

Sunday Message

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 21 April 2024 • Psalter Week 4

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

JOHN 10: 11-18



The Gospel story indicated that Jesus does not surrender his life for his sheep, he lays it down. Out of love, he gives his life willingly. He said at the last supper that no one has a greater love than to lay down one's life for his friends. He did this not when we were redeemed or lovable, but when we weren't redeemed or lovable.

Scripture scholar Denis McBride points to the ways Jesus shepherds his flock: Jesus tackles his opponents face to face. He confronts those who steal the dignity of the little ones. He warns his followers about the rough terrain ahead. He goes there before them. He endures isolation and insult. He risks being slaughtered himself. He does lay his life down for his sheep.

The image of the Good Shepherd is a consoling one. Despite the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Christ remains in the Church as our watchful protector. He knows his own and we know him. Through his care and protection, we are strengthened, and we preach his Word with confidence and courage. ■

REFLECT

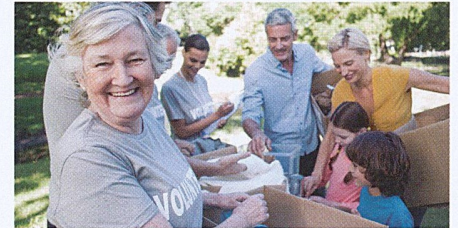
We are reflecting on one of the most popular images in the Gospels. The pastoral care of the shepherd, who leads his large flock and protects them from harm. During the life and ministry of St. Alphonsus de Ligouri in Italy, it's interesting to note that his main work and energy went into ministering to shepherds, in the hills of southern Italy. They were a group of people who were forgotten about, or who existed on the periphery of society. In the time of Jesus, many herds consisted of thousands

of sheep, their sheer number requiring highly skilled people to look after them and know how to cure their ailments. The flocks spent most of the year on the vast open uplands, from March to mid-November and the winter was spent under cover. Hyenas, jackals and wolves roamed the hills, as well as robbers on two legs...and the shepherd was usually armed with a knife. The shepherds care and courage were legendary. Shepherding was a hazardous occupation and outdoor living was rough. During the long dry season,

they had to move their flocks in search of new pastures. It's no wonder that the image of the shepherd is used so many times by Jesus in the Gospels. They are the example of how to care and love and protect. They show exemplary strength and courage. And indeed, when we think of Jesus, when we see images of him on icons and stained-glass windows, the image of a lamb or a staff are not very far away. He is our shepherd. He knows us, we belong to him. ■

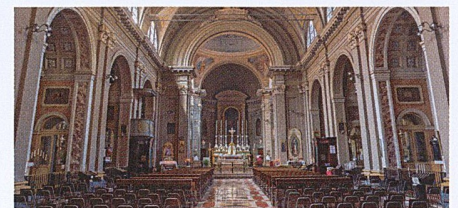
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How can we as followers of Christ become a Good Shepherd to our neighbour? What small gestures of love and charity can we make?



LEARN

'The Church is the visible plan of God's love for humanity because God desires that the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit.'
(Paul VI, June 22, 1973)



SAY

'Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.'

(Saint Charles Borromeo)



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Parish Bulletin

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is this weekend. This marks the start of a month of Prayer for Vocations, and there will be a second collection for the Education of Future Priests taken this weekend (Gift Aided).

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join us for our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine and Basilica to Our Lady on Saturday 18th May 2024.

In Celebration of Mary, on our Pilgrimage we will have the opportunity for Private Prayer in the Slipper Chapel, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Celebration of Confession, Attendance at the Pilgrim Mass, Praying the Rosary, and a Visit to the Holy House in Walsingham, built at Mary's request in 1049, as an exact replica of Mary's home in Nazareth when the Angel visited her, as a Perpetual Memorial of the Annunciation.

This is a Parish Event, and there will be lots of opportunities for us to come together, which is a great way for new parishioners to get to know our parish family, including our shared picnic lunch in the grounds of the Shrine, followed by an opportunity of Pray the Rosary as we Process into Walsingham. Walsingham is 4 hours away, in Norfolk, so as part of our pilgrimage this means an early start! We will depart at 6.30am, by coach, and will have 2 comfort stops enroute. Our coach also has facilities on board. We should all bring a packed lunch, which we can leave on the coach until lunchtime. For anyone not wanting to walk in procession to Walsingham, they can be driven into Walsingham on the coach to meet us at the Holy House. We expect to return home around 8.30pm.

The cost for the day is £45.00 per adult, and £25.00 per child (under 18). This can be paid in 2 instalments, over 2 months, if helpful. We have sign-up sheets at the back of Church. If you have any questions please call Rachel on 01428-658652 or speak to Diane in the parish office, where the Coach payments should be sent or they can be made on the digital plate or website (please use reference Walsingham). Many thanks.

Outreach meeting

The Charity arm of Haslemere, Hindhead & Chiddingfold Parish met on Tuesday.

The purpose was to recommend disbursements from the proceeds of the hundred club the digital collection plate and this month from the very successful carry lunch. The latter raised an extraordinary £740. The committee are very grateful to everyone who made such a significant contribution.

