise, please contact Sharon to arrange to pick yours up.

Many thanks to everyone who supports the Parish in this way.

If you don't yet Gift Aid, and you are a UK Tax Payer, please contact the Office for further details. It won't cost you anything, but we can claim money back from the HMRC for the Church!

TO OUR AMAZING PARISHIONERS!

To everyone who has supported us by dropping in weekly envelopes, increased their standing orders, or even setting up standing orders...

**from the bottom of our hearts
we**

Thank you!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Continued from front cover

If you are a young person reading this, ask yourself what you want to do with the precious gift of life that God has given you. How do you want to live the rest of your life? What is really and truly important to you? Do you have a deep love for Christ and the Church? Do you have a passion to proclaim the good news of the gospel to others? Are you interested in a life of serving others for the sake of the gospel? If so, being a priest or a religious sister may be a way in which you can fulfil your deepest desires. For when all is said and done, our deepest desire is for God, and it is only when we satisfy this desire that we will be truly fulfilled.

On the Good Shepherd Sunday, pray for the priest and religious who have served you throughout your life. Encourage your children and grandchildren and other young people to consider if God is calling them to a life of priestly or religious service. Pray that God will give the Church faithful priests and religious who will give of themselves generously and tirelessly for the sake of the Gospel.

Fr. Graham Smith



SVP NEWS

Thanks to everyone supporting the SVP with food every week.

We are asking for the same things as last week.

Please bring to the Presbytery:-

Tinned Curry, Chilli, Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans and Sausages;

Tinned Potatoes; Packet Mash; Tinned Fray Bentos Pies; Tinned Hot Dogs;

Coffee; Sugar; UHT Milk; Packet Pasta and Sauce; Microwaveable Rice; Nappies Size 4, 4+, 5, 5+ and 6

Deodorant (male and female); Shampoo/Conditioner; Wet Wipes;

Little Sweetie Treats for the Children;

Men's Clothing - Hats, Gloves, Waterproof Coats, Joggers, Hoodies and

Trainers (sizes 8-10). Please only donate these items. Thank you.

Please keep an eye on their Facebook page [St Vincent's Centre Southend - Short Street](#) for up to the minute requirements.

They also have an ongoing 'Tea Beside the Sea' initiative. Check it out!



VIRTUAL SUMMER DRAW- Saturday 12th June 2021

Hi to all our lovely Parishioners from 669 with the news we know you've all been waiting for!

Our Virtual Summer Draw is nearly here. Tickets will officially go "on-sale" on Tuesday the 4th of May. Very appropriately that day is also the Feast day of The English Martyrs!

As in our previous virtual draws there won't be physical tickets. As before, please send in your requests for tickets, by envelope, to the lovely Sharon or drop them into the office. 🙏 Please include your name and a contact number/address. We'll need exact amounts of cash, or a cheque made payable to Catholic Church Shoeburyness, for your tickets priced at £1.00 each.

If dropping in cash or a cheque is not convenient we can also accept payment by Bank transfer. 🏦 All we ask is that you screenshot your payment and email it into the Church Office, and Sharon will allocate you tickets accordingly.

Now, we hear you ask, are the prizes up to the usual standards 😊? Just look at this list and we think you'll agree they most certainly are! We are still looking for more prize donations so the list may well grow over the next couple of weeks.

First prize - £150 in cash! - Second prize - £100 in cash! - Third prize - £75 in cash! - Fourth prize - £50 in cash!

Subsequent prizes will include - A Home-Made Cream Tea for your Garden! - Summer Fruits and Summer Cakes baskets - BBQ wine selections.

We would be particularly happy to receive donations of - ***Bucks Fizz - Pimms - Sangria - Wines to go with BBQ's - Fruits to make up a Fruit basket(s) - Garden games sets.*** As usual, donations can be dropped into the office or left in the cupboards in the Porch at Church.

As always we are extremely grateful to you all for your generous responses in these difficult times.

Suze, Brian and Shawn - 669 🙏

p.s. We will also be inviting you to a sale of Plants/seedlings etc at Margaret and John Munson's house on the morning of the 12th June. More details to follow. 🌱



VACANCIES

Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the Youth Retreat Centre, are looking for an Assistant Manager from late Summer onwards.

All information can be found on their website here

<https://bcys.net/assistantmanager>

Closing date for applications is midday on **Monday 10th May 2021**.

St. Benedict's Catholic College, Colchester

St. Benedict's are looking for a full-time Chaplaincy Worker. Full details and an application form are available from their website:-

www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

The closing date for applications is midday on Monday 7th June 2021.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

We still have in stock the 2021 Brentwood Directory, which is now in the porch, plus the May editions of Bible Alive and Magnificat (available from the Presbytery).

If you would like to receive either Bible Alive or Magnificat regularly, please speak with Sharon.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER:

On Saturday 15th May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE

The Universe is a weekly tabloid newspaper covering national and world news through a Catholic lens. It's also full of many other features and it's available on subscription direct to home through your letterbox for just £99 a year all inclusive. Alternatively you have a digital subscription so it downloads weekly to your smartphone or tablet for just £55. Phone Andrea now on 07375 397312 or 0161 820 5722 and she'll happily help you and take your order.

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON
Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the **Virtual London Marathon** taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T-shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie:- jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

CAR WANTED

My friend, Mark, is looking for a cheap, reliable, *automatic* car that he can purchase to get his son through his Driving Test and beyond.



Small engine only (no bigger than 1.4) please.

If you can let me know if you know of anyone selling one, that would be great. Many thanks,

Sharon

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Please remember to ask an Usher if you require a low gluten host.

NEWS FROM THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

Tuesday 27th April, is the 53rd anniversary of the abortion act coming in to effect. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please join us that day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country. [As we are in the Easter Season please limit your fasting to some small sacrifice]

MARRIAGE MATTERS

(www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18)

We lay down our lives, we go beyond...

Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "I know my own and my own know me". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of 'laying down His life', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Please remember the following :

†Marjorie Quinn, Hilda Skingle, Helen Rant, Peggy Townsend, Irene Hayward, Lee Walsh, Albert Carter, Walter Whittam, Alice McArdy, Colin Parish, Canon Toft, Fr. Roberts, Bernard Fitzgerald, Ellen and Frank Nathaniel Paice, Michael Sullivan, Trenear Michell, Leslie Townsend, Sr. Margaret Mary O.C., Edgar Butcher, Stanley Blotnys, F. Sleznikas, Florence Weller, Winnifred Manning, James Lowe, Millicent Powling, Kathleen Fotherby, Pat Kenna, Mary Tobin, Bernard Clark, Pam Hatch, Marianne Harcourt, Patricia Key, Olive Phillips, Brian Woodcock, Robert Crothers, Julia Carlile, Michael Fallon, Johanna Howlett , Maureen Reeves, Kenneth Shuhan, Mary Hulbert, Pamela Chambers, Mona Reid, Amalia Zamora, Winifred Burke, John McManus, Vasia Brown, Teresa Malone, John Dodd, Jack Hanley, Maria Dicks, John Dodson, Conrad Douglas-Mackenzie, Kitty and Norman Grange, Severino d'Andrea, Dominic Bann †

MARY'S MEALS PRAY IN MAY

In May, Mary's Meals are asking us to join in prayer to celebrate their work and give thanks that they are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. Inspirational resources are available on their website for their Pray in May campaign.

For more information: -

[Pray in May | Mary's Meals UK](#)

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr. Brett will contact you in due course.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Monday, Thursday, and Friday
8.30am - 2.30pm

Office Closed - Tuesday and Wednesday

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