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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



### *Jesus, the gateway to a full life!*

A shepherd who really knows each sheep and loves them in their individuality and uniqueness. A shepherd who leads them into the fullness of their lives, who nurtures love and life in them. A shepherd who protects them from the false voices, the siren voices who would lead them not to themselves but into a servitude that diminishes their humanity.

Such is the shepherd, Jesus. Indeed He is the gateway to life - a life filled with joyous self-offering, courageous transcendence, and simple but dynamic loving.

Jesus is the shepherd who guides us safely through the gateway of freedom - the freedom to serve, to love, to proclaim, to give life, to build peace, to create community: the freedom of God!

And he calls, you and me, to be shepherds with his heart to one another, to be life-givers, love-bearers and freedom makers! Will you be His kind of Shepherd, His kind of Love, His kind of Life?

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS - STREAMED LIVE ON FACE BOOK at 10am  
Stations of Creation streamed on Facebook at 3.00pm

**MONDAY:** *Feast of the English Martyrs (42 canonised and 242 beatified) (16/17th cent)*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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**WEDNESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

**THURSDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

**FRIDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

**SATURDAY:** Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** by appointment only

**TODAY** [1] The **Fourth Sunday of Easter** is '**Good Shepherd Sunday**', celebrating Jesus the gateway to New Life, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, for whom He lays down his life that we might have 'life in all its fulness'. He walks with us through the 'Valley of Darkness' that grips the world in pandemic at this time. In our isolation He is the One who faithfully remains with us no matter what! Let us open our hearts to Him ('heart speaking unto heart') that he might encourage us, even carry us through this challenging time.

[2] We pray on this **Vocations Sunday** for a deeper sense of God's calling in our lives - whatever that calling might be. In the days of pandemic we are recognising the sense of calling so many have in their professions - the sacrifices they make in order to serve the sick, the poor, the good and well-being of society and its proper functioning. The Church needs more priests to bring an end to the 'Eucharistic famine' that so many of our sisters and brothers have endured for decades! But the Church also needs to hear what the Spirit is saying to us today - and let go of all legalism and traditionalism and find new ways of expressing ordained ministry - for God is calling married people, both men and women to serve the Eucharistic community in this way. God always 'listens to the cries of the poor' - may the Church also hear the cries of the Eucharistic poor and so call to ordination those who God has chosen.

[3] **Stations of Creation (based on St Francis 'Canticle of the Creatures' and Pope Francis's Encyclical 'Laudato Si'** at 3.00pm - live streamed on the Parish Facebook page.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] With the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we celebrate Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life - the authentic face of the Father and His love - for Jesus and the Father are one. And this Way of Christ is the Way of the Servant, caring for the vulnerable, empowering and raising them up and challenging all who oppress them. This is the meaning of the appointment of the Seven Deacons. So in the words of Peter, let us 'set ourselves close to Jesus', the living stone rejected by men but the key to humanity's and creation's salvation.

[2] **The Stations of the Resurrection will be live-streamed at 3.00pm**

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with St Joseph, Lavington, Wiltshire, served by Fr Paul Gonsalves MSFS, Deacon David Wakefield, and both their communities

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon **all who serve as members of the Parish Pastoral Council**. Elected by you our parish family, this is the main decision-making body in the life of our parish community, exercising a discernment and a leadership role. As such we believe the Church is called to be more than a democracy, not less than a democracy! We seek to build our parish as a 'communion for mission', a community where all voices are important to be heard, a 'communion of communities', of many cultures and ethnicities and identities seeking to live in harmony, mutual respect and shared Mission to our world.

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**WORD OF GOD FOR FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 36-41 / Psalm 22 / 1 Peter 2: 20-25 / John 10: 1-10 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 11: 1-18 / Psalm 41 / John 10: 11-18                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-26 / Psalm 86 / John 10: 22-30                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Acts of the Apostles 12: 24-13: 5 / Psalm 66 / John 12: 44-50                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Acts of the Apostles 13: 13-25 / Psalm 88 / John 13: 16-20                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Acts of the Apostles 13: 26-33 / Psalm 2 / John 14: 1-6                         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Acts of the Apostles 13: 44-52 / Psalm 97 / John 14: 7-14                       |

