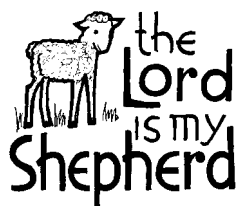


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

22 April 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday



Today is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general theme to

the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the power of this name is that in him we are all God's children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

Marriage Matters

We lay down our lives, we go beyond... Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "I know my own and my own know me". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of 'laying down His life', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.

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Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: Page 752; Readings: page 755; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 22 April 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> <i>Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>	
Monday 23 April - St George, Patron of England 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 24 April 11am Requiem Mass for Ann Cunliffe (SJ) 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 6pm First Communion Preparation Meeting (SC School) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 25 April- St Mark 9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 6pm First Communion Preparation Meeting (SB)	
Thursday 26 April 9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm First Communion Preparation Meeting (SJ)	
Friday 27 April 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday 28 April 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)	
Sunday 29 April 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	

Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Jude McCann Brown, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Ann Cunliffe, Patricia Croton, Peggy O'Neill, Martin Hall, Dr David Attwood, Maureen Attwood, Andrew McGrath, Judith Stockton

Anniversaries: Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Ian Fazackerley

Mass Intentions: Ann Cunliffe, Peggy O'Neill, A special intention, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Patricia Croton, Ian Fazackerley, Martin Hall, A sick person

Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):

We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work

Hope in the Future

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of the parishes of:

St Joseph's, Reddish, with Fr Philip Caldwell, their parish priest.

Holy Family, Denton, with Fr Christopher Dawson, their parish priest.

We pray for the primary schools that serve these parishes.

We pray that the Lord will raise up in our Diocese men to serve him as priests and as deacons.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

14/15 April 5pm-117; 9am-180; 11am-157
Total-454

Offertory Collection

14/15 April: £983.50

Standing Orders (13 Apr- 18 Apr) - £202

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.

A Day of Special Prayer for Vocations

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women. This year, the days of prayer for our own parishes are: 9 May (St Brendan's) and 14 June (St John's).

Ecclesiastical Education Fund

At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests. This year there are six students currently in seminary, including one who will be ordained priest this year.

Vocation Enquiries

Have you ever thought about being a priest or joining a religious order? Why not have a word with a priest you know or make contact with the Diocesan Vocations Promoter (Fr Featherstone) on 0161 748 2328 or the National Office for Vocations (0207 901 4809)

Think Vocation

May we put our trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd to provide dedicated and loyal men to serve the Church of today in the sacred priesthood.



Congratulations: To Aurora-Cristina Gutierrez-Garrucho who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 28/29 April

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SJ)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	E Rothwell	J Carroll, M Russell, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	F Evans	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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Pending Move: Fr Michael is hopeful that he will be able to announce where he is moving to next weekend. It is likely that the move will take place after the weekend of 12/13 May (rather than 5/6 May as previously stated).

Damaged Car: Last Sunday morning a parishioner's car was damaged on the car park at St John's. It was scraped by another car, causing damage to the bodywork and the alloy wheels. Given the damage done, it is extremely unlikely that the driver responsible was not aware of what they had done. If you were the driver, please make yourself known to me so that I can put you in touch with the person whose vehicle you damaged. Thanks. Fr Michael

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 25 at 1pm. The title of the book is *The Kashmir Shawl* by Rosie Thomas. All welcome. Last collection of "trip money" will also be taken as Tyrer's Coaches need payment by the end of the month. Thank you.

The People's Museum Outing: takes place on Wednesday 16 May leaving St Brendan's at 10am returning at 3.15pm. We have some spare places if anyone would like to join us. The cost is £12. Ring Madeleine 303505



Tickets for the CAFOD concert on 11 May are now on sale.

We have been reminded that all donations to CAFOD before 12 May will be doubled by the Government, so if you wish to give anything more this is a good time to do so.

SVP News

SVP Outing (SJ): The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 3 June at St Joseph's Blackburn.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Will be held on Sunday 1 July. More details to follow.

Msgr John Allen: Would like to meet up again with former pupils of St Gregory the Great, Farnworth (born in 1938) to celebrate their 80th year. The event will take place (for lunch) at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant, Newport Street, Bolton at 1.15pm on Tuesday 24 April. Please contact Eileen Edwards (01204 576119) if you are interested.

Mark Time: We will be hearing *The Gospel according to Mark* at Sunday Mass for much of this year. Fr Christopher Lough will lead an introduction to this earliest and shortest of the Gospels, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. There will also be an opportunity to work in a relaxed way with some of the stories that Mark sets before us. On Tuesday 8 May at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Kingsway, Rochdale OL16 5BX from 7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome. Refreshments available from 7pm. There is no charge for the evening and there is ample parking.

