

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and 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 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**Fr Aodh's Memorial Mass** will be held on Saturday the **28th of May at 2pm** here in our parish. May his soul and the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

**First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates:** May 8th, 15th, Jun. 5th, 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 11.30am Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

**Funeral Mass:** Donal Murphy of Junction Road who had strong ties with our parish has died and will be buried on the 12th of May in St Joseph parish, Highgate hill at 11.30am. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light on him, may he rest in peace.

**Pentecost Sunday 5th June:** We shall have our inter-cultural mass at **11.30am** that celebrates the richness of our cultural diversity. We aim to have element of every culture reflected in the mass. e.g. a word of welcome from a representative of some language groups in the parish at the beginning of the mass, as always the second reading will be in Gaelic, Irish (an English translation will be provided), the Duo (Jasmine & Iwona) and the Seraphs (11.30am) choir will be singing. The bidding prayers will be rendered in different languages. Offertory procession as done by many of our parish communities. The mass will be followed by a mini celebration in the parish car park with some of our usual features. Parishioners are encouraged to bring in diverse cultural dishes for sharing. Please kindly speak with the parish office for any further clarifications.

- **Planning:** We need hands for the many logistics including cleaning and setting up of **both the church and the Parish Car park**, serving food and drinks, and tidying up at the end. Please speak to Joe Ogbonna 07947643252 or the Parish Office. **The preparatory meeting for this event will be held at 7pm on Tuesday the 17th of May while the rehearsals will be held on Thursday the 2nd of June.** All who have ideas to share are invited at these meetings.

**Christian Stewardship:** (1st May 2022) **Envelopes:** £182 **Loose:** £321.34 **Contactless:** £139.63 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

## May Diary

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm: **Parish Finance Committee Meeting** in the Meeting room.

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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



On his very first day of work, a new employee dials the pantry and shouts into the phone, "Get me a coffee, quickly!" It turns out that he dialled the wrong number. The voice from the other side responded: "You fool! You've dialled the wrong extension! Do you know who you're talking to, dumb?" "No," replied the employee. "It's the CEO of the company, you fool!" The employee pauses for a moment to think about an appropriate response. Then, he shouts back, "And do you know who YOU are talking to, you fool?!" "No," replied the CEO indignantly. "Good!" replied the employee, and puts down the phone.



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+ 4th Sunday of Easter Year C  
8th May 2022



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

### Reflection for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter year C

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter and we celebrate the feast of Christ, our good shepherd who willingly laid down his life for his flock. We celebrate our shepherd because, he loves and cares for us in all circumstances. He is willing to lead all who follow and obey him to the spring of eternal life. Today's gospel bears a very powerful message for all of us who according to the psalmist are: "The sheep of God's flock." Naturally, we know that rights go with duties. So, this reading notifies us of our duty as Christ's flock: "The sheep that belongs to me listens to my voice and they follow me." On the other hand, it also specifies the responsibility of Christ, the Good shepherd towards us: "I give them eternal life, they will not be lost under my protection, and no one will ever steal them from me." Hence, if we heed the voice of Christ, we are assured of his love, care, and protection. Jesus the shepherd knows his sheep and they are attuned to his voice. He protects them and gives them "eternal life" and "no one can take them out of [Jesus'] hand." Because of Jesus' intense love for his people, they even share in the bond of love between Jesus and his father. The Johannine Jesus will make that same astounding promise in his final discourse with his disciples. Jesus prays "that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us." Jesus concludes his prayer: "I have made known to them your name and I will make it known that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them." But today's readings bring another dimension to the image of the Good Shepherd — one that we need to think about in this strange time when war is raging in Europe, when outbreaks of violence in our own cities seem to be a daily occurrence, and when we struggle with the scars of racism. Both the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the second reading from the Book of Revelation remind us that the spirit of the Gospel extends to all peoples, "from every nation, race, people and tongue," as Revelation proclaims

### Mass Times & Intentions 8th – 14th May 2022

**Sat 7th 6:30pm:** Brendan Nelson, Bridie Murphy, John Stoker, Michael O'Neill, Ellen Murphy, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP)

**Sun 8th 9:00am:** Alan Mullee, Michael Maznic, Martha Cahill (RIP), Karen Brennan, John Brennan (ANN), Theresa & P.J Brennan, Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias, Mary Stephens, (INT)

**6:30pm:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Stella Anakor, Tony Nyambi, Essien-Oku family (INT)

**11.30am:** Francis Keenan, May Buckley, Sonny Hession, Fr Aodh, Donald Murphy, Collette Thomas, Peg Murphy, (RIP), Maureen Cleary (ANN), Ann Greene, Muzey Zeray, Zeray Tesfaldat, Daisy Lapierre, Lilly Farron, Theresa Reilly, Evang. Ebuka Obi (INT)

**Mon 9th: St John of Avila 10:00am:** Muriel & George Roberts, Joan Mehir (RIP), Harry Jones, Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)

**Tue 10th 10:00am:** Rosa Warren (ANN)

**Wed 11th 10:00am:** John & Lucie Thompson (INT)

**Thur 12th Sts Nereus and Achilleus 10:00am:** Spiritans & Marists Communities, Archway

**Fri 13th Our Lady of Fatima 10:00am:** Bertie Parsons (RIP), Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)

**Sat 14th St Matthias 10:00am:** Mary & Peter Hehir (ANN), Bettina Hill (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina 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, Pilar, 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, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert, Rita Atuanya

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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 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. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: "I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth." It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 99)

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

I, John saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me. "These are the people who have been through the great persecution and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

## 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 10:27-30

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

## 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. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## 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. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle Carr	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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