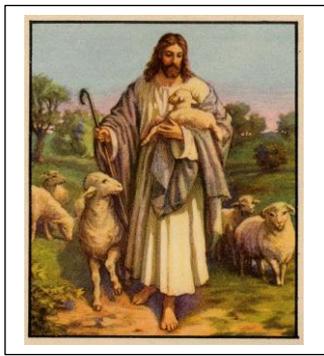


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
GOOD SHEPHERD
VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle B
Psalter Week 4
Sunday 25TH APRIL 2021
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SATURDAY	24 TH APRIL	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD /VOCATIONS	6.30pm	Maureen, Jack and Janet Sexton
SUNDAY	25 TH APRIL		10.00am	John and Anne Flynn +
MONDAY	26 TH APRIL			
TUESDAY	27 TH APRIL	Tuesday in the 4 TH Week of Easter	10.00am	John Good
WEDNESDAY	28 TH APRIL	Wednesday in the 4 TH Week of Easter	10.00am	Ellen Chisholm
THURSDAY	29 TH APRIL	ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA (Feast)	10.00am	Elsie Freeth (Int)
FRIDAY	30 TH APRIL			
SATURDAY	1 ST MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Helen Evans
SUNDAY	2 ND MAY		10.00am	Sexton and Cowley Families

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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the repose of the souls of, Sheila Patricia Flower, and Ava Tudsze (Margaret Latham's Mother) who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace+

We also pray for, Christina Leaver, Anthony Delgado, Maurice Kemble, John and Anne Flynn, Amari Sharif-Driscoll, Susan Salama, Ellen Pryor, Ellen Chisholm, John Goode, Mary O'Keefe, Margaret DeSanti, Margaret O'Callaghan, Mabel Cowley, Florence Hayes, Emma Regan, Catherine Ford, William Jones, Michael Harbottle, Jozef Smolinska, Eileen Young, Helen Evans, Olwen Parle, James Brown, James Nolan, John Jeremy, Christopher Monks, Emmanuel Camilleri and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

NEW COLLECTION BOXES: These are now available from the back of the Church. If you pay Income Tax and you do not already Gift Aid your collection and you would like to do so, please do not take a box, but take a form so that a new numbered box can be allocated to you. There is absolutely no cost to you and we can claim back 25p extra for every £1 you give. Just fill in the form and give it to Pattie Johnson so that this can be arranged and you will be given a box with a new number.

CANDLES You will have an opportunity to buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5.

This week's candles will be lit for Kevin Collins and Sheila Flower

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.

2020 MISSIO RED BOXES: in the last year, despite our Church being in 'lockdown', St Patrick's has raised £1021.96. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and donations. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me at Mass or on the telephone number below. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of April. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box with Christine and not at the back of the Church. Thank you: Gerry McCarthy 02920 650 330

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

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

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?

Catholic People: **NEW APRIL EDITION**

Caritas: April/May Bulletin

'One year On: Book of Remembrance: Letter from Archbishop Stack

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

Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'.

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution. Thank you to everyone who has used this as a way to support our Parish.

CONFESSIONS: For those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), I will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

As a young child in Neath, Ralph Fox, our neighbour, would take me to the cattle market to watch the farmers bring their animals to be sold. I can still see me in my mind's eye holding his hand, a little afraid of the cows and pigs and of course I still remember the great 'farm yard' smell! The only farming connection I have was that my mother was in the Land Army during the War.

A great deal of my Priestly Ministry was spent in the Valleys of South Wales, where you could open your door and there, wandering down the street would be a few sheep overturning dustbins looking for food with no shepherd in sight. Even today you still come across a dead sheep at the side of the road, having thought that the grass looked nicer on the other side, not knowing that a car was heading towards them sending them to a 'Sheepy Heaven!'

You could say that I've become a shepherd, not of sheep, but of souls, and the Church has become the field in which the sheep graze. But still, people wander away, some never to return, but others look for a way home, listening for the voice not of anger or rage but a voice of gentle compassion, sympathetic to their plight, willing to carry the distressed sheep rather than striking him with a stick.