Father Kentenich Seminar: 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Father Josef Kentenich, founder of the International Schoenstatt Movement. Since his death Schoenstatt has continued to grow and flourish and has brought many gifts and graces into our world. In this special year we would like to invite you to get to know a little more about this amazing man and his mission from someone who knew him very well - Fr Peter Locher, of the Schoenstatt Fathers. Please come along and join us on Saturday 28 April 2018. The day starts at 10am with Mass at 12noon and a pasty and peas lunch afterwards. There will be talks by Father Peter Locher, time for questions and chat and a children's programme. The day will end at 3.30pm with a closing prayer. Please bring along a donation towards the cost of the day. Schoenstatt Centre, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ. www.schoenstatt.org.uk Tel: 01204 572077

Working for a Better Future - Mechanics' Institute, Manchester, Tuesday 1 May at 1pm: This Event, held by Caritas Social Action Network and the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Trade Union Congress. For the full agenda and to book a free ticket, please see the poster at the back of each church or www.csan.org.uk/events/working-better-future/

International Mass at Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 26 May (2pm): This is our second Annual Mass to welcome migrants and celebrate our diversity. Please register your attendance by telephoning Cathedral House on 0161 817 2210 or cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. All are most welcome

Primary School Places: Now that places have been allocated to all those applying to start school in September, we still have 7 places available at St John's. If you would like a Catholic education for your child, it is not too late!

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Vacancy - Finance Manager Designate

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Salary range: At least in the range of £30-40,000pa (DOE) 35 hours per week.

This is an exciting and varied role for an experienced and talented finance professional to work in the Charity sector and help to support our projects around the UK. The Finance Manager Designate will work alongside the retiring Finance Manager, providing support to all our works, communities, senior managers and Trustees, ensuring a detailed handover within the course of a year in line with our succession planning model. You will enjoy working with figures from basic bookkeeping duties right up to the production and presentation of year end accounts. Your capacity to adapt and assume responsibility for all aspects of the role such as handling donations, processing Gift Aid, administering third party management of investment portfolios and managing the personal financial affairs of the Salesian priests and brothers is essential. Experience of computerised accounts is also essential as is the ability to multi-task, be enthusiastic and self-driven with a proven track record of proactively generating results in a demanding environment. As a people centered person you will be able to communicate effectively at all levels, work within the spirit of the Salesian ethos and will have a healthy ambition to acquire responsibility for all aspects of the role.

Other Benefits: Pension plan with long service loyalty award, childcare vouchers, support for ongoing professional development.

Closing date: Thursday 26th April 2018

Application packs are available from: Mrs Anne-Marie Parkinson, Salesian Provincial Office, Thornleigh House, Sharples Park, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. Tel: 01204 600720

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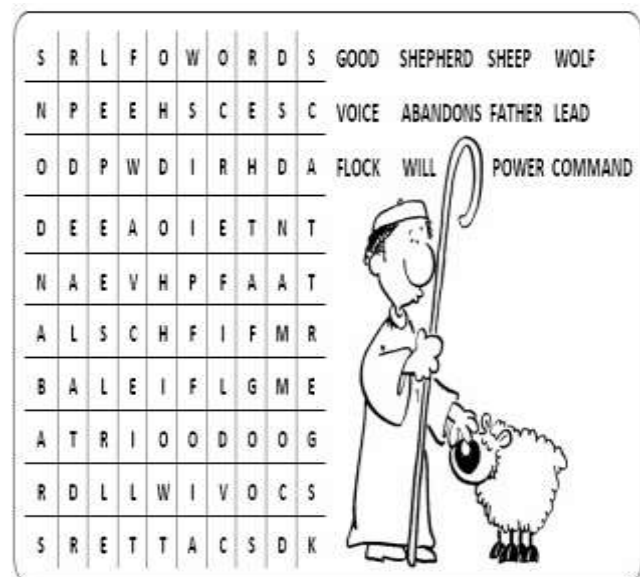
Website: www.salesians.org.uk

2018 Manchester Newman Lecture -

Conscience and the image of God: At the Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester, M2 5NS on Thursday 26 April at 6.30pm. *Conscience and the Image of God, Revelation from accompanying refugees* with Sarah Teather, Director of Jesuit Refugee Centre. Email Chris Quirke dcq@mac.com or Phone: 07764 946074. There is no admission charge but booking is essential.

Celebrate Northwest: All Hallows College, Macclesfield on Saturday & Sunday 28-29 April. *Celebrate* especially appeals to families, with age appropriate streams to accommodate children and youth, where they learn about faith in a relevant and fun way. Parents have time for themselves. People of all ages come, from children to grandparents to experience good company in a vibrant, faith-filled atmosphere. Bishops, priests and religious also attend. It is a Catholic conference but completely open to all. Everyone is welcome. Theme "*See, I am doing a New Thing*" (Isaiah 43:19). Conference Fees - (Saturday evening meal included). Adults: £40; Young adults £15; Children £5. Telephone: 01706 640 359

email: northwest@celebrateconference.org.
www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/northwest



Come and Join Us!
Tea and coffee is always served after Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am)
We always love to see new people. Come along and have a catch up.