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### Mass times

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| Monday to Friday    | 10 am           |
| Saturday Vigil Mass | 6 pm            |
| Sunday              | 10 am & 12 noon |

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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| Monday to Friday | 9:00 -9:45 am |
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### Confessions

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| Tuesday and Thursday | 9:20 am |
| Saturday             | 5:20 pm |

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocation Sunday) Year C.

Sunday, 11th of May, 2025.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52**

*Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100.**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 7: 9, 13a, 14b- 17**

*The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.*

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**

*I give eternal life to my sheep.*

### Reflection: Hearing God's Voice in a Noisy World

Today, on this Vocation Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the words of Jesus: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." In a world that never seems to stop, a world of constant noise and endless scrolling, how do we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? How do we discern that gentle call that might be inviting us to the priesthood or religious life? Notice that Jesus doesn't say, "My sheep search desperately for my voice" or "My sheep struggle to hear my voice amid the chaos." No! He states it as a fact, a reality, a promise. His sheep do hear His voice.

But hearing requires listening. It requires moments of silence and stillness. It requires turning off the noise (both external and internal) that drowns out the whisper of God's call. In our busy world, creating this space for listening is perhaps our greatest challenge, yet it is also the most essential task. When we do create this space, when we quiet ourselves enough to listen, the voice of the Good Shepherd becomes clearer. It might come through prayer, through reading the Scripture, through attending Mass, through the counsel of others, or the persistent longing of our hearts (desire). However it comes, Jesus promises that His voice can be heard by those who belong to Him.

And what happens when we hear and respond to that voice? Our first reading from Acts gives us a sobering glimpse. Paul and Barnabas, following God's call to preach the Gospel, faced fierce opposition. Their faithful response to God's call led directly to rejection. This is the paradox of vocation. The call that brings the deepest fulfilment may also bring the greatest challenges. The path that leads to joy may first lead through difficulty. The "yes" that aligns our lives most perfectly with God's will may put us at odds with the prevailing values of our culture.

Those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life today are well aware of this reality. To consider such a path in our secular age is to risk being misunderstood, questioned, or even ridiculed. Like Paul and Barnabas, those who respond to God's call may find themselves swimming against the cultural current. But notice what happened with the apostles. Despite being expelled, "they were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Their peace and joy didn't depend on external acceptance but on their faithfulness to the call they had received.

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On this Vocation Sunday, perhaps the question for each of us is not simply, "Am I called to priesthood or religious life?" but rather, "Am I creating the silence needed to hear the Shepherd's voice at all?" For some, that voice will indeed be calling toward ordained ministry or consecrated life. For others, it will call toward different paths of service and witness. But for all of us, the voice of the Good Shepherd calls us deeper. It calls us to lives of meaning and purpose that the world cannot give, but also cannot take away. It calls us to the joy that Paul and Barnabas discovered, a joy that persists even in the face of rejection.

### Hymns for Sunday

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| <b>Entrance:</b> The Lord is my shepherd | <b>No. 661</b> |
| <b>Offertory:</b> Take our bread         | <b>No. 641</b> |
| <b>Communion:</b> Love is his word       | <b>No. 462</b> |
| <b>Recession:</b> Sing to the mountains  | <b>No. 626</b> |

**Deaths:** Ignatius Onyenuru, Angela Grimes, Jim Wilson, Helen Dooley,  
**Anniversary:** Dan Cassidy,

**Feasts:** St. Matthias (Wednesday)

St Helen's Primary School celebrates its Golden Jubilee, commemorating 50 years of education, faith, and community. To mark this remarkable milestone, **His Grace, Archbishop Nolan**, will celebrate a Mass on **Friday, 16th May at 1.30 pm** in our Parish.

**First Communion:** Catechumens from St. Helen's School will celebrate First Communions on two Saturdays: May 10th and May 17th, both at 10 am.

The SCIAF Wee Boxes will be returned next week. Let us endeavour to return them by next Sunday, May 18th.

**The Scottish Catholic Theology Forum Conference 2025** will take place on Saturday, 14 June, at Eyre Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The notice is on the board; you can book a place by scanning the QR code.

### Collections

*27/04/2025*

**Offertory: £ 531.55**

**Gift Aided: £ 397**

*04/05/25*

**Offertory: £ 501. 52**

**Gift Aided: £ 383** Thank you for your generosity.

**Good Shepherd Sunday: Open the Door:** In response to the Jubilee Year and the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome, calling pilgrims to a deeper relationship with God, the theme of our Vocations Sunday is **Open the Door** to Christ. We are called to continually open our homes and our hearts to Christ, to be led by him in his ways of peace. On Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to think about our own vocation and to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life within the Archdiocese of Glasgow. if you would like to discuss a possible vocation to the priesthood, please speak with your Parish Priest, or alternatively please contact Fr Paddy Boyle, at [vocations@rcag.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcag.org.uk).

**SPRED Volunteer Training:** Share faith and friendship at SPRED. Interested in taking part in a SPRED group? You are welcome to join us for volunteer training. Four Mondays from 12th May (except holiday Monday 26th May) at 7pm in the SPRED Centre, 20 Robroyston Road, Glasgow, G33 1EQ. Please contact Patricia Duffy on 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com) for more information.

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