



Ordinate and Parish Church

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st April 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God's love for us is when he allows us to be called his children. We do so only in the name of the Lord Jesus and we can be sure that through him one day we shall see God as he really is in himself.



Good Shepherd Sunday is today, the day we pray for vocations. To what life is God calling you? Married, religious, priestly, single?

Vidi Aquam, (Waters of Life), replaces the Rite of Confession at the Solemn Mass during Eastertide; confession is a renewal of our Baptism.

The Easter Lilies in Church were all in memory of loved ones who through the Resurrection of Jesus are in fact, alive! Their names are on the Altar.

Thank you for your generous Easter Offering. There are some envelopes at the back if you missed the chance.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is this Saturday, 27th April. Sign up today.

NB no 10.30 Mass on Saturday this week

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is 23rd - 30th August 2024. The Archbishop warmly invites you to join him. Details on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk.

The Archbishop sent a Pastoral Message on Assisted Suicide. *Keep informed.*

Priest Training Fund second collection today being Good Shepherd Sunday. There are some info packs at the back of Church.

Mass Intention requests can be made for a particular intention, personal or general, using the Mass Intention envelopes at the back, or on-line.

May is Mary's month, the Rosary Group will lead this traditional devotion before the 11.00 Solemn Mass in May, from 10.40

A note on finances. Thank you to those who, following the appeal, set up standing orders. These can take a while to process, so will be reflected overleaf in the *Last Week*, in due course...hopefully.

London Elects a Mayor, a London Assembly member and a Constituency members for the London Assembly on 2 May. Be aware of the new requirements when you vote; and be sure to vote.





Change a life

Every single person has a vocation, a calling, a dream held for us by God as to who God would have us be and what God would have us do with our lives. When we speak of "praying for vocations" it is somewhat inaccurate. Vocations are freely given by God. What we are really praying for is God's help to find and follow our own particular call.

At this time in our part of the world, the call to a life of service and ministry in the Church is not very popular, for a variety of reasons. It's not so much that God is not calling, so much as people might not be tuned in too well to listening! Another element is that whilst God does the calling, it is up to us to do the informing and inviting; that is telling people about religious life and priesthood – the fulfilment and joy it can bring – and actively invit-

"The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!"

Rome, 13 October 1979
Pope St John Paul II

ing/encouraging them to think about it as a possible choice.

Imagine if, in every parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a possible candidate for religious life/priesthood? Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it for him/her to think and pray about it? What would happen? Only God knows! As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, Mass servers, catechists or members of various committees. God's Kingdom needs people willing to say yes and give their hands, feet and hearts.

God is saying, "Whom shall I send?"

What are you saying in reply?

Pope Francis Message for Vocations Sunday

The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to utter her "fiat" in response to the Lord's call. She is at our side and she guides us. With the generous courage born of faith, Mary sang of the joy of leaving herself behind and entrusting to God the plans she had for her life. Let us turn to her, so that we may be completely open to what God has planned for each one of us, so that we can grow in the desire to go out with tender concern towards others May the Virgin Mary protect and intercede for us all.

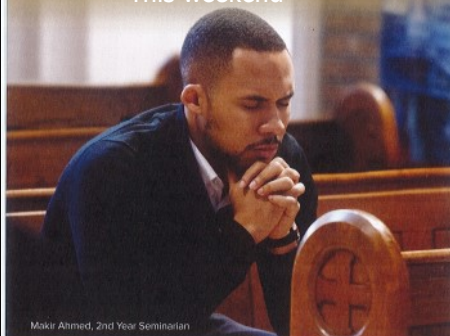


"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

Pope Francis

Priest Training Fund

Good Shepherd Sunday
This weekend



Makir Ahmed, 2nd Year Seminarian

Please support our seminarians with a gift today as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders

alleluia

Want to live a joyful life?

Be a priest



St George for England
and England for the Lord!



Pilgrimage
to
Walsingham

Sat 27 April
led by
Bishop
Philip Moger

Adult £40
Child £10

Sign up on
the website

Alleluia!

Regina Cœli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As He promised has aris'n, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the whole world
through the resurrection of your Son our
Lord Jesus Christ, grant we pray, that
through his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may
come to know the joys of everlasting life,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	TN <i>being received into Full Communion</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 22nd of Eastertide</i>		
<i>Tue 23rd</i> ST GEORGE	13.05	Thanksgiving (AS)
<i>Wed 24th (St Fidelis)</i>	13.05	
<i>Thurs 25th</i> St Mark	13.05	
<i>Fri 26th of Eastertide</i>	13.05	
<i>Sat 27th of Eastertide</i>		
Next Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	John Warnaby <i>priest</i> ✠ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 9:26-31 1John 3:18-24 John 5:1-18

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

† **Mass in the Ordinate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: **£553.17** (*cash £80.48; card £181; standing orders £291.69*) **Thank you!**

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for April 2024: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Sharon

Recently Departed: Bryan Parry, David Standley *priest* Barry Hughes *priest*
John Warnaby *priest*

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