

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and next Sunday our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Project Collection (Help@Home) will be taken this weekend. Please give generously as usual. Thank you for generosity.

Parish Easter outing for our young people was a huge success, thank you to all who supported.

Parish Quiz night is back on in the meeting room on the **5th of May from 7.45pm.**

100 Club May draw: subscriptions are due in at church by this weekend at the latest. The next draw is on **Friday 5th May after the 1st Friday Mass.** New Members Welcome!

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

Christian Stewardship: 23rd April 2023 Envelopes: £186 Loose: £548.02 Contactless: £30.00. Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,383.39 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

April Diary

Saturday 29th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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STRANGER	PARABLE	PASTURE
STEAL	KILL	LIFE



Food For Thought

John 11:25-26:

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



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+ 4th Sunday of Easter Year A
 30th April 2023



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Career shepherds and the straying sheep

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations to the various ministries in the Church. The priesthood of old lost the efficacy to mediate between God and man. God therefore promised that He Himself was going to be the shepherd of his people (Ezekiel 34:15-16) and swore to establish a new priesthood (Ps. 110:4). These promises were fulfilled in Jesus who declared himself to be the Good Shepherd who has come that his flock may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10). There were two kinds of shepherds at the time. There was the hired or 'career' shepherd who keeps the sheep as the available job and moved from flock to flock depending on the conditions of service. He would not risk his life for the flock. On the contrary, there was the shepherd who owns the flock. He grows up with the flock and stays with the same flock all his life. He knows every sheep in the flock individually and could tell their personal story. He attends to their individual needs. He would risk his life and fight to defend his flock when they are attacked. This is the Good Shepherd which Christ modelled and which the leaders of God's people are called to model. Jesus lamented that the harvest is rich but the labourers are few; indeed many souls are languishing today in dire need of good shepherds. Sadly, we are all too familiar today with 'career' shepherds who are more interested in their own comfort than in the spiritual advancement of their flock. Yet, narrowing the term "vocation" only to those who feel called to the priesthood or religious life is mistaken. Every baptised person has a 'vocation'. Everyone is called by God to play a specific role in the Christian community and in the wider society. Unfortunately, most people decide first on their 'career' before asking how they can be a good Christian. It is absolutely basic for us to ask ourselves at all times, "What does God want me to be? What are my particular gifts? How can I offer these gifts in service to the wider community and to my own Christian community?" If I live my life as a morally good person, keeping the Commandments, saying my prayers and 'fulfilling my religious obligations' but do not play an active and constructive part in my community, I am not really a Christian in the proper sense.

Mass Times & Intentions 30th April – 6th May 2023

Sat 29th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Richard & Anne Doyle, Eileen Sullivan, Mary Roughneen, Katherine McConville (RIP), Denis Fitzgerald (ANN), Carmel Johnson (Birthday), Carmel Cannon (INT)

Sun 30th 9:00am: Martin McDonagh (30th) (ANN), Amen Ekhtator, Essien-Oku family (INT)

11:30am: Bridie McDaid, Mary Roughneen, John McPhillips, Katherine McConville, Fabiana Adetoun Ayinke Adu, Fr Aodh, Assunta Turin (RIP), June Gray, Michelle Carr (INT)

6:30pm: Josie O'Neill, Michael O'Neill, Nigel Scully, Les Rawlings (ANN), Maureen Hannaghan, Sam Haslam (INT)

Mon 1st St Joseph the Worker 12 noon: Amen Ekhtator (INT)

Tue 2nd St Athanasius 12 noon: Thomas Fitzgerald, Ivy Coelho (RIP), Catherine & John O'Connor (ANN), Coelho family, Sewell family (INT)

Wed 3rd Sts Philip & James 12 noon: Pauline Walsh (RIP), Ann Casey (INT)

Thur 4th The English Martyrs 12 noon: Tony Mackey (ANN), Stephen Etukudoh (Birthday) (INT)

Fri 5th 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction*

Sat 6th 12 noon: **Priests and People of the Parish**



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed.

6.30pm Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

R. **The Lord is my Shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.**

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,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults and his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus said to the Jews: "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, Kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Ann Heekin
Ann Waldron
Joseph Baffoe
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

June Gray
Olga Monpeke
June G./Joyce M
Roxanne

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years.
The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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