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This, the Fourth Sunday of Easter has been known for many years as Good Shepherd Sunday, and Vocations Sunday, when we are reminded to think about and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as to the permanent diaconate.

When I was growing up, the word 'vocation' and the concept of vocation was well understood, particularly in relation to priests and religious, but careers like teaching, nursing and elsewhere in the medical profession were also considered to be vocations. And even marriage was referred to as being a vocation!

Today, we have a special opportunity to consider whether we live our individual lives in a truly vocational way, that is, by listening to the call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to each of us to be Good Shepherds ourselves.

We need good shepherds today in every walk of life. In our homes we need parents who really care about their children, who spend time with them, and still care for them even when they disappoint them. In our schools we need teachers who know their pupils and take a personal interest in their well-being. In our hospitals, we need doctors and nurses and other health professionals who care about their patients and who do not treat them as objects. In our care homes we also need similar care for our elderly. In public life, we need people who care about the welfare of others and the common good rather than their own sectional interests - very topical at the moment. And of course in the Church, we need clergy and religious who are willing to devote their lives to the service of all God's people.

We live in a world in which there is great need of the Good Shepherd. The image of Jesus, the Shepherd of his Father's flock, is one of the most

beautiful we have of him. This is based on Jesus' description of himself and his mission. He came so that through knowing him, we would know the Father who had sent him. This was not to be some kind of impersonal 'knowing'. From the Psalm of David, we have the reassuring words, "The Lord is my shepherd", not just, 'a shepherd' or 'the shepherd', but 'my shepherd'. That 'knowing' is, of course, to be on the basis of a two-way relationship. "I know my sheep and they know me"

Jesus is a Good Shepherd to us. He wants us to have life here and eternal life hereafter. But it has to be a two-way affair. We have to respond to his love. The faithful sheep respond to his love. The faithful sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow him. We have to get to know the Lord our Shepherd, listen to his word and do it.

Al Callan

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th April 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priest-
hood and Religious Life**

- Sat 6.30pm** Bridget Carter RIP (Sianne Sanders)
Sun 9.00am Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
11.00am Mary Smith RIP (Liz Bailey)
12.30pm **Baptisms:**
6.00pm People of the Parish

EASTER WEEK

27th April – 2nd May 2015

- Mon 27th** **Feria**
7.00am Elizabeth and Simon Doherty and Family
9.30am Serrao, Costa and Santos Families
- Tues 28th** **Feria**
7.00am Don O'Reilly
9.30am Ellen and Bill Bourke
- Wed 29th** **St Catherine of Siena**
9.30am Mary Linstead RIP
- Thurs 30th** **Feria**
7.00am Mary Fretwell and Family
10.30am **Funeral Mass for Eileen Ewens**
- Fri 1st** **St Joseph the Worker**
9.30am Dennis Pieris (Mrs Pieris)
- Sat 2nd** **St Athanasius**
9.00am Welfare and Health of Charlotte Zammit and Family (Manche Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2nd/3rd May 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9.00am Deceased Migrants (K. Fox)
11.00am Paolo Pascale (Maria Simmons)
12.30pm Baptisms: Albert Raikes and James Moniz
6.00pm Pat Spooner RIP (H & G Trutwein)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30am to 10.00am & 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Last Sunday's Collection **£1760.22**

St Patrick's Missionary Society **£1636**

Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish.

Cash counters

This week: Tessa McLeod and Lynette Confait

Next week: George and Paul Hoskins

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS SUNDAY - Cathedral Maintenance

St George's Cathedral.

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd/4th May - Diocesan collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. If you have a Gift Aid envelope please submit it with your donation.

**Next Sunday's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter
Introduction**

What is the very heart of our faith? Today we are told that it is a close personal relationship with Jesus, for he is the vine and we are the branches.

First reading Acts 9:26-31

Paul begins to preach but arouses hostility and has to leave Jerusalem.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

St John says that if we keep his commandments the Lord will answer our prayers.

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus calls us to remain in him, for he is the vine and we are the branches.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died and all whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray also for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

We remember and pray for the sick, the house-bound and all who care for them, we remember especially those within our own parish family:

Arthur Bailey, Josephine (Jo) Bull, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Evie Durkin, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hammerton, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Simon Munnery, Canon John Naughton, Rouben Sarkissian and Chris Wade.

