



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

GOSPEL John 10:27–30

The fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is also the “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. Thus, introducing himself as the Good Shepherd Jesus declares in today’s Gospel that:

1. He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits, and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to return his love by keeping his words.
2. He gives eternal life to us, his sheep by receiving us into his sheepfold and giving us Faith through Baptism, and then he strengthens that Faith in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist and in the Divine words of the Holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the priesthood (Holy Orders).
3. He protects his sheep by placing them in the loving hands of his Almighty Father. Without him to guide us and protect us, we are an easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world, including Satan and his minions.

Life message: **Let us become good shepherds.** Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties, thus giving their children good example through the way they live their Christian lives as husband and wife and as parents.

Missio Thanksgiving Mass - Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm. A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

Announcement There will be the first communion Mass on the 15th of May (11 am Mass).

<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Roland Young	Dennis Lloyd	Maria Latty

If you wish to join the Reader’s Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme.

Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

Sat 07 May	6:30 PM	4th Sunday of Easter	Peace in the World.
Sun 08 May	9:30 AM		Ida Lloyd
	11:00 AM		Tony Jones
Mon 09 May	10:00 AM	Monday in the 4 th Week of Easter	Mary McGuire
Tue 10 May	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 4 th Week of Easter	Martin Briggs RIP
		Saint John of Avila, priest and doctor of the Church	
Wed 11 May	No Mass	Wednesday in the 4 th Week of Easter	
Thu 12 May	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 4 th Week of Easter	Sinead Ofarrell
		Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus, martyrs	
		Saint Pancras, martyr	
Fri 13 May	10:00 AM	Friday in the 4 th Week of Easter	IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY
		Our Lady of Fatima	
	6:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 14 May	6:30 PM	5th Sunday of Easter	James Pettifor
Sun 15 May	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		First Holy Communion Children

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	1 May	-	£307.64
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£109.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

If anyone would like to contribute by the weekly envelope, please contact Richard after Church or telephone him on 01948 663600.

Foodbank As anticipated, the Foodbank has seen an increase in the number of people who are in food poverty. At all times, the Foodbank tries to ensure that its clients receive a parcel that provides a balanced diet. Currently, we are experiencing a shortage of tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and custard. We are always grateful for the support we receive and any help you can provide.

Newsletter If you would like to directly receive a copy of the newsletter, please email Gordon at gp.greaves@btinternet.com.

COVID REMINDERS When in church, it is now voluntary to wear a mask.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.
