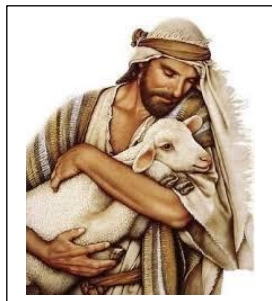


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle C
Page 263 in the New Mass Book
Psalter Week 4
Sunday 11TH MAY 2025
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	10 TH MAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	6.30pm	William and Laura Timothy R.I.P
SUN	11 TH MAY		10.00am	Confirmation Candidates Magdalena Klos R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	13 TH MAY	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide	6.30pm	Mavis Lee R.I.P
WED	14 TH MAY	FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS	10.00am	John Parkman R.I.P
THURS	15 TH MAY	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Dianne Driscoll R.I.P
FRI	16 TH MAY	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	17 TH MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	18 TH MAY		10.00am	Stanley Brown R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Paolo Cavarra** who has died recently. May he rest in eternal peace.

We also pray for John O'Brien, James Walker, Vincent Meletti, Patricia Dooley, Giovanni Mallozzi, Martha Spillane, Eileen Hall, Fr Francis O'Donnell, Deacon Geoffrey Beach, Patrick Webber, John Henry Davies, Roy Larcombe, Sarah Richards, Imogen Milford, Josie Mary Kennedy, Paul Croll, Brigid Johnson, Catherine Whitehouse, David Bennett, Dolores Bianchi, John Thomas, John Parkman, Barbara Williams, Arthur McGrath, John Gill, Adrian Moreno, Anna Buhagiar, Tracey Cengiz, Kathleen Nolan, Frederick Bermingham, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. This week's candles will be lit for the Well Being of **Ken and Gloria Johnson**,

If you choose to light T-lights, please make a donation towards their purchase.

CONFIRMATION MASS: This Sunday a group of our young people will be Confirmed by Archbishop George Stack. The families of the Candidates will need to sit in the front rows, and the Confirmation Ceremony will take place after the Homily. Please remember them in your prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.

NEW ALTAR CLOTH: Many thanks and blessings to Carmino and Rosa Forte who have given us a beautiful new altar cloth for Confirmation and Pentecost.

NEW POPE: Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected pope and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. We pray that he will lead with wisdom, humility, and courage, and encourage all Christians to live out the gospel in every sphere of life.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gloria and Ken Johnson who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We wish them every grace and blessing and many more happy years.

RED MISSIO BOXES 2024 THANK YOU! In 2024 St. Patrick's raised **£1,307. 04.** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you so much for your kindness and support to help Missionaries. Please remember them in your prayers and continue to help these projects. I will be collecting Red Boxes for emptying, commencing in May. If I am not about please hand them to Christine and they will be put in the safe for me to collect later. Once again many thanks to you all. Gerry McCarthy.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Belmont Abbey Wednesday 14th May 9.00pm. Please see poster at back of Church on the Events Board.

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR MASS: Masses at the weekend are at **6.30pm on Sat and at 10.00am on Sun.** In order for you to say you have been to Mass you do need to be present for the **WHOLE** of Mass, not just the last few minutes. If you were going to a friend for a meal you would make every effort to be on time. Every Mass you are invited to the table of the Lord, so please don't be late.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

PIETY STALL SALE: New display of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information if you are interested in joining the Knights. This is an all male organisation.

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact one of the priests.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 3rd /4th MAY £622.76

WEEKLY MESSAGE

On Sunday a group of our young people will be Confirmed and will take responsibility for their faith and their relationship with God. Relationships are often complicated and sometimes we take people for granted. Our families provide everything we need when we are growing up: food, clothing, education, and advice. We just become used to them being there for us.

The same can be said about God in our lives. God is everywhere. He sees everything. He knows everything. He created us. We would have nothing, including our parents, unless God gave it to us. We have life through our parents...if you ask them on a good day they will admit that you were and are a miracle. But God ultimately is the origin of all life, our life. So how do we respond? Often we begrudge Him an hour of our time on Sunday. We say a quick prayer before an exam or a football game, or when we are having relationship problems, or when we need a favour. How often do life's demands get in the way of knowing God better. Sports, clubs, homework, our friends, fun – all this consumes our time.

Then who has time for God? All the while God waits. But He doesn't wait outside. He waits within. He is present. He loves us, and like a parent whose son or daughter never says "thank you," He patiently waits for us to think of Him.

In today's Gospel we hear how the Lord is the Good Shepherd who looks after his sheep. Anyone who knows anything about sheep know they are prone to one moment be following the flock and the next wandering off getting into all manner of difficulties. And God knows it all. At times we are just like sheep and we drift away not realising that we have strayed far from the path God wants us to follow. On Thursday we learned that the Holy Spirit guided the Cardinals in their choice of a new Shepherd to guide His Church. We thank God for those whose ears are open to the calling of our God within and we pray for our young people who this weekend will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray too for ourselves, that we may respond to the calling of the Lord as He gathers us up into the safety of His sheepfold.

Holy Spirit of fire, flame everlasting, so bright and clear, speak this day in our hearts. Lighten our darkness and purge us of fear,

Holy Spirit of fire. The wind can blow or be still, or water be parched by the sun. A fire can die into dust: but here the eternal Spirit of God tells us a new world's begun.

Holy Spirit of love, strong are the faithful who trust in Your power.

Love Who conquers our will, teach us the words of the gospel of peace,
Holy Spirit of love.

Priest Training Fund Appeal

It's a simple question. "Who will fill these shoes?" This image of a priest's shoes lying empty before the altar is a sharp reminder that without priests there will be no Eucharist. This weekend, on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations we ask both for your prayers and your support of the Archdiocese's Priest Training Fund.

Who will fill these shoes?

