



Corpus
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Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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21st April 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B



Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage was legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self-sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 20th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Private Intention*

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Gillian Dunne RIP - 15th Anniversary*

Tuesday 23rd April - St George, Patron of England, Solemnity

9.30am *In Thanksgiving for Sr Thérèse and the Dominican Sisters*

Wednesday 24th April - of the 4th Week of Easter

9.30am *Rev Canon John Connolly RIP (P)*

Thursday 25th April - St Mark, Evangelist, feast

9.30am *Jim Dimond RIP (F)*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 26th April - of the 4th Week of Easter

9.30am *Sau Ching Wong Agatha RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Saturday 27th April - of the 4th Week of Easter

10.30am *Mass of the Anointing of the Sick*

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Sweden Barreto's Intentions*

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am *Sean Tracy RIP*

11am *Peter Pinson RIP*

(F) *Foundation* (P) *Perpetual*



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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O’Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Pat Kerton, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell and Fr Jim Joyce.

Second Collections - Clergy Training Fund 21st April

Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical. Please donate using the baskets or digital collection plates in the Church porch, using the QR code or online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024>



Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life - 21st April 2024 'It's Your Call'

For each of us God has a plan, and for some, that plan is for priesthood and consecrated life. On this day, we are invited to:-

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to us throughout our lives, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in our prayers throughout the week.
- Pray the Rosary for more young men and women in our communities to respond to God’s call.



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Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 21st April at 4pm



Reading Minster Church of St. Mary the Virgin
St. Mary's Butts, Reading, RG1 2LG

All are welcome to join us for a heartfelt gathering of reflection, support, and shared memories.

www.abwalker.co.uk

**ST FRANCIS
FATIMA DEVOTIONS**
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 22nd April - Fri 26th April 2024
ZOOM ID : 778 9032 5167
PASSWORD : rosary

Sponsored by the KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER
London North - Hamwell - Edmonton - Palmers Green - Sudbury - Harrow - St Albans - Northfields - Uxbridge - Willesden Green - Mill Hill
High Wycombe - Wood Green - Chiswick - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead - Letchworth - Infield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square
Yeading - Whitton Wembley - Thames Valley



LiveSimply - EARTH DAY 2024 on Monday 22nd April with the theme **Planet vs Plastics** highlights the fact that 380 million tonnes of plastic are produced *every year* – while only 9% of plastic *ever produced* has been recycled. You can read more about the effect of plastics on our environment and ourselves and the need to reduce its production: <https://www.earthday.org/press-release/planet-vs-plasticsglobal-theme-for-earth-day-2024/> . Share the short video <https://www.earthday.org/social-2024/> and take action!



Saint George - Tuesday 23rd April - "For the Persecuted"

When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians. St George came to their defence. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April, 303. There is much talk nowadays about the apathy surrounding Saint George's day and about what we should do to celebrate it, but we could do no worse than make St George’s commitment to stand up for the persecuted our own.

To do:- Support a charity that actively supports those who are persecuted. 'The Church In Need' is a good starting point.

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Farewell Mass for Sr Thérèse - Tuesday 23rd April

Parking will be available from 9am in St Teresa's playground. However, cars **must** be removed by 11.30am. Many thanks to Mrs Peters for exceptionally making the playground available and also to the children for giving up their play space for the morning.



Saint Mark - Thursday 25th April

Most likely Mark's is the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Saint Mark is brief and to the point. Saint Mark has one goal, to present Jesus as God's crucified messiah, and he fulfils that goal concisely. This is the shortest of the gospels. You could sit down and read it in under an hour and a half. Give it a go!

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office.



Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

ATTENTION

Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 27th April at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call SVP 0118 2114130 or email: suzettesymons@gmail.com



TO THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH

UNITED IN FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

There is an organisation in this Parish called the Union of Catholic Mothers. Why don't you belong to it? You do not have to be a Mother to join; just interested in meeting up with other ladies in the parish and promoting a Catholic viewpoint in an increasingly unChristian world.

WHO WE ARE

We are a National Organisation of Catholic Women, open to all women of all ages who support our aims and objectives in 'prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world'.

WHEN DO WE MEET

We meet fortnightly in term-time to enjoy social events, theatre and cinema outings, Speakers, summer walks, games and quizzes.

WHAT WE DO

Throughout our 100 year history we have been involved in current affairs, particularly those that impact on family life, lobbying our MPs and MEPs to protect the marginalised and vulnerable in society both home and abroad. We are affiliated to other like minded organisations, are active in our parishes and support each other in love and prayer.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE

Please contact our Secretary, Marie Tomlin. Email: mvc.tomlin@btinternet.com.



Christian Aid Week (May 12-18th 2024)

This year together with other churches in our area, we are holding a Coffee Morning/Charity Sale at St Paul's Church Hall, Reading Road on Saturday 18th May at 10.45 - 12.45 am. Our church will be running a "Bric-a-Bac Stall", and I am asking if you would please have a look to see if you have any small unwanted items that you are willing to donate. If you have, please leave them in the box provided at the back of church after mass on the weekends of 4th/5th & 11th/12th May. (Please no books or large/bulky items) We welcome you all to come along and have a fun morning whilst helping some of the poorest communities in the world. Please call me if you would like any further information (Frankie Chard 0796 326 3362).