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## Fourth SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C) SUNDAY 12th MAY 2019

Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas opted to listen to the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and follow him, and how, like their Master, they were rebuffed and rejected when they tried to share the good news of salvation. It also suggests that the sympathy of the early Christians for the Gentiles caused a rupture with Judaism. The second reading, taken from the book of Revelation, depicts Jesus as both the glorified Lamb and the Shepherd. John's vision encourages his readers with the assurance that every person who has ever followed Christ and led others to him will share everlasting life with him. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep out of his Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors and lay people alike should be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care.

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

### **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts 13:14,43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 99:1. 3-5**

*R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. *R*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock *R*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
Eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. *R*

## SECOND READING

*A Reading from the letter of Apocalypse 7:9,14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

*The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. ✠ For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### SANCTUS:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

### COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever*

### Behold the Lamb of God...

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARD:** Now onwards the parents of the children who are seeking school admission in Catholic School and also First Holy Communion & Confirmation should fill in a Mass attendance card which will be available from priests after weekend Masses. Many thanks.



**THIS SUNDAY IS VOCATION SUNDAY:** on this vocation Sunday, we pray for all those who are in formation to priesthood & religious life, and also for an increase in vocations.

**GIFT AID SCHEME ENVELOPES:** New Gift Aid envelopes come into use on the first Sunday in June and the Gift Aid organisers will be in the porch to hand out the envelopes before and after all Masses on the weekends 25/26 May and 1/2 June. If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration please make sure to collect your supply of new envelopes on one of those weekends. There will also be a confidential letter addressed to each member who makes Gift Aid payments by standing order to acknowledge the amount paid in this way and these letters will also be available to be collected on the same two weekends.

New members will also be most welcome to join. All that is required is that you use an envelope which is provided for the money you put in the collection and that you sign a form to confirm you are a taxpayer and wish the tax you have paid on the money you put in the collection to be paid to the parish. You do not have to commit to any particular amount of contribution but if you join the scheme every pound you put in your envelopes will be worth £1.25 to the Church. Thanks to existing members for past contributions and a warm welcome to those who wish to join for the first time or return to the scheme after a period of absence. Last year we received £ 32,098.68 in tax return which helped us to pay the diocesan levy (DDF) of £24,700 to the diocese. Any enquiries can be emailed to [giftaid@stbonifacetooting.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@stbonifacetooting.org.uk) or telephone Tony on 020 8767 5293.

**ASIAN COMMUNITY:** We keep in our prayers members of our Asian Community as they are getting ready with choir practice and other preparations for the celebrations of ASIAN DAY on Sunday 26 May. Asian community will meet on Sunday 19th May after 10:30am mass to discuss final preparation for the celebration.

**SENIORS' DAY:** We need volunteers to set up the hall, cook and serve food. If you can, please put your name down on the sheet, which can be found on the table in the Porch.

**COMMUNITY DAYS:** As our Parish hall is ready, we shall resume the community days in our Parish. The dates for the celebrations:

Asian Day—26th May, African & Caribbean Day—7th July,  
European Day—22nd September & All Nations Thanksgiving Day—24th November.

**LITURGY FOR CHILDREN:** At the beginning of 10:30am mass on Sunday, all children 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Altar Servers who won all their football matches at Aylesford on bank holiday Monday.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCHCLEANING:** Thank you for sacrificing your time to keep our Church clean. All the volunteers are requested to come for a meeting on *Saturday 1 June at 10.15am in the Coffee Shop.*

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm-6pm.** No appointment needed

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Team 2 at 7pm.

**WORK PARTY MEETINGS:** The next one is on Saturday 25th May.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The last session is on the 18th May 9:50am in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION:** The last two sessions are on Saturday 18th & 25th May at 11am in the Parish Hall.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** We will have a special Mass on Sunday 2nd June at 12:00 to celebrate Marriages. You will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during the Mass. You are most welcome to invite your family and friends to this special occasion.

**ORDINATION OF DEACON TOMASZ:** is on Saturday 20th July at 12:30 in St. George's Cathedral. The following day Sunday 21st July at 12:00 Fr. Tomasz will celebrate his first mass here at St. Boniface. We wish him every blessing as he is preparing for his ordination.

