



## 4th Sunday of Easter

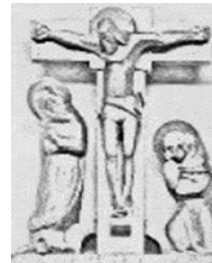
### Mass times, intentions + this week

Sat 20th April	6.00pm	Kathleen Deering (birthday) Charlie McCarroll
Sun 21st April Easter 4	10.30am	Kath Harris Kate Long All breast cancer patients
Monday 22nd April	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	Frank O'Brien <i>HR School are coming to this Mass.</i>
Tues 23rd April St George	9.10am	Jim Short
Wed 24th April	<i>11.30am</i> <i>12 noon</i>	Confessions Funeral Mass: Kathleen Harris
Thurs 25th April St Mark	9.10am	Michael Gerrard Lita + Patrick
Friday 26th April	9.10am	Joan McGowan Paul Dwyer
Sat 27th April	10.30am 12 noon 6.00pm	1st Communion Mass 1st Communion Mass Judith Castilio + Joshua Campbell
Sun 28th April Easter 5	10.30am	Tony Booth Joseph Reddington

**Praying the Parish Mass Book:** The readings are on **Page 265**.

<b>Confessions</b>	Wednesday at 11.30am and by appointment with Fr Philip.
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**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES INVOLVED IN 1ST COMMUNIONS.



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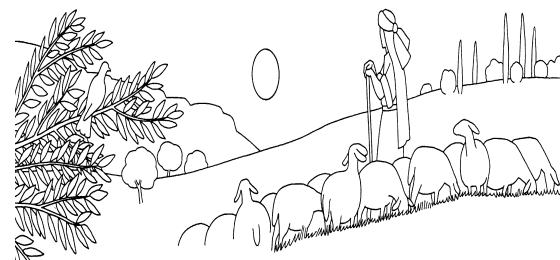
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### 21st April 2024



This Sunday invites us to reflect on Jesus Christ's role as the Good Shepherd, a theme unveiled in the Gospel reading.

This imagery is not just a

metaphor but a deep revelation of Christ's sacrificial love and commitment towards us. Unlike a hired hand who might flee at the first sign of danger, Jesus stands firm, ready to lay down His life for His sheep. This act of ultimate sacrifice is a testament to the depth of His care and concern for us. It's a love that goes beyond duty or obligation. Jesus wants to be our shepherd, guiding us, protecting us, and leading us to pastures of eternal life.

We are invited to contemplate the nature of this sacrifice. It's a voluntary offering from Jesus, not coerced or done grudgingly but out of a boundless love for humanity. He emphasizes that He lays down His life willingly, with the power to take it up again. This authority and voluntary sacrifice underline the divine mission and the profound love Jesus has for us, highlighting His unique role in God's salvific plan.

The second reading from the 1st Letter of John delves into our identity as children of God, loved deeply by the Father. This realization of our divine filiation is a source of hope and strength, assuring us of our value in God's eyes. The world may not recognize this identity because it did not know Him, but this does not diminish the truth of our belonging to God and being the recipients of His immense love.

**What Catholics believe about.....** On Thu 25th Fr Philip will lead a session on what Catholic believe about the Mass at 7.00pm in the Romero Room. Open to everyone but with a special invitation to those adults who would like to become Catholics or make their Holy Communion - all welcome.

**Warm Lunch:** The warm lunches will take place on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. The next one is on Friday 3rd May. Just turn up to the Parish Hall from 12 noon (food usually served at 12.30). All welcome. Warm lunches will continue until the end of May.

**Churches Food Share:** Suggested items: Spices, tinned meats, baby food.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for April:** 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.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** We are hoping to have a course to commission some more Eucharistic Ministers, those who can help at Mass and/or take communion to the housebound and sick. Please let Fr Philip know if you could do this.

The **Parish Hall** will be closed to all users the week beginning Monday 22nd April, to refurbish the toilet and to rebuild walls, put new flooring down and re-tile the bathroom. Many thanks for donations towards the cost.

**Holy Rosary Wednesday Pensioners** are having a trip to Boundary Mill. There is space in the coach if you wish to join them. Tue 14th May - leaving at 0930. Seats cost £15 - ring Bobbie on 07736776416.

**Music at the Cathedral:** During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument. - Eastertide Carol Service, Sunday 21 April, 3pm. Choral Evening Prayer with the Rededication of the Grand Organ followed by the Opening Organ Recital by Martin Baker, Sunday 12 May, 3pm .

**Many thanks** for the anonymous donation from Grand National winnings of £200 towards the painting of the porch.

**Mass on Monday is at 10.30am:** Holy Rosary school will be joining us for Mass as they begin a new term.

**LGBTQ+ Catholics:** The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics will take place on Sunday 28 April at St John Stone, Ainsdale PR8 3RN. There will be Mass at 2.00 pm followed by a social gathering. All are most welcome.

**Introduction to Sight Loss Friendly Churches (SLFC)** Thursday 9 May at 2pm (45 minutes) Registration Link - [https:// us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZcrdQcqpjsqGd0mlgz3tulKQAHmsgq\\_vBDU](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121) This session covers a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of SLFC's services. Come along if you're thinking of signing up your church or if you'd like to refresh your knowledge. You can find out more at [www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk](http://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk)

**An Easter gift for Gaza:** Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of the only Catholic parish in Gaza will be in Liverpool next week. Thank you for your Good Friday collection of £400 plus another £500 and the £60 from the parish bingo night - this is being given to the priest to take back to Gaza with him to provide immediate help.

**An Introduction to Vatican II** - Saturday 27 April at 10am - 3pm: a study day introducing Vatican II. This is an opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vat II for anyone new to the documents. This will be in the Gibberd Room of our Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>

**Parish Mass Books:** There is some confusion about page numbers. This is because we have 2 editions of the current books. Most books match the number in church and on the newsletter - but some are 3/4 pages behind!

Advance Warning: The **Church is being re-carpeted** in the week beginning May 13th. There will be disruption as all the benches have to be moved! The new carpet will go under the benches as well as in the aisles. You will also notice the kneelers are being repaired one by one - the brown hessian is being replaced by much more durable leather.