The following decisions were made:

£500 Uganda – ongoing education for eight Catholic girls
£500 Our Lady Of Perlyanayagi (Susai & Rosie Nathan's Parish in India.) towards replacement of three phase generator
£500 ongoing Diocese of Rourkela seminarians costs

£250 Crossways Counselling (available for all)

£250 I'm All Ears (young peoples counselling operating from Hasleway)

£250 Step-by-Step (local young peoples homeless charity)

£300 Ukraine

There was also a small amount for the local food bank. These Decisions are only possible because of your generosity and the Parish thank you.

Mass for Engaged Couples

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Live Life to the Full

Summer Camp for young people in School years 7-11

The Lay Community of St Benedict are running a residential event for young people. With opportunities for inspiring talks, uplifting prayer, fun activities and space to just be this Summer camp will help your faith soar! 20-24 August at Worth Abbey. Contact Pete for more information E: lcsb.pete@gmail.com. Early bird prices available before 30th June

Worth Abbey June Gathering

The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com

Rosary Rally

Saturday 27th April at 3pm Commercial Road, Portsmouth Parishioners from churches all across the Diocese will be attending a Rosary Rally by The Marian Franciscans next to the QE2 Silver Jubilee Fountain in Portsmouth City centre, to combat these evil times that we find ourselves in and to make reparation. Please come along. Now is the time we pray, offer sacrifices and to act for the salvation of souls!

Big Church Festival

Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024

A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard.

Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

Caring for Creation In the Community:

Invitation From 3 Counties Vineyard Church

Saturday, 27 April 7:00pm - 9:30pm 3 Counties Vineyard, Linchmere Road, Hammer, GU27 3QW An evening for anyone wanting to engage more in discussion about climate change from a Christian perspective. Come and see the film 'Talking About Climate Change' presented by Katherine Hayhoe (a leading US climate scientist and Christian). There will be breaks for discussion and refreshments.

100 Club

Thank you to all members of the 100 Club for their continued membership. The 100 Club is one of the main ways in which the whole Parish can continue to raise money on a regular basis for charitable donations. The cost of one ticket is £5 per month but you can have more than one ticket plus there is a chance of winning a cash prize. £150, £100 & £50.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club forms are available at the back of the Church, given to Fr Rajesh or contact The Parish Office.

The Haslemere Food Bank

The Food Bank is having to support increasing numbers of people in need at a time when many are experiencing financial hardship. Please place items in the collection box in the porch. Thank you all for your continuing generosity in support of those in need.

April Jubilarians

Stephie Nathan, Stephen Ballard, Sheila Danson, Michaela Gilbert, Vivianne Franklin, Guy Lemieux, Angela Dibden, Samantha Dudley, Patricia Ives, Katarzyna Blaszczyk, Stuart King, Timothy Glover, Charlotte Lindsay, Dorin Simons, Anamaria Racz, Marylou Honey,

Christopher Kelly, Avril Cooper, Easter Oxley, Jodie Ripley, Michael Humphrey, Piotr Sidorowicz, Nick Crane, Luke,, Gedge-Gibson, Tara Budden, Robert Dibden, Elizabeth Desanges, Frances Clayton, Ivy Clayton, Cecily Holt, Ireneusz Stadler, Angela Cash, Clive Evenden, Adrian Miller and Sherine Mathew.

Repository

The shop at Our Lady of Lourdes will now usually be open every Sunday following the 11am Mass. Come and browse. (Closed 21st & 28th April)

Diocesan Weekly E-Bulletin

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/JOINOURLIST – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Guildford Deanery Newsletter

The latest Guildford Deanery Newsletter is available. Please take a copy from the back of church or view [here](#)

Live Simply Tips

One third of food produced is lost or wasted. 24th April is 'Stop Food Waste Day'. Get creative with leftovers - add to omelettes or make soups, and make use of the brown caddy.

Second Collection

THIS WEEK

For Education of Future Priests

(Gift Aid)

Please pray for:

The sick: Veronica Slocock, Arul Salathian, Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Joan Shaw, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Tish Watkinson, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

The Deceased: Filomena Sica, Sean Philip Casey, Sr Ann Finnigan, Michael West, Doreen Quek, Lucy Wilde and Kevin Bicknell.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 Apr — FOURTH 'Good Shepherd' SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm (Sat)	SA	Vocations for Priesthood
9.00am	ST	
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	
All Parishioners		

Monday 22 Apr — Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.30am	HX
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Tuesday 23 Apr — St George

10am	SA
11.30am	HX

Wednesday 24 Apr — Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	HX
10am	ST

Thursday 25 Apr – St Mark

9.30am	HX
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Friday 26 Apr – Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am	OLL
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Saturday 27 Apr – Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Sunday 28 Apr — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners
9.00am	ST	Sally Jansen Ints.
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	In Thanksgiving for the Nathan Family

Confession on Saturdays by appointment tel.: 01428 643877

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.' The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 117 (118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

Response: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.** Or Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John. Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. The word of the Lord. 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 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.' The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow during the next two lines) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. St John Paul II

