

ENTRANCE	784 Praise we our God with joy
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	539 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	804 The King of love my shepherd is
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	951 Shepherd of God - 5 verses
RECESSIONAL	644 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

20th April - 27th April



Date	Time	Intention
Sat 20th	5pm	Patricia Mary Martin (Anniversary)
Sun 14th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Kay Dubrey (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 15th	10am	Carolina Moraes (Birthday Intentions)
Tues 16th	10am	Daniel Antunes (Anniversary)
Wed 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 18th	10am	Claudette RIP
Fri 19th	10am	Teresa Barun (Birthday Anniversary)
Sat 20th	5pm	Domingos Pinheiro (A) & Joao Pinheiro (A)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Mary Hanrahan (Anniversary)
Sacred Heart	Monsignor Roger's Intentions
Our Lady	Fr Allan's Intentions

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		17th May 5:30pm Rehearsal Kensal Rise 18th May 12noon First Communion Mass
	CONFIRMATION 6pm - 7pm Kensal Rise Church	22nd April Chapter 11: Update! - Confession

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year, applications can be made via www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes whether booking for the full package with the diocese from 19th–26th July 2024, or planning to join the pilgrimage directly in Lourdes.

The closing date for all applications is 30th April 2024.

Please note that completion of the form does not automatically mean you will be accepted onto the pilgrimage.

Those unable to complete a booking form online are invited to contact the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173 for assistance.

WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS

Following a fall in church on Palm Sunday, Monsignor Roger has fractured his knee, this means that you will be seeing a little less of him in the next few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

SYNOD & SOCIAL FEEDBACK

Monsignor Roger invites you to join him on Tuesday 7th May at 7:00pm here in the Church to hear about the feedback from the Synodical questions and the recent Social Committee questionnaire. Refreshments will be served in the porch.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

All new Catholics are invited to attend a special Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 May at 6:00pm. Nearer the date, please look on <https://rcdow.org.uk/events/> for further details of a talk beforehand.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm. Homilist: Fr Pius Collins, O. Praem. of the Norbertine Canonry of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st April 2024

PARISH TEAM

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Parish office open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30am - 2:00pm

Sunday Masses: (Sat 5pm)
Sun 8am & 10am

Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am

Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
£593.99

MARCH STANDING ORDERS
£3,169.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME MARCH
£413.50

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The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep
(Jn 10:11-18)

Meditation: Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

Do you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls you to himself?

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Saviour of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be in different to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Saviour he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Cyril of Alexander, a 5th century church father comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd:

"He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defence of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting him to sin, and death following that sin he became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, He laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts.

"He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. Xlviii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this he says to us in another place: Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom (Luke 12:32)."

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

Fr Allan