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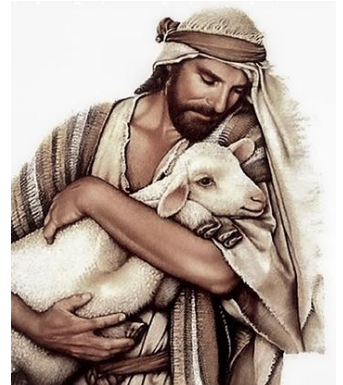
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– 29th /30th APRIL 2023 A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Parishioners,

Over the coming Sundays we will hear the 'I am' words of Jesus: "*I am the Good Shepherd; I am the gate of the sheepfold; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; I am in the Father and the Father is in me; I am going to the Father; I am the bread of life.*"

All the statements give us a deeper understanding of whom Jesus is for us. By declaring that he is the Good Shepherd also is indicating his leadership, his concern, and his care and protection of us, just as a shepherd looks after his sheep.



By reminding us that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life, he is telling us that He is the One to follow; that he reveals the truth about God and gives us life here and now. He is the one that promises us Eternal Life too.

This image of the Good Shepherd is a powerful image and an inspiration for all to follow. It is especially true of those whom the Lord may be calling to serve the people of God as Priest, Missionary, Religious Sister or Brother.

Young people and maybe not so young, wish to serve others. We see it in nursing, teaching, youth work, and some of this energy and commitment needs to be channelled into service within the Church Community. Hence we pray for Vocation to the priesthood and religious life but also for marriage and parenting. Marriage is not an easy option. When parents are generous, their children will be generous. The self-sacrificing of parents will inspire generous young people too.

Self-sacrificing in Church leaders, priests and religious will inspire new young heroes. We have to be inspired and courageous enough to dream God's dream for us and not get trapped in our own cosy comfort zone. This Good Shepherd Sunday is not just about recruitment but also about promoting outgoing communities that allow our young people to answer God's call to serve in different aspects of the needs within our parish communities.

One final word. Who is going to replace me when I retire in July? Plans no doubt are in hand. I understand there are 13 priests retiring in these coming months. You need to pray earnestly for our parish community – like never before! Is there anybody out there, willing to step up?

CORONATION: In a few days' time we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. We pray for our new monarch and all the Royal Family. On Friday, we will offer Mass with all those intentions in mind. The crowning ceremony has its origin in scripture which tell of rulers being crowned as leaders of the people, like King David, for example. We pray that all the celebration will be joyful and meaningful. (*Prayer Cards are available*).

Have a blessed week,
Fr Joe

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity
which people have found most helpful.

Please contact the Parish Office

westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

***We also welcome parishioners and newcomers
on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass***

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel or the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 6th May 2023

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of
Baptism.

Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church.

Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel.

FRIDAY 5TH OF MAY, 9.15am

MASS FOR HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III ON HIS CORONATION

The Opening Prayer sums up our prayer:

O God, to whom every human power is
subject, grant to your servant our sovereign
Charles success in the exercise of his high
office, so that, always revering you and
striving to please you, he may constantly
secure and preserve for the people entrusted
to his care the freedom that comes from civil
peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...



LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!
Next session **2nd May, 2023**

FUND-RAISING CAKE SALE and RAFFLE

Kate is having a cake sale and raffle Sunday 30th April to help raise fund for her daughter, to attend the School Choir Festival in Germany from 5th July to 15th July. Thank you for your support.

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P
4DF from 12.30-1.30pm
Monday 15th May 2023

WALKING THE CAMINO FOR HORNSEY FOOD BANK

Anne Lamont is walking 100km of the Camino de Santiago to support the work of Hornsey Food Bank. If you would like to sponsor her, please donate through this link:
<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walking-the-camino-for-hornsey-food-bank/>

PLANNING GIVING & GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2023-2024 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

There are a few Offertory Envelop box sets still to be collected by some parishioners.

On collection of your envelopes, please give an update of change of address or whether or not you pay tax. New members are welcome to join the Gift Aid - Planned Giving Scheme – register at the back of the church.

If you no longer pay tax please contact Germaine. Thank You!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Many of our young parishioners will receive for first time the sacrament of Holy Communion on the

6TH & 13th of May.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers!!

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **five** men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

STOP DESTROYING OUR COMMUNITY END THE LTNS NOW – NEXT PROTEST MONDAY 15th MAY 2023

Meet at Downhills Park Entrance at 5:45pm leave at 6pm walk along West Green Road to a 7:30pm Full Council Meeting.
Location to be confirmed. #notoharingeyltns



PARISH FUNDRAISING SPONSORED WALK & PICNIC

**Sunday, 14TH May 2023
12:30pm - 4:30pm**

Downhills Recreational Grounds

We invite all parishioners to come and join us in this fundraising event. You can show your support by sponsoring someone, doing the walk yourself, or to come for the picnic. Sponsor forms are available from the back of the church after all weekend Masses. The event is open to all families and individuals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of

Mary Josephine Sullivan, RIP

Funeral Service at Enfield Crematorium

Tuesday 9th May at 11:00am

We remember her family and friends in our
prayers.

May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Mary Josephine Sullivan

Januario Pereira Batista [*Edla's uncle*]

Kathleen McKernan

Eric D'Olive [*brother of Monique*]

Bernadette Stapleton [*mother of
Katherine*]

Ernest Carrott Snr [*father of Ernest Jnr*]

RIP Anniversary

Kathleen Lyons

Anita Awele Isana

Ferenc Szoke

Jeremiah Maher

Special Intentions:

Kathleen Murphy

Sr Angelica

Maryse & Pierrot Bayram –
[Golden Anniversary]

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays after Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5-5:30pm

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela

Ann

Eduardo

Helen

Ivy

John T

Kathy F

Kim

Laura

Lenora

Merle

Michael J

Monica

Patricia

Pantaleone

Phil

Pierina

Rose

Sheila

Veronica

Yollie

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th SUNDAY of EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 32

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

**Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk**

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*