

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
VOCATIONS / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle B
Page 261 in the Mass Book
Psalter Week 4
Sunday 21st APRIL 2024
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	20 TH APRIL	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Jack, Maureen and Janet Sexton R.I.P Kevin Sullivan R.I.P
SUN	21 ST APRIL		10.00 am	Maureen Desmond R.I.P
MON	22 ND APRIL			
TUES	23 RD APRIL	Weekday, 4 th Week of Eastertide	6.30pm	Margaret and Gionni De Santi R.I.P
WED	24 TH APRIL	REQUIEM MASS	12.30pm	VALERIE WILLIAMS
THURS	25 TH APRIL	Weekday, 4 th Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
FRI	26 TH APRIL	REQUIEM MASS	11.45am	JIMMY MACKIE
SAT	27 TH APRIL	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	John Goode R.I.P
SUN	28 TH APRIL		10.00am	Deceased members of the Sexton and Cowley Families and Michael Harbottle R.I.P

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

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jimmy Mackie, Valerie Williams, Mansel Jones, Christine Brown and Roberto Dattero** who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Pray also for their families, and for those who have died who have no-one to remember them.

We also pray for Eileen Williams, Annie Del Risch, Eileen Coombs, Kathleen De-Oasoas, Noral Cole, Fr Gregory Matus, Thomas Alger, Abbe Cohen, Catherine Kitchen, Christina Leaver, Anthony Delgado, Margaret Maquelin, Maurice Kemble, John and Anne Flynn, Colin Brown, Bernard McCarthy, Amari Sharif-Driscoll, Susan Salama, Ellen Prior, George Wilton, Ellen Chisholm, John Goode, Mary O'Keefe, Margaret De Santi, Margaret O'Callaghan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 John and Anne Flynn, Kate Malcolm, the Well Being of Leon and Family and Jeffrey and the Well being of Sharon**

PIETY STALL: Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards and gifts. **New Stock in! Take care on the step!**

MISSIO: 2023 Mission Red Box Donations: A Total of £1511.55 was raised last year in St Patrick's. Thank you all for this achievement and please continue to support Missio Red Boxes and remember them in your prayers. Please bring your boxes to Church for emptying from this weekend. If you would like to have a Red Box, please let me know. Many thanks again Gerry McCarthy 02920 650 330

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MISSIO: Missio Volunteers and Supporters are invited to join Archbishop Mark O'Toole and Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, Missio National Director, for a Mass to celebrate Mission and the work of Missio.

The Mass will take place on **Saturday 18th May 2024 11.00am in St David's Cathedral Charles Street Cardiff**. This is a great opportunity for supporters of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box, to come together as a Diocesan Community. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available after Mass. (please let me know for catering if you would like to attend -- Gerry McCarthy 02920 650330

LOST PROPERTY: We have quite a collection of pairs of glasses ! Look on the windowsill in the porch, if you have mislaid a pair.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION 20TH & 21ST APRIL This weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund which supports those in the diocese who are preparing for a life in ministry. The formation of a seminarian lasts seven years, during which the Archdiocese invests approx. £189,000 to support their tuition and living costs. This fund is pivotal in enabling them to fulfil their priestly vocations. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code.

In addition to the collection, a group from the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be taking part in the Cardiff Bay 10k on 19th May to raise money for the fund. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining the team, please email donate@rcadc.org

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSIONS FOR MAY: at Our Lady of Peace Newbridge April 25th 7pm and also at Belmont Abbey Hereford 15th May 9.00pm . Please see posters at the back of the Church for more details.

SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT St David's Pembroke National Park.24th-27th July Please see Poster at the back of the Church

AUSTEN IVEREIGH EVENT He knows Pope Francis and has written extensively about Francis' vision for the Church. What do we need to know about the Synod? Come and find out. St David's Church, Cwmbran (NP44 1TT) this coming Thursday evening, at 7:00pm.

OPEN LISTENING SESSIONS: (Union of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia). It is important that we get as many views as possible. The next session in the **Archdiocese of Cardiff** will take place on **15th May in the Cornerstone, Charles St Cardiff. at 5.00pm**

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: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage

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 (new number) please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, or Malachy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: £714.35

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

When people go to Rome on pilgrimage, they usually try to include a visit to the Catacombs, the earliest Christian cemeteries in existence. The earliest Christian art is there; images which are very simple and unadorned. One of the images of Jesus most found in the catacombs is that of the Good Shepherd. One shows a young beardless man with a sheep draped around his shoulders and holding a bucket of water in his right hand. The shepherd image in the catacombs appealed to Christians from the start, because it conveys the *personal* nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers; it portrays the close personal care that the shepherd has for the sheep.

That is what Jesus conveys in today's gospel. He declares that he knows his own and his own know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. It is an extraordinary statement to make. Jesus is saying that the very personal relationship he has with his heavenly Father is the model for the equally personal relationship he has with each one of us. Jesus knows us as intimately as the Father knows him, and he wants us to know him as intimately as he knows the Father. There is a great deal to ponder there. When it comes to the Lord we are not just one of a crowd, lost in a sea of faces. In a way that we will never fully understand, the Lord knows each one of us by name. He relates to us in a personal way and he invites us to relate to him in a personal way.

Today is *Vocations Sunday*. The Lord has a calling that is personal to each one of us. He calls us in our uniqueness with our very particular temperament, our unique identity, the background that is specific to each one of us. No one of us is like anyone else. The first reading talks about the stone that was rejected by the builders becoming the keystone of the building. There is a clear reference there to Jesus himself, the rejected one. We can all feel at times like the rejected stone, for whatever reason. Yet, we are never rejected in the Lord's eyes. He continues to call us in the way that is unique to us. He sees us as the keystone for some aspect of his work. He recognizes the potential for good that is within us all. On this Vocations Sunday we commit ourselves anew to hearing and responding to the call of the good shepherd. All he asks is that we listen to his voice and his calling.



Mill Hill
Missionaries



Archbishop Mark O'Toole
& Fr Anthony Chantry MHM

invite you, your Red Box holders,
and all supporters of Missio to a

Diocesan Mass celebrating Mission

Cathedral Church of St David
Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF

Saturday 18th May 2024 at 11am




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Today. Tomorrow. Together.



Light refreshments will be available after Mass.
For planning and catering, please RSVP by email to
redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. 07593 544622

**If you are feeling lost,
abandoned, or forgotten—
FEAR NOT.**

*The Good Shepherd
will find you.
HE WILL LIFT YOU
upon His shoulders.
And He will carry you home.*



**Come and join us in our café for a
cuppa and a chat after the
10.00am Mass on Sunday.**