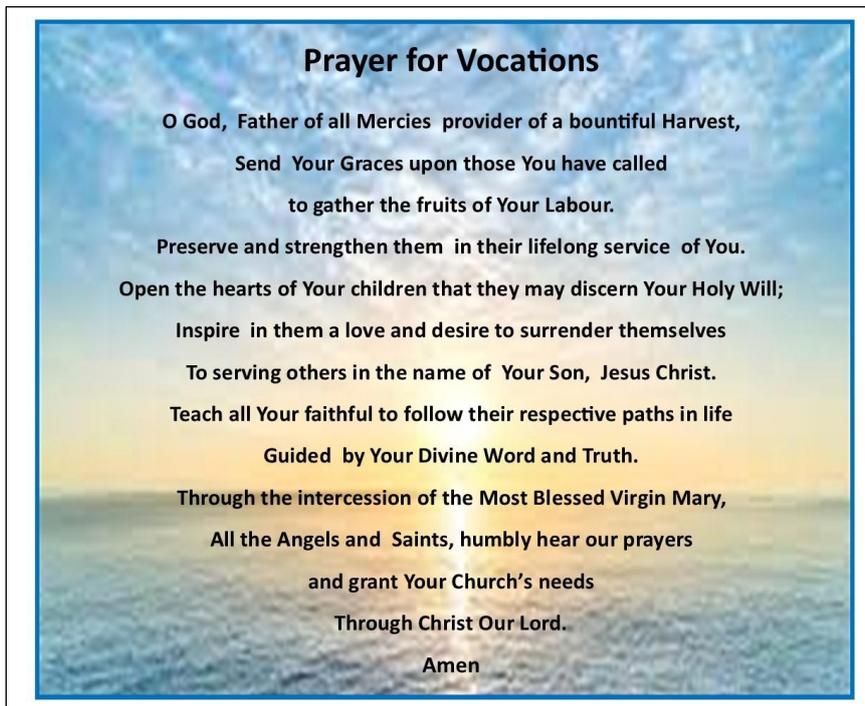
The role of the Priest is that of Christ the Good Shepherd. As we said last week, the number of clergy are getting older and fewer. This week maybe we should focus on the young clergy, those studying and those wrestling with God, calling them into the fields to care for the sheep. We need men to answer the call, so they will find God's people, who like the valley sheep, wander aimlessly looking for food and shelter.

As I write these few words there are three men offering to serve the Lord, within the Archdiocese of Cardiff: Gwyn Jones, Dale Cutlan and Elliot Hanson. I keep reminding you that there are more priests ready to retire or are long-term sick, than there are studying, so not only pray, but encourage. Priests come from families like yours, so without men coming forward,

more sheep will wander away, get lost and ignored, whilst others look to be fed and hear the Good News spoken by the shepherd of tomorrow.

In a few weeks time we will have a special collection to pay for the studies of those students. Roughly, each student costs the Diocese £190,000 over seven years.

I'm not sure what amount they paid the Beda College in Rome to keep me for four years ! Ha! Ha!



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

No, you haven't gained that much weight during lockdown. Come on, chin up ... No, the other one!

"Have you decided what to buy your missus for Christmas?" asked McPhee
"Sure, she decided it for me" answered Kelly. "She said she wanted something with diamonds in it. So I've bought her a pack of cards!"

"Hello. Is that Dublin double two, double two?" asked the caller.
"Indeed no." said Murphy. "It's Dublin two, two, two, two."
"I'm sorry to have troubled you" said the caller
"It's all right" said Murphy. "I had to answer the phone anyway."

"Who's down the hold of the ship?" called the Irish foreman.
"Tom McAnearny" replied the Liverpool docker
"Well, one of you three come up here and give me a hand!"

"Is that the *Liverpool Echo*?" said Murphy
"It is"
"How much would it be to put an ad in your paper?"
"Five pounds an inch" replied the receptionist.
"Too dear" snapped Murphy
"Why? What are you selling?"
"A ten foot ladder" said the Irishman, and banged the phone down.

