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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

First reading - Acts 4:8-12 - **The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29 - ***The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.***

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-2 - **We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is**

Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:14 - **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 - **The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep**

The Good Shepherd

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also known as Vocations Sunday. On this day we pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Our gospel reading this Sunday comes from the tenth chapter of Gospel of John. Here Jesus declares himself to be the good shepherd.

This chapter of John's gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish religious leaders who questioned Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to their challenge by calling himself the good shepherd. He criticizes the leadership of Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. The Jewish leaders get angry at Jesus. They attempt to arrest and stone Jesus.

In the passage that we read today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers in the context of the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with that of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger, in reference to the Jewish religious leaders.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and he acts out of love. For the good shepherd, this is never simply part of a job, this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

In this passage, like the many passages in John's gospel, one hears John's particular focus on the relationship between Jesus and God the Father. As the sheep are known by the good shepherd, The Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

Sacraments

Confessions

Saturdays 10 to 11am or anytime by appointment.

Baptism of children

On Sundays with prior arrangements.

Parents must attend two sessions.

Parents must be registered members of the parish. At least one godparent must be a baptised catholic with a baptism certificate and confirmed.

Marriage

Those to have their marriage blessed should notify the Priest-in-charge at least six months before the proposed date.

First Holy Communion

This is usually done once a year in conjunction with the school. Other cases will be dealt with on individual bases.

Confirmation

This is usually done once a year. Announcements are done in the parish newsletter and on the website

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult

Those who would like to be received in the Catholic church should see the priest-in-charge any time and make arrangements to start the course.

All are welcome.

N.B

You need to be a registered member of our parish. Have faithful attendance at mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Fill out our registration form.

Fr Henry

Palmer Partnership News

Our parish is part of the Palmer Partnership comprising the parishes of Ss Peter & Paul, St John the Baptist, St Cedd, St Teresa and St Bede.

We had our first joint council meeting this week and decided to have a gathering of catechists, readers and eucharistic ministers from the parishes. If you are involved in one of these ministries, you are invited to St Cedd's hall on Saturday 22nd June from 14.00 - 16.00. More details to follow nearer the time.

With kind regards,

Rev. Canon Andrew Headon

Adoration available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedd's

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul 10am

12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford 8:45am

9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, Our Lady of Lourdes

9.30am - 1pm (Fri), 7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Dates for baptism sessions

Parents/Guardians note dates for baptism classes. All sessions start at 7pm promptly in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend. Parents confirm on the Sunday before each session that you will be attending.

Wednesday 15th May

Wednesday 26th June

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 2nd October

Wednesday 20th November

Any West Ham Fans out there

Community Food Enterprise Ltd
Who gives us flowers on behalf of
Marks & Spencer are looking for

2 volunteers to work with
Irons Supporting Foodbanks
to collect money for charity at

2 matches, the first is

West Ham v Liverpool

all equipment including 1 car space
will be allocated.

If you are interested, please contact

Glenda on 07970 001 673

The Ursuline Academy Ilford

is looking to recruit a
Subject Leader
Business Studies and Economics.

Please see our website for
further details www.uai.org.uk

Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our coffee
morning after the 11am mass this
Sunday

There is also an assortment of
communion cards and gifts available
in the shop



Mass Intentions

20th April to 28th April

Saturday 20th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Thanksgiving for God's blessing on Pope Francis
Sunday 21st	9.00am	James O'Shaughnessy (Jnr) (RIP)
	11.00am	Thanksgiving for God's blessing on Pope Francis
Monday 22nd	9.00am	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd	9.00am	Bridget Lillis (RIP)
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	For the sick in the parish
Thursday 25th	9.00am	Private
Friday 26th	9.00am	Carlos Mobela's - Family intentions
Saturday 27th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Thanksgiving for God's blessing on Pope Francis
Sunday 28th	9.00am	Lavinia and Gladenier Blanche 59th wedding anniversary
	11.00am	Lily Brolly (RIP)

May the souls of the departed Rest in Peace

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Annie Childs
Bruce May, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Rachel Antonella Rizzo, Micky Bennett
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden
Joe Travasso, Rizzo Enzo, Emily Pougnet, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel, Maria Skekel



Anniversaries

Margaret Pearce, Doris Jones, Elsie King, Timothy Galvin
Kate Toms, Annie McGrory, Kathleen Burton, Mary Coyne
Teresa Castello, Phyllis Euston, Barrington Hooper
Jack Driscoll, Harold Aatley, Ellen Jones, Daniel Brown, Sheila Whittle, Brenda Beager
Sheila Knight, Keith Ockon, Elizabeth Childs

May they rest in Peace