

Sunday 25th April 2021 live simply that others may simply live

Saturday 24th April	10am	Canon Christopher Tugwell RIP
	6pm	Noreen Flaherty RIP
Sunday 25th April	10am	Max Hu-Fouye Birthday
	12 Midday	Marcello and Giovanna's Wedding Anniversary
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 26th April		No Mass
Tuesday 27th April	10am	Eileen Hamilton RIP Foundation Mass
Wednesday 28th April St Peter Chanel	10am	Michael Hoskins Birthday
Thursday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	10am	Ged Naughton RIP
Friday 30th April	10:am	Aurelia Meza RIP
	10:30am to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.45pm (Latin Mass)	J J Naughton Ints
Saturday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	10am	Ferdinand Salvatus RIP
	6pm	Mary Stewart and Family
Sunday 2nd May	10am	Judith Reynoso RIP
	12 Midday	People of the Parish
	5:30 pm	Celine Pinto Ints

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
 Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne ,Peggy Frost, Marlize Gauci, Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Barry Mc Corkall, and Anthony Lydekker.

 Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
 To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
 Sunday's offering was £664.35
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £914.35**

Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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This is a School Voucher Sunday

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM
 Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

Dear Ordinands, this is where the Good Shepherd wishes to lead us! It is here that the priest is called to lead the faithful entrusted to his care: to true life, to life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). Let us therefore return to the Gospel and to the Parable of the Good Shepherd. "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). Jesus insists on this essential trait of the Good Shepherd who is he himself: that of "laying down his life". He repeats it three times and at the end concludes with the words: "for this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father" (Jn 10:17-18).

This is clearly the qualifying feature of the shepherd, just as Jesus interprets it in the first person, in accordance with the will of the Father who sent him. The biblical figure of shepherd-king mainly involves the task of governing, keeping united and guiding the People of God. The whole of this regal role is totally fulfilled in Jesus Christ in the sacrificial dimension, in the offering of life. In a word, it is brought about in the mystery of the Cross, that is, in the supreme act of humility and oblation love. Abbot Theodore the Studite, said: "By the Cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfolds of heaven" (*Discourse on the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of Christ*, PG 99, 699).

The formulas of the Rite for the Ordination of Priests that we are celebrating give us this orientation. For example, among the questions that concern the "commitments of the chosen ones", the later, with a culminating and in a certain way concise character, says: "Are you resolved to consecrate your life to God for the salvation of his people, and to unite yourself more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a perfect sacrifice?". The priest is in fact the one who is uniquely inserted into the mystery of Christ's Sacrifice through a personal union with him, in order to extend his saving mission. This union, which happens in the Sacrament of Orders, seeks to become closer every day through the generous response of the priest himself. This is why, dear Ordinands, in a little while you will answer this question, saying: "I am, with the help of God".

The celebrant then says in the explanatory Rites, at the moment of the anointing with chrism: "The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God". And then in the presentation of the bread and the wine he says: "Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross". It is very obvious that for the priest celebrating Holy Mass every day does not mean carrying out a ritual function but rather fulfilling a mission that involves his life entirely and profoundly in communion with the Risen Christ who continues to realize the redeeming sacrifice in his Church.

This Eucharistic and sacrificial dimension is inseparable from the pastoral dimension and constitutes the nucleus of truth and of the saving power on which the effectiveness of every activity depends. Of course, we are not speaking of effectiveness solely at the psychological or social level, but rather of the vital fruitfulness of God's presence at the profound human level.

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Preaching itself, good works and the actions of various kinds that the Church carries out with her multiple initiatives would lose their salvific fruitfulness were the celebration of Christ's Sacrifice to be lacking. And this is entrusted to ordained priests. Indeed, the priest is called to live in himself what Jesus experienced personally, that is, to give himself without reserve to preaching and to healing man of every evil of body and of spirit, and then, lastly, to sum up everything in the supreme gesture of "laying down his life", for human beings, which finds its sacramental expression in the Eucharist, the perpetual memorial of Jesus' Passover. It is only through this "door" of the Paschal Sacrifice that the men and women of all time can enter eternal life; it is through this "holy way" that they can undertake the exodus that leads them to the "promised land" of true freedom, to the "green pastures" of never ending peace and joy (cf. Jn 10:7,9; Ps 77[76]:14, 20-21; Ps 23[22]:2).

Dear Ordinands, may this word of God illuminate your entire life. And when the burden of the cross becomes heavier, know that this is the most precious time, for you and for the people entrusted to you: by renewing your "I am, with the help of God", you will be cooperating with Christ, the High Priest and Good Shepherd, in tending his sheep — even only one stray sheep, but for which there are great festivities in heaven! May the Virgin Mary, *Salus Populi Romani*, always watch over each one of you and over your journey. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI's Address to newly ordained priests on Good Shepherd Sunday

PARISH NEWS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PARISH HALL—SUNDAY JUNE 20TH

Archbishop John will be visiting the Parish on Sunday 20th June for the 5:30 Mass. The mass will be followed by an opening ceremony for our new hall.

The next Confirmation Class is on Thursday 29th April in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm to 7:30

The next First Holy Communion Class is on Saturday 1st May at 11am

Children's Rosary—Every afternoon in the church at 3:30


New Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event (COVID permitting) and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**.

The starting fee is £40 per hour.

GIFT AID SCHEME
If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.
Please speak to:
John O' Reilly 07977 538671

LEGACIES
 Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will



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NOTICE BOARD

Remaining Second Collection Dates for 2021

25/04/21	Priests Training Fund
02/05/21	St George's Cathedral
16/05/21	Communications Sunday
13/06/21	Catholic Trust for England and Wales
20/06/21	Day For Life
27/06/21	Peter's Pence
11/07/21	Apostleship of the Sea
12/09/21	Catholic Education Service
19/09/21	The Support of Home Mission
24/10/21	MISSIO
14/11/21	Archbishop's Administration Fund
21/11/21	Catholic Youth Work



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—Priest's Training Fund Second Collection

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. This week we take up the second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team.

Please be generous to this appeal today. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the priesthood for our Diocese. There will be a donation envelope available at Mass, which may be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm or by telephone on 0207 960 2504 (office hours Monday—Friday). Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

What is the attitude of the Church towards those people who are divorced and then remarried?

The Church, since she is faithful to her Lord, cannot recognize the union of people who are civilly divorced and remarried. "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." (*Mark 10:11-12*). The Church manifests an attentive solicitude towards such people and encourages them to a life of faith, prayer, works of charity and the Christian education of their children. However, they cannot receive sacramental absolution, take Holy Communion, or exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities as long as their situation, which objectively contravenes God's law, persists.

From The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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