Baptisms in the Parish

Many parishioners want to know how to get their children Baptised in the parish. The practice in the parish is that all parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am – 11.00am in the Old Chapel (in April the preparations are on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays as Easter falls on the 1st Sunday of the month). Before following the preparation sessions please be good enough to speak to the priests and register for the sessions, so that the Catechists can be informed the names of those who are attending. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the preparations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and fill in the Baptism Registration Forms. If the God Parents are attending Mass in another parish please collect the form to be signed by their parish priest. For more details please speak to one of the priests.

Monthly in the parish

Coffee and Tea in the Old Chapel:

3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro Malabar Mass is on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

Bible study: first Thursday of the month: 10.30am. Coffee at 10.00 (RDJ Room, before the sacristy)

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room)

Funeral Details

The Funeral Mass for Eileen Ewens is on Thursday 30th April at 10.30am. Please remember her and her family and friends in your prayers.

Library open this weekend 25th/26th April.

Please could all our members check for overdue books and particularly overdue children's DVDs. We look forward to seeing you in the RDJ room after Mass. We warmly welcome everyone in our parish to join our library and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith.

Can the SVP help anyone you know?

If you know a local person who is in need and could benefit from a visit by a member of the parish's newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society group then please pass their details to Fr. Edward. Please ensure that you have their agreement to do so beforehand. Who qualifies for a visit? Anyone in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social.

OLI JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Dates for Youth club (for children in Years 7 and 8) this term are: Friday 1 May, Friday 5 June, Friday 3 July - in the Parish Hall 7.15pm-8.45pm

First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards and goods are now on display in the repository

LENTEN PROJECT

Today at 10.00am - The Big Breakfast
Justice & Peace Group invite you all to join in.

Support The Tolworth Tornadoes today as they cycle from Canterbury to Tolworth. This is the return journey of the Tolworth Trekkers who walked to Canterbury. If you have not already donated you can either use the sponsorship forms already provided or the JustGiving site which is on the Parish website.

Bedding Plant Sale

Details of how to order bedding plants are set out in the form attached to this newsletter. There is a wide variety of plants to choose from. They are of excellent quality and cheaper than you will buy in the garden centres. So spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. Orders must be received by Wednesday 6th May.

Lenten Box Collection and Count

Collections will be made at the beginning of all Masses again this weekend. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the box. That will enable us to claim 25% tax back on your donation and it will be treated in the strictest of confidence. The count will be in the Old Chapel at 4.00pm.

Parish Lenten Project 2015 Grand Raffle Draw

As in previous years we are seeking donations from parishioners and/or businesses they work for. If you are able to donate something suitable for the Grand raffle draw please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk

Kingston Foodbank Collection

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (25/26 April) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is milk (long life or powder), fruit juice (long life or squash), vegetarian meals (tins of macaroni cheese, vegetable curry, vegetable chilli, ratatouille etc), noodles (packets or pot noodles) and steamed puddings.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver and Ania Godbold (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

'Proclaim '15:

BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include: the provision of free parish small group materials; the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales; an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11 July 2015 with free prayer materials provided; the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 event in autumn 2015; the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers. Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available over the coming months.

Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15

Facebook: [facebook.com/cbcew](https://www.facebook.com/cbcew)

Twitter: @catholicew #proclaim15

Email: proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk

Diocesan contact: Dr Mark Nash (at the Centre for Catholic Formation) 020 8672 7684

mnash@ccftootingbec.org.uk

Request from a parishioner

Please help me pitch my e-learning idea to Richard Branson in the Virgin Media Business Competition. You can vote for my pitch here: <http://www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/pitch-to-rich/new-things/thinktutor/>

MONDAY MAY 4th – Mass for Migrants

The annual Mass for Migrants, in honour of St Joseph the Worker, is being held on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May at St George's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter Smith and Cardinal Vincent Nichols con-celebrating. There will be a banner procession of representatives from London's diverse communities from the Amigo Hall at 10.30 and mass at 11am. All are most welcome to attend this vibrant event.

