

NEWSLETTER
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Fr Phillip writes...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus proclaims to the people – and us – that “I am the good shepherd...”

The beautiful image of a shepherd calling and leading his flock comes from the Middle-Eastern practice of a shepherd going ahead of his flock rather than herding them from behind as we are used to in Europe. He leads them, singing or whistling or playing a pipe, and they follow because they know his voice and they trust him, since he is leading them to fresh pasture.

Christ is our Good Shepherd – he calls each one of us. More than this, he is “the good shepherd... who lays down his life for his sheep.” From the day of our conception we are unique individual human beings, called into life by the Lord, and called to follow him in life. By his saving death on the Cross, he has saved us from the ravages of sin – the wolf that would scatter us – and opened the path to heaven and eternal life for us.

The sheep when they follow their shepherd trust him: we trust our Good Shepherd. When he calls us in the silence of our hearts, we should follow. What are you being called to now in your life? How will you respond?



*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✠ Saturday 20th April, 5.30 pm: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- ✠ Sunday 21st April, Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.30 am (People of the Parish)
10 am (Ewan McDonald R.I.P)
- ✠ Monday 22nd April: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✠ Tuesday 23rd April, 6.30 pm: ST GEORGE, Patron of England (Seamus James Toner R.I.P)
- ✠ Wednesday 24th April, 10 am: Fourth Week of Easter (Joanna, in Thanksgiving)
- ✠ Thursday 25th April, 6.30 pm: ST MARK, Evangelist, feast (Holy Souls R.I.P)
- ✠ Friday 26th April, 10 am: Fourth Week of Easter (Monty Booth R.I.P)
- ✠ Saturday 27th April, 10 am: Fourth Week of Easter
- ✠ Saturday 27th April, 5.30 pm: Fifth Sunday of Easter (People of the Parish)
- ✠ Sunday 28th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.30 am (Francesco & Nicolina Bruno R.I.P)
10 am (Ellen (Helen) Magee R.I.P)

*Confessions after 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment

**THIS WEEKEND 20/21 April: Collection for Clergy Training Fund

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:



MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, GERALD GRIFFITHS & MAGORZATA CORDOBA.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

“Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion”

- Dom Helder Camara
Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

During term time, every Tuesday from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We're back this Sunday, 21st April, during the 10 am Mass.

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email Sue Roche on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

Enjoy refreshments after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 am Mass!



Save the Date: Youth Event September - St Edward's Church, Windsor

Event for young people aged 13-30, led by the One Hope Project. It will be a day of worship & workshops and fun finding your faith. Event has been moved to September, so more information coming soon.



SVP TABLE SALES!

SVP - TABLE TOP SALES return this week, LOTS OF BARGAINS - take a look -

lovely selection of China and many other items, your donations needed and always welcome. Thank you.



Accommodation Plea

One of our new parishioners - a nurse from Heatherwood Hospital - is looking for accommodation (a studio flat or a bedroom in a house share). Her budget is £600-700 pcm. If you know someone who could help her with this, kindly contact the Parish Office. Many thanks!



FUNERALS APRIL/MAY 2024 - PLEASE SAY A PRAYER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Naomi Wood** who died recently. Her Funeral Mass was last Friday, 19th April at 11.30 am.

Also pray for the repose of the soul of **Nora Teresa Annan**, whose Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, 14th May at 12 pm.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Prayer for the departed

Wedding Celebration Andrea and Stuart

This Saturday 20th April at 1 pm, Andrea Mae Francisco and Stuart Alasdair Bradley will be getting married at St Francis Church. Please pray for the couple so the Lord blesses their union. May their marriage be filled with trust, respect, and love, but above all else, may it be filled with abundant joy.



National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life



On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Missio Thanks St Francis Church

£345.34 was donated by St Francis Church in 2023! A big thank you to all who could donate with any amount! God bless!



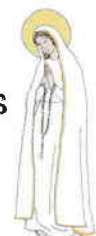
A day of instruction & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.

At Bournemouth Oratory - Richmond Hill, Bournemouth - on Saturday 18 May 2024.

For more details, check the poster on the Church Notice Board, in the porch.

A Day with Mary

Sunday 12th May, after 10 am Mass
Procession of Our Lady of Fatima
More information soon.



ST FRANCIS
FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 22nd April - Fri 26th April 2024
ZOOM ID : 778 9032 5167
PASSWORD : rosary



Sponsored by the KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER

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High Wycombe - Wood Green - Chiswick - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead - Letchworth - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square
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