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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter each year, we read part of the discourse where Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. Reflecting on the shepherd-like love and care of Jesus for His flock, the Church observes "Good Shepherd Sunday" as a special day of prayers for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. Please make a special effort to pray for this intention today and throughout the week.



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 the family and community. We all are Good Shepherds. 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.

THE MONTH OF MAY



May is traditionally kept in honour of Our Lady. Why not look for some special way of honouring Our Lady during this month, for instance by praying the Rosary either individually, as a family or with the Parish?

PARISH DEVOTIONS: Please join the Parish for ROSARY (5.30pm) during Exposition of the blessed sacrament at 5pm.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 **Acts 2:14,36-41**

A reading the Acts of the Apostles



On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 15

R. The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

‘I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full

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.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



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

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY: For all those who are affected by Coronavirus especially healthcare workers and all frontline workers. We say Big thank you to all of them for looking after us and our loved ones. Thank you to each one of you for your prayers and support. To our children at homes for praying and staying indoor and helping other to live.

CHURCH OFFERING: As I mentioned in my previous emails, if anyone wish to make **your weekly offering online**, the diocese have set up a "JustGiving" facility on St Boniface website or by clicking the link which I send again with this newsletter. The diocese will transfer the money to St Boniface account fortnightly.

CORONAVIRUS DEATHS: *Sadly we lost eleven of our parishioners. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.*

MONTH OF MAY-FAMILY DEVOTIONS: Marian devotions can take place within the family, around a "May Altar" consisting of a table with a Marian picture or a Statue of Our Lady decorated with many flowers and the family would pray together. I encourage you to please say the rosary at home specially this month.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: As the lockdown continues, we don't know when we are able to open the Church and resume classes for FHC & Confirmation. We are hoping to have sacraments of FHC & Confirmation as soon as possible once we are allowed to have public worship. In view of it, we shall have some online classes for the candidates. Fr Peter & Catechists will contact the candidates/parents with study materials.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

The Sick & Housebound

Anniversaries: Bridget & Josie Moore, Violet Clements, Donal Bourke, Beatrice Ward, Junio Ratt, Paul McCann, Anna Sciuraga, Milton Swan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clyde David, Helen Olesinka, Sheila Cooper, Veronica McCormack, Michael Plommer, Mary Downey, Anna Stroffolino, Margaret Long, Bruce Barton, David Pugh. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

Sunday 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) VOCATIONS SUNDAY	10:00	Jim Bolger, RIP Pamela Lally, RIP Joan Arellano Ints Danny O'Sullivan & Family
Monday 4th May The English Martyrs	10:00	Thomas McCauley Int & Rachel Mugoh, RIP
Tuesday 5th May Votive Mass -St Anthony	10:00	Patricia Connors, RIP Kevin McGivern & Brennan Family
Wednesday 6th May Feria	10:00	Douglas Boniface, RIP Int Sharon Francis
Thursday 7th May Feria	10:00	Della McGuigan, RIP & Holy Souls
Friday 8th May Votive Mass- Sacred Heart of Jesus	10:00	Frank Cunniffe, RIP & Souls of Valentin and Gil Bisochó
Saturday 9th May Our Lady	10:00	People of the Parish Esther Robin
Sunday 10th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)	10:00	Ints Marie, Desmond Worth, RIP James Agyekum, RIP & Richard Grady, RIP