**URDU MASS IN THE PARISH:** You are most welcome to join the Urdu Community for the Mass on Sunday, 19th May at 4pm.

**NURSERY PRACTITIONER/ EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR/ NURSERY NURSE:** Woodlands Nurseries which is going to start Nursery from St Boniface Hall is currently looking for Nursery Practitioner/ Early Years Educator/ Nursery Nurse. If you are interested, please contact at [efwyeducational services@gmail.com](mailto:efwyeducationalservices@gmail.com)

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for Ecclesiastical Education: this fund helps to meet the cost of training student for priesthood and permanent diaconate.

*For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.*

***Wish you all a Blessed Week!***



## TO BAPTISE A BABY

Before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from **4pm – 6.00pm** in the Parish Office.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Next course will be on **Monday 27th May at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

## HOSPITAL VISITS

For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

**The Sick:** Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle and Gordon King.

**Anniversaries:** Bridget Ireland, Robert Walter, Godfrey Longdon, Joseph Skelton, Julia Lewis, Michael Wass, John Edward & Christopher Paul Denvir, Patrick Ekwue, Bettina Rutnasamy, Medle Auguste, John Roche, David Sing, Cicily McCleod, Linda Scoon, Mrgaret Moran, Allan Wise, Greta Adkins, Ann Coffey, Joseph Rantac, Laurence Rafferty, Carmelia Conway, Evelina Pacitti, Kevin Taylor.  
**May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	11th & 12th May	18th & 19th May
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero	Daren Alfred, Milosz Wojtowicz
09.00	Jeanet Leyton, Anashakila Manoharadas	Luiza Lobo, Pat Willis
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe	Ada Ikpoh, Rose Adora
12.00	Cecilia Francis, Finnuala Lynch	Ian Johnston, Mikhaela Dayaday
18.30	Susan Daniel, Sally Canizo	Angel Babu, Liza Asante
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Lucinda & Mathew D'Souza Ethna Power	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya
09.00	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob, Angus Xavier
10.30	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Anna Maria Da Silva	Ann Lusena, Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu
12.00	Jessy Roy, Nellie de Santos, Thar- ma Kandiah	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kana- garnam, David Lobo
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Sou- za, Rose Adora	Reya Mathai, Isabelle Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet
Church Cleaning:	Wk2: Mon 13th May @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 20th May @ 10am

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection last weekend was £2471.32 [Loose plate 39%; Gift Aid 61%]  
Thank you for your generosity



<u>Sunday 12th May</u> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Year C) <b>Ecclesiastical Education Sunday</b>	09.00	Fr. John
	10.30	Gertrude Anang Family intentions
	12.00	Nneoma Onyiukah RIP
	18.30	Thanksgiving: Matthews Family
Monday 13th May <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	09.30	Prendergast Family
	18.30	Francis Brady
Tuesday 14th May <b>St. Matthias</b>	09.30	People of the Parish
	18.30	Michael Mcgraw RIP
Wednesday 15th May <b>Feria</b>	09.30	Paddy Loughran
	18:30	Gilbert Uzodike RIP
Thursday 16th May <b>St. Simon Stock</b>	09.30	Mary Warren
	18.30	Mary Donovan RIP
Friday 17th May <b>Feria</b>	09.30	Yacinta Subramanyam RIP
	18.30	James Bolger RIP
Saturday 18th May <b>Feria</b>	09.30	Betty Fitzgerald
	18.30	Mary McCauley RIP
<u>Sunday 19th May</u> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Year C)	09.00	Daniel McCarthy
	10.30	Jim Bolger RIP & FHC Family Mass
	12.00	Cecil Ruby Emmanuel RIP
	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
	16.00	Monthly Urdu Chaplaincy
	18.30	Julia Drea RIP

<u>Monday 20th May</u> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm Parish Meeting Room	<u>Thursday 23rd May</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)
<u>Tuesday 21st May</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)	Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)
<u>Wednesday 22nd May</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room)	Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)
	<u>Friday 24th May</u> 50+ Club (2pm at St Anselm's Church)
	<u>Parish Open House</u> (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Holy Hour</b> First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

<b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday	<b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am	<b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am
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