

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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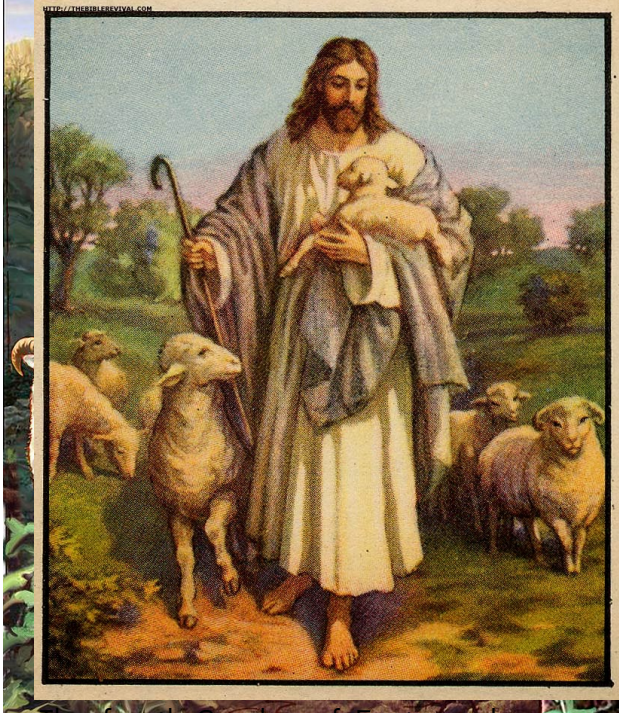


APRIL 21st 2024- FOURTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER

GOSPEL : John 10:11-18

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock.

The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfilment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care.

**Say your daily rosary
for peace in the world**



LIFE MESSAGE

1) Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence Bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

2) Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd: a) by listening and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counselling and advice; b) by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; c) by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence.

Prayer to St. George

Faithful servant of God and invincible martyr, Saint George; favoured by God with the gift of faith, and inflamed with an ardent love of Christ, thou didst fight valiantly against the dragon of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could part thee from the love of Christ. I fervently implore thee for the sake of this love to help me by thy intercession to overcome the temptations that surround me, and to bear bravely the trials that oppress me, so that I may patiently carry the cross which is placed upon me; and let neither distress nor difficulties separate me from the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Valiant champion of the Faith, assist me in the combat against evil, that I may win the crown promised to them that persevere unto the end.

Feast of St. George:

We are celebrating the big feast of St. George on the 28th of April. Mark your calendar; it is going to be a good opportunity to get together and know ourselves.

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 20 April	6:30pm	Madeline Pettifor
SUNDAY 21 April	9:00am 11:: am	Teresa Carrol Loreto & Margarita Rea
Monday 22 April	10:00am	Tiani Family
Tuesday 23 April	10:00am	Rea Family
Wednesday 24 April	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 25 April	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 26 April	6:00PM	Schiavo Family
Saturday 27 April	6:30PM	Arcari Family
Sunday 28 April	9:30am	Janet & Philip Gibson
	4:00pm	June Ockleston
Sat.6:30pm	Sun.9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Helena Bellis

St. George is our Patron Saint

Saint George was a Roman soldier of Cappadocian Greek origin and member of the Praetorian Guard during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. He was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He became one of the most venerated saints in Christianity, especially as a military saint since the Crusades. He is respected by Christians, and some other religions as a martyr of monotheistic faith. In hagiography, he is known as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. As a very prominent soldier he is immortalized in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon.

His memorial, Saint George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23 April by countries of England, Ukraine, Ethiopia and several other regions and cities, that claim him as their patron saint. The Church-of St. George in Lydia Israel, contains a sarcophagus believed by many Christians to contain St. George's remains. It is believed that he died on the 3rd of April 303 in Lydia.

Mass Offering for 14th April—£326.

Standing orders-----£118.25

GRATITUDE

Thank you to all the 'red box' holders. In 2023 you raised £109.74 for the Mill Hill Missionaries supporting communities worldwide.

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke