

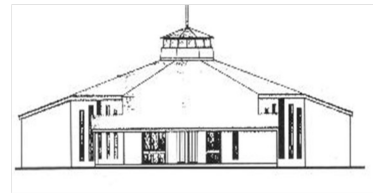
Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 4

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

| Day and Date | Mass Time | Intention | Recently Died |
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| Saturday 20th April <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> | 6.00 pm | <i>Aley Kurian RIP</i> <i>John Gronow RIP</i> | All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week |
| Sunday 21st April <i>4th Sunday Eastertide</i> | 10.30 am | <i>Pam Young & Trish Davies</i> <i>Birthday Blessings</i> | |
| Monday 22nd April <i>4th week Eastertide</i> | 9.30am | <i>Ken Gray RIP</i> <i>Doreen Gilligan RIP</i> | <i>Eternal rest grant unto them</i> <i>O Lord</i> <i>R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen</i> |
| Wednesday 24th April <i>4th week Eastertide</i> | 7.00 pm | <i>Rani and Tinto Sp Intention</i> | |
| Thursday 25th April <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i> | 9.30 am | <i>Donna and Sigi Thanksgiving</i> | Pray for the Sick of the Parish Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen. |
| Friday 26th April <i>4th week Eastertide</i> | 9.30 am | <i>Pam and Salini Thanksgiving</i> | |
| Saturday 27th April <i>4th week Eastertide</i> | 12.00 noon | <i>Yvone Rees Sp Intention</i> <i>Angela Mainwaring Spl Int</i> | |
| Saturday 27th April <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> | 6.00 pm | | |

Sacrament of Confession on Saturdays 11am to 11.50 am. Eucharistic Adoration 30 minutes before on all weekdays Masses.

Good Shepherd Sunday 21st April

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and to support The Priest Training Fund. The P T F supports those preparing for a life in Ministry, helping them through training and ordination. We depend on the generosity of people as there is no public funding for the years spent in seminary and so every pound raised truly matters. So please be generous to support next weekend. Envelops are at the back of the church for you take home. Thanks

Vocations Prayer

**Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself, more faithful to you.**

**Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be.
Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.**

Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may find it. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Name : Gendros Parish
A/C NO: 90264630
Sort Code 55 -61 -20
Last weekend offering: £ 475
Many thanks

Gift Aid Forms

A big thank you to all who signed the Gift Aid forms. Those who signed the forms please pay your Sunday Offerings either online to our parish account weekly - monthly or take our Sunday offering envelop box and kindly let us know the number. If you don't do this we cannot claim your Gift Aid. Once again many thanks for your support, understanding and co operation. God bless.

I am the good shepherd.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep
and calls them each by name.

They listen, they wait for
the sound of his
voice.

We are
so like them.

O Jesus, Shepherd,
we harken to hear you call us.

Hold us in your arms awhile.

Then help us take your unconditional love
—the lay-down-your-life kind of love
that you got from your Father—
and wrap it around us
and into the lives
of all people
every
where



Ministers of the Word

Week beginning 27th / 28th April

Saturday

First Reading Mark
Second Reading Karen
Bidding Prayers Christine

Sunday

First Reading Biya
Second Reading Breanne
Bidding Prayers Delta

Church Cleaning

Week beginning :
29th April—6th May
6th—13th May
20th—27th May

No Clean
Beena & Shiji
No clean

Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)



Are you in years 9-13?

Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young Catholics?

The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together.

July 24th – 28th. The cost £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses, including coach travel and all meals.

"Happiness is not something ready made; it comes from your own actions"

Dalai Lama

Laying Down Your Life - Good Shepherd Sunday

Today's Gospel gives us the heart of Jesus' definition of the most important quality of a good shepherd. He is one who "lays down his life for the sheep." He is one who is willing to suffer, out of love, for those entrusted to his care. He is one who chooses the life of the sheep over his own life. At the heart of this teaching is sacrifice. A shepherd is sacrificial. And being sacrificial is the truest and most accurate definition of love.

Though Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" Who gave His life for us all, we must also daily strive to imitate His sacrificial love for others. We must be Christ, the Good Shepherd, to others every day. And the way we do this is by looking for ways to lay our lives down for others, putting them first, overcoming every selfish tendency, and serving them with our lives.

Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.