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## Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

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**Confessions**

**Friday 6-7 PM**

**Saturday after**

**9:30AM Mass**



### UCM

The next UCM meeting will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April after 10AM Mass. If anyone is interested in joining us please do join us as you will be most welcomed or speak to one us after the Masses. For those attending please come with ideas for planning the year ahead. Thank you

The Parish Office will be back open this week from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9:30AM-12:30PM as normal, please pop in to book your mass intentions or for any additional information.

### TRUE DEVOTION TO JESUS AND MARY

You are all welcome to join us at St. Peter's in Leamington as we start again our group for the Warwickshire deanery. The devotion is considered to be a perfect renewal of a person's baptismal promises and is based on the teachings and spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please bring your rosary for our first meeting: Upper Room St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Contact Peter on 01926428399 or Email [rcia.cathleam@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.cathleam@gmail.com)

### Feast of St. George shared table this Sunday

For the Feast of St. George's (23<sup>rd</sup> April) we will have a shared table in Hibbert's Hall for all the parishioners to attend, if you are able to bring food to share, please do so placing it in the Hall before Sunday Morning Mass, we look forward to seeing you all there, regardless if you were able to bring food or not thank you.

Sat 20th April 2024	Easter Feria	9.30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Mary & Pat Doran
Sun 21st April 2024	Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday	10:00AM 18.00PM	Den Harries RIP Francie Coyle
Mon 22nd April 2024	Easter Feria	10.00AM 19:00PM	Terry McSweeney Fr. Bob Bellwood IC
Tue 23rd April 2024	Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England	10.00AM 19.00PM	Kevin Baynes RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 24th April 2024	Easter Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Peggy Commerford RIP Alfredo Valderama RIP
Thurs 25th April 2024	Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maura Bennett RIP Johnny Ward
Fri 26th April 2024	Easter Friday	10.00AM 19.00PM	Jennefer Tobin RIP Thanksgiving for prayers answered
Sat 27th April 2024	Easter Feria	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Fr. Brian Cuddihy IC

## This week's Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

### 'The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep'

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week

There is a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund, which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese.

Welcome to everyone on this Good Shepherd Sunday, which is typically a day of special prayer for priestly and religious vocations. While it is true that everyone has a call to vocation and holiness in life, the Church also needs people with a generous spirit to devote themselves to serving God's people as Church leaders. Pope Francis' image of priests 'with the smell of sheep' shows serving as a Priest in a parish is always a source of joy and fulfilment. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the "good shepherd" who sacrifices His life for the sheep. He, the perfect shepherd, calls all to follow Him. The good shepherd knows his sheep by name; they are well-known and cared for. This teaches us the value of individual attention and acknowledgment. Every person you meet has a name, a story, and a worth that deserves recognition. Whether you are in a position of leadership or a member of a community, remember the value of seeing and appreciating everyone. Jesus also speaks of other sheep that are outside of this fold, whom he must bring along. This highlights the inclusive nature of His mission. As followers of the good shepherd, we are called to embrace diversity and extend our care beyond our familiar boundaries. By accepting the role of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to lead with courage, love unconditionally, and always seek the lost and the least. May our lives, like that of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, leave a legacy of care, sacrifice, and inclusive love. Today, we pray for those whom Christ has called to be Priests, those who participate in this 'shepherding' in the ordained ministry. The Easter season reminds us that the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for the sheep, now calls us to the new life of the Resurrection. We also welcome Fr Michael McCarthy IC, a fellow Rosminian from St. Peter's RC Church in Cardiff, who has returned to the Parish after 20 years, whilst Fr Aji is away. Keeping this message of community let us all gather in Hibberts Hall after Sunday Morning Mass for the shared table to celebrate the feast of St. George. As you look around the congregation today, how many names do you know? How much recognition do we give one another? There are lots of new families and members in the parish so let us take this opportunity on Good Shepherd Sunday to get to know each other, say hello and celebrate the forthcoming Feast of St. George.

### Easter Duty

You may be familiar with the term "Easter Duty" and relate it to the obligation to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. If you already have a habit of regular confession and Communion, you can fulfill the obligation without much effort. If not, please try to attend confessions either on Friday evening 6-7PM or on Saturday morning after the 9:30AM Mass. We have daily masses in the mornings and evenings along with three Sunday Masses.

### Mass for Marriage

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, the Archdiocese would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, on Sat 4 May at 12noon. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by Sunday 21 April via <https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass>

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Margaret Copson, Hugh Kane, Margaret Copeland, Jerzy Borowski, Patricia Kummerlowe, Edward Lweandowski, Mary Carter, Sean Murray, Zezaf Cefai, Louise Richardson, Kathleen Jones, James Sheridan,

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC