

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## **Fouth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025**

**Readingd Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30**

### **Jesus is the good Shepherd.**



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, devotedly and kindly taking care of his flock.

### **Scripture lessons summarized:**

Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas opted to listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and followed him. They suffered like Jesus; rebuffed and rejected by many when they tried to share the good news of salvation.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, depicts Jesus as both the glorified Lamb and the Shepherd. John's vision encourages his readers with the assurance that every person who has ever followed Christ and led others to him will share everlasting life with him.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and a great challenge. The comforting message is that Jesus says that no one can snatch the sheep out of His Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors should be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care, while their flock of lay people should respond by being good sheep.

### **LIFE MESSAGE**

**Let us become good shepherds and good sheep, good leaders and good followers.**

1) 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.

2) Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Let us receive the spiritual food our pastors provide by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments, and by attending prayer services, renewal programs, and missions.

### **Devotion to Our Lady**

**SAY YOUR DAILY ROSARY.**

#### **Our Lady promised:**

4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.



### **Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning**

The Churches Together Christian Aid group are holding a Coffee Morning in the Market Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 until 12pm. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake.

### 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 10 May	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
<b>Sunday 11 May</b>	Stephen White Fr Dunstan & Parents	<b>9:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>
Monday 12 May St. Nereus & St. Achilleus	J C	10:00am
Tuesday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima	Patricia Hemming	10:00 am
<b>Wed. 14 May</b> St. Matthias AP	<b>Sacristy</b>	
Thursday 15 May	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
<b>Friday 16 May</b>	Mary O'Farrell	6:00pm
Saturday 17 May	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 18 May	Parishioners	<b>9:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>

## A humble request for donations

There is a growing necessity for a toilet in our Church as we can see in the increase attendance. We humbly solicit for donations. No amount is small for this very important project.

For a cheque---St. George Whitchurch.

If you want a transfer, the account details will be provided on request.

## PRAYER OF Adoration and Reparation

Most Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
I adore Thee profoundly.  
I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul  
and Divinity of Jesus Christ,  
present in all the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages,  
sacrileges and indifferences whereby He is offended.  
And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.  
Amen

<b>Sat 6:30pm</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun. 11am</b>
Roland Young	Guy Churton	Anne Carr

**Confession is before and after mass or at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest**

Mass Offering for 04 May---£342.87

Standing orders-----£112.00

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke