



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore*



Parish Newsletter - 20th April 2024
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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

	Sat. 20 th Apr. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Confirmation Mass [People of the parishes.]
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Lisamma Kurian. R.I.P. [A] By Linas
	Sun. 21 st Apr.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Harold & June Norton. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Elizabeth Stanyer R.I.P.

Mon. 22 nd Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Thanksgiving Mass for Dorothy Rose Pemberton.
Tue. 23 rd Apr.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	No Holy Mass
Wed. 24 th Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	No Holy Mass
	3:00 pm		Requiem Mass for Ann Marie Devine
Thur. 25 th Apr.	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Confirmation Mass
Fri. 26 th Apr.	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration
	10:00 am		Elizabeth Stanyer R.I.P.
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration
	6:15 pm		Aedan Price's Intention [Birthday] By A Gowdy Divine Mercy Chaplet

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Sat. 27 th Apr. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Bernard & Catherine Hendrie. R.I.P. [A]
Sun. 28 th Apr.		9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Fr John Bosco. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	George. R.I.P. [A] By Jose

TODAY'S MASS (B)	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
4 th Sunday of Easter 265	7	11/12	74 - 75	24	56

Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's: Confessions are being heard before Holy Mass on Fridays and Saturdays.

Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound on the First Friday of the month. Please contact Fr Amal or Deacon Kevin.

A Prayer For Those Affected By Conflict: God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in areas suffering conflict and war. Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst. God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action. Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair. **Amen**

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PARISH NOTICES

Good Shephard (Vocation) Sunday.

In today's reading we hear proclaimed that Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of His sheep.

All of this is intimately linked with today's second theme. Not only is it Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also "Vocations Sunday" established in 1964 by Pope Paul VI.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to? Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

Confirmation: Some of our children from Holy Redeemer's, Pershore and St Joseph's, Warndon are going to be confirmed by our area bishop Rt. Rev. David Evans at Holy Redeemer this Saturday, 20th April, at 4.00pm Mass and St. Joseph's at special confirmation Masses on Thursday 25th April and Thursday 2nd May at 6 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

1st Holy Communion: Some of our St Joseph's, Warndon children are going to receive 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 20th April & Saturday 27th April at 11.00 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available. If you cannot manage the date allocated to you, please arrange for someone to cover, but make sure that you change the details on the sheet at the back of church.

New Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take your box. If you would like to donate this way, please see Fr Amal.

Missio Red Boxes: From **Missio Red Boxes** we raised £1186.32 in 2023. If you, would like to have a red box to support Missio, please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 (Holy Redeemer) or Fr Amal (St Joseph's). There are some copies of the quarterly magazine at the back of church - please help yourself.

CAFOD. Thank you to those who supported CAFOD during Lent. Your generosity meant that £347.15 was sent to them. A thank you letter is on the "Just One World" board at the back of church


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Invitation to married couples 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, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, on **Saturday 4 May at 12noon** celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by this Sunday, 21 April, at <https://www.vocations.org.uk/>

The Loop System: If you have a hearing aid with a "T" button, you can access the church loop system by switching this on. The system is working. However please note that newer hearing aids, including new NHS hearing aids, do not have this facility. If you can't find a "T" button on your hearing aid then the loop function may not be available on it.

Pershore Food Bank is short of the following items: The food bank continues to look for donations of all types of non-perishable foodstuffs, especially cans of meat, potatoes, cooking sauces and pasta. Please, if you're clearing out a food cupboard and find those tins and packets of food you know you'll never use, it's all very welcome at the food bank provided it is at least three months "in date". Thank you for your support.

Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

 **Ann Marie Devine** who passed away last week. Her Requiem Mass will take place at 3.00pm on Wednesday 24th April at Holy Redeemer's Church, Pershore.

 **Thomas Anthony Gilchrist** who passed away last week. His Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on Monday 29th April at Holy Redeemer's Church, Pershore.

Please keep them in your prayers.

This week 2nd Collection is for the Clergy Training Fund (previously known as the Priests' Training Fund) which exists primarily to support our seminarians – men in formation to be our future priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The CTF also supports the permanent diaconate for our diocese – providing for the training of men who serve as deacons in our parishes. It costs approximately £30 000 a year to support each seminarian. This covers seminary fees, living costs, essential study materials, travel, and pastoral placements.

Newsletter Items: To help the production of our newsletter can you please try to ensure that any items are sent to me by 5pm on the Thursday prior to publication? Thank you.

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The Word this Week

Today Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. This is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

Spiritual Matters

In the Gospel today Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd, because He knew that He was going to suffer and die for everyone. The Lord made the ultimate sacrifice not only for those that love Him, but for all people, including those who deny Him. Jesus can see past outward appearances, success or wealth, into the very hearts of folk. Indeed, He positively searches for an individual's goodness, and their potential to be transformed into someone beautiful and worthy of being called a child of God. The Lord's love is beyond our comprehension, and this is great for us as we know that there is nothing that can ever diminish this. It also means that whatever our future holds we have nothing to fear. So let us bathe in the Lord's limitless love today and pray that we will see the goodness in other people and then simply love them. **(Louise Bowen)**

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Michael Lee, Mark Baker, Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter O'Shea, Lynda Horne, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, and Siobhan Stillwell.** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.

"If people would do for God what they do for the world, what a great number of Christians would go to Heaven!" - **St. John Vianney**

Parish Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are **Rev. M Kevin Gowdy - 01905 731639, Mr. Sinoj Sebastian 07882 754832 & Ann Marie Wallbank 01684 294040.** She can also be contacted at: Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*