

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30 pm
Sunday	9.30 am
	11.00 am
Spanish Mass	12.30 pm
	6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am &	6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday	10.45 – 11.15 am
	6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri	6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 27th – St. Louis Mary Grignion
de Montfort

Tue 28th – St. Peter Chanel

Wed 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

Thu 30th – St. Pius V

Fri 1st – St. Joseph the Worker

Sat 2nd – St. Athanasius



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th April** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

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Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday, and in the readings, we are reminded of the profound love and guidance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

The readings today beautifully reveal God's call to us and His desire to shepherd us through our lives.

The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41, we witness Peter's powerful proclamation at Pentecost. He urges the people to turn their hearts to Jesus, the risen Lord, whom they had crucified. Peter's call for repentance is an invitation to recognize our need for the Shepherd who leads us out of darkness and into the light of salvation.

In today's Psalm, we are reminded of the comfort and assurance that comes from trusting in the Good Shepherd. The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." This assurance invites us to place our worries, fears and burdens into God's capable hands, knowing that He leads us, restores us, and guides us along the right paths. In times of uncertainty or fear, we can take solace in this image of God caring for us as a shepherd cares for his flock.

The Gospel is taken from John 10:1-10, Jesus declares Himself as the gate for the sheep. He invites us to enter through Him, revealing that true life is found in following Him. He speaks of abundant life, a promise that goes beyond mere existence. In a world filled with challenges, distractions and voices that may mislead, Jesus stands as the gate ensuring safety and leading us to the pastures of peace.



First Holy Communion – A soft reminder that the next Session will be on 2nd May 2026 (Saturday) at 10:30 am for Group A and 1:00 pm for Group B for Communion Preparation at the School Hall. Make sure that your child will come before the time please.

Confirmation – The Confirmation Rites will be on 2nd May 2026 (Saturday) at 3:00 PM

Baptismal Course – The second concluding part of the baptismal course will be on 28th April 2026 (Tuesday). This will be held in the Founders Room at 7:00pm.

St. Peregrine Healing Mass – You are warmly invited to St. Peregrine Healing Mass on Wednesday, 29th April 2026 at 6:30 PM. This Mass is offered in a spirit of prayer and hope for all those who are sick, especially those suffering from cancer and serious illnesses. This celebration also leads us into a significant milestone—the 300th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Peregrine, commemorated on 4th May 2026.

Appeal for the Lighting System – Our parish church had made a major repair to the electrical lighting system that costs £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mass Collections (18th & 19th April 2026) – £1,683 was received in the main collection, and £370 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

YOUR GIVING BUILDS THE PARISH

Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish.
Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

R. The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **R**

2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

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NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.