Little Big Silence Weekend:

Friday 8 May - Sunday 10 May at House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB
The House of Prayer will be running a silent residential retreat weekend for people to come and have a little taster! The retreat will be led by the House of Prayer Retreat team.

Arrive on Friday in time for supper at 7.00 pm and leave on Sunday at 4.00 pm. Cost £140 – Advance booking essential.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

Theology in the Liturgy of Life, Led by Dr Anthony Towey

Saturday 23 May: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm - House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB
Exploring Divine Wisdom through Exegesis, Experience and Eucharist. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

Evenings of Faith (hosted by the Faith Movement): 'Catholicism-hard questions'

All are welcome to our series of talks on 'Catholicism-hard questions' on selected Tuesdays at 7:30pm from 5th May 2015. Talks are held in the basement of 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Details and titles are below and at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith

Tuesday 5 May The Church's teaching on sex; time for change? *Ryan Day*

Tuesday 19th May Why a male priesthood? *Fr. Roger Nesbitt*

Tuesday 2nd June Clerical celibacy; should priests be married? *Fr. Stephen Brown*

Tuesday 16th June The Four Last Things; truth or fiction? *Fr. Philip Miller*

Tuesday 30th June Holy Communion; who can receive and why? *Fr. Tim Finigan*

Tuesday 7th July Is St John Paul relevant to the Family Synod's discernment? *Joanna Bogle*

Common Objections to Catholicism

A series of talks addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith, and how to answer them

Venue: the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HR. *Time:* 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Programme:

Thursday 30th April

Mr Sebastian Morello (CCF Advisor)

"Faith and reason are irreconcilable"

Thursday 7th May Dr Mark Nash (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is unbiblical"

Thursday 14th May Fr Ignatius Edet (Merton parish)

"An all-male priesthood is sexist and an anachronism"

Thursday 21st May Ms Marie Mann (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is stuck in the past"

These talks will be of interest to RCIA catechists, all those on RCIA courses, members of Parish Evangelization Teams, all who wish to pass on the faith to others No charge; please register at the CCF (office@ccftootingbec.org.uk or 020 8672 7684)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

Marriage Preparation Courses - See notice board

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage for couples celebrating 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ anniversaries. Saturday 20th June 2015 St George's Cathedral. Please sign list at the back of the church before 30th April for a personal invitation from the Archbishop. Booking essential.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGES

Please see Notice Board for details of the Diocesan and other pilgrimages to Lourdes.

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 21st–28th August. This year is a special year for us in the Archdiocese of Southwark, as Southwark was raised to an "Archdiocese and Metropolitan See" fifty years ago. For details of the pilgrimage, please speak to Canon Edward Perera, the Southwark Pilgrimage Director.

EVENTS / COURSES RUN BY CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

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Website: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

Bookshop: bookshop@ccftootingbec.org.uk

Mass for New Catholics

Saturday 9th May 11:00am at St George's Cathedral

Annual Day for Catechists

Saturday 27th June from 11am at St George's Cathedral

Pilgrimage and Day of Celebration for People with Disability at the Heart of the Church

Sunday 5th July, 12.00 noon–4pm

at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX

'Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord' - Evangelisation Seminars

The first two in a series of seminars for members of Parish Evangelisation Teams and Pastoral Councils and for all who wish to spread the Good News.

The first is 'Spreading the Good News as an Encounter with Jesus Christ' (16th May at CCF, Tooting Bec) and the second is 'Spreading the Good News through Justice and Peace' (4th July at St Francis de Sales' Church Hall, 26 Larkhall Lane, Stockwell). Both from 10am–1pm.

Please see notice board for full details of all the above.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Youth Day - 20th June 2015

Aylesford Priory, Kent. 10am–7pm. £10pp. Yr7–Y11

To book contact: jean@scys.org.uk or 01227 272900

Vacancy - Receptionist

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey

Receptionist for an immediate start. Application Form email recruitment@stphils.org.uk or Marsha Adams, Personnel Officer on 020 8642 2025 ext 202 or from website: www.stphils.org.uk Closing date: Noon 1st May