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £100 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £190.58 - PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FVOUR OF THE PARISH- WE ARE NOT ABLE YET TO NOTIFY YOU OF THE SUM GIVEN AS OFFERTORY BUT WILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office) - we are supporting so many people as those unemployment are increasing in at this time. THANK TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD BANK WITH DONATIONS OF FOOD OR MONEY.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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| 6th May   | Safeguarding Commission Meeting via Microsoft Team            |
| 20th May  | Funeral Service for Jim Sorhaindo RIP                         |
| 21st May  | <b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>                     |
| 31st May  | <b>FEAST OF PENTECOST - BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH</b>            |
| 7th June  | <b>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>                         |
| 14th June | <b>FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ</b> |
| 19th June | <b>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>                     |

**SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP AND LITURGY** The Conference of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have taken certain, measures to support the efforts to limit and delay the spread of the COVID-19 for the sake of Public Health.

[1] Mass and other services are to be celebrated privately, without a congregation. ***We are arranging for Sunday and weekday Mass to be live streamed on the Parish Face Book***

[2] The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be celebrated by appointment

[3] All are encouraged to take part in Mass through the internet (**daily Mass broadcast from St Nicks daily**) and make a 'spiritual communion'

[4] Hold the Sunday Holy by prayer and reflecting upon the Scriptures of the Day (**made available on our Parish Website**) - the Rosary or the 'Prayer of the Church' recommended

[5] Baptisms to be deferred (except for extreme pastoral need) until Public Worship resumes, and celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation likewise postponed.

[6] Weddings also to be postponed until gatherings are resumed.

[7] Funerals to take place only at Crematorium or graveside with immediate family, with Memorial Mass postponed until public gatherings resume.

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES** [1] **The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 10am-12noon** so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-909-8810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

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[2] **The Parish Office and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will co-ordinate care and support** for those who are in isolation or are vulnerable in any way. Volunteers to help from those able to do so are very welcome. We must care for one another as well as pray for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support (telephone no above)

[3] Apologies, but a word about **Parish Finance!** We are experiencing a marked increase of calls on our Caritas Fund and Foodbank as the health crisis increases and many more people find themselves with little or no income. We are committed to meet this need as far as we possibly can – as Pope Francis says ‘we are the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor’. But we need your continued help and generosity! We are dependent upon our weekly collections but if no Public Mass there is problem! We ask you to continue your weekly offering: either by making a standing order to the parish account or filling in the Diocesan Standing Order and Gift Aid Form (email for details); or by giving you money offering and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Sunday 3rd May - Day of Prayer for Vocations** We are asked to pray for deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and serve the Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace; each of us is called to care for our environment and seek to heal the abuse of our good Earth so that future generations will be able to thrive on this planet. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are necessary to the mission of God's Church. We seek especially to call members of our community to the Permanent Diaconate, preparing for a future without a resident priest. Pray also for new expressions of ordained ministry!

**'LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16-24th May** The global Catholic family will pray together for a more just and sustainable world on Sunday, 24 May, the final day in Laudato Si' Week. During this moment of crisis, our faith guides us. Throughout the week of 16 to 24 May, Catholics everywhere will unite in solidarity to reflect on and build a better future. At noon local time on 24 May, the last day in Laudato Si' Week, we unite in prayer to lift up the gift of our faith to the world. Together, we'll create a worldwide wave of prayer, as people in each time zone around the globe pray together. Imagine the power of a unified prayer for a more just and sustainable world. Join us and register for 'Laudato Si' Week and receive a link to the prayer card we'll use on 24 May. As people everywhere urgently search for hope, we're coming together as Catholic sisters and brothers to fortify our spirits and our resolve. Everything is connected, and a more just and sustainable world needs each and every one of us. Our faith is more than a source of strength in challenging times. It's a guide to the future we're building together.

**A PRAYER FOR ALL CREATION:**

**In the Risen Christ all creation rises to new life.**

**From the moment when your tomb, O Christ, was found,  
there began the time in which the whole of creation sings your name**

**“which is above every other name” and awaits your final return in glory.**

**During this time, between Easter and the coming of your everlasting Kingdom,  
a time like the travail of giving birth (cf. Rom 8:22),**

**sustain us in our dedication to building a more human world,  
a world soothed by the balm of your Love.**

**Paschal Victim offered for the salvation of the world,**

**grant that this commitment of ours will not falter, even when weariness slows our steps.**

**You, victorious King, grant to us and to the world eternal salvation!**

***(Pope John Paul II)***

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