

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self-sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

God bless, Anam & Jerry

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"For each one of us the Lord has a vocation, that place God wants us to live our lives, but we must seek it."

If at times God makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

Taken from the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Vocations.

Final Thought

"Sometimes it seems like God is difficult to find and impossibly far away. We get so caught up in our small daily duties and irritations that they become the only things that we can focus on. What we forget is that God's love and beauty are all around us, every day, if only we would take the time to look up and see them."

BULLETIN: Please email items, names of recently dead and anniversaries to bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk or post them through the Rectory letter box on Wednesday mornings, clearly marked BULLETIN.

Mass Intentions should be sent to Fr Jerry who offers them when he celebrates Mass privately each day.

If you would like to receive the bulletin each week by email please email

bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk

Fr Jerry's address is 102 Lawrence Street YO10 3EB. Please use the Rectory telephone number 01904 623728 – and Rectory address – 9 Peel Street YO1 9PZ for anything intended for Fr Jerry or St George's church - letters, donations, Mass Intentions etc.



Jesus the Good Shepherd
Catacomb of Callixtus, 3rd Century

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SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021 <> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <> YEAR B <> Office Week 4

Sunday Mass 10.30am; Wednesday Mass 9.30am

Booking essential for all Masses – see following page for details

Mass Intentions: Sunday: The Parish Community;

Wednesday: Hickson and McDonald Families

Masses received: Sr Carisa-Maria's Mum; Daniel F Patten, Margaret Garvey, Mary Scahill,

The most forgotten soul, Hickson and McDonald families, John and Mary Nazareth, St George's SVP

READINGS TODAY: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 9: 26-31; I John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

This Week: Wednesday: 9.30am Mass St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

Thursday: FEAST St Catherine of Siena

Friday: St Pius V, Pope **Saturday:** St Joseph the Worker

If you need Confession please ring Fr Jerry. Confessions will be on First Saturday of the Month 10.30 - 11.30 in church in the sacristy, and at other times on request.

The church is open for private prayer on Saturdays, 10am-noon. To conform to government guidelines please wear a face mask in church.

Some of the children from last year's Holy Communion programme are making their First Holy Communion at Parish Sunday Masses over several weeks.

Fr Jerry has agreed for just one child at each Mass.

*Please pray for all the children: **Fragrance, Dennis, Samand Oliver** who have made their First Communion and for **Ella** making her First Communion today.*

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS:- You can book from the Facebook 'BOOK NOW' button or by using the links shown in the adjacent box, **or you can book by telephone: 07885 134 115.**

You can book a 'bubble' for Mass – 3-5 people from the same household sitting in the same pew.

To find St George's page on YouTube, follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2FMKcf74iHMs4i77H4GA/>

- Here's a link to Canon's weekly message to the parish that is available on the Church's You Tube Channel: <https://youtu.be/T6g-Ri1pE7o>
- Canon also recorded an important update recently on the waiving of the Sunday obligation to attend Mass in lockdown. Click this link to view: <https://youtu.be/WjgizmtMZBw>
- Why not press the 'Subscribe' button whilst on You Tube so as to keep in touch with any new items on St George's You Tube Channel?

Booking links for May

Wednesday 28 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145857211847>

Sunday 2 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151678525553>

Wednesday 5 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151677327971>

Sunday 9 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151679279809>

Wednesday 12 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151677544619>

Sunday 16 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151679741189>

Wednesday 19 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151678134383>

Sunday 23 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151680032059>

Wednesday 26 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151678288845>

Sunday 30 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151680208587>

GIFT AID BOXES: New boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year can be collected from the table at the back of church.

If any parishioner would like to change their method of payment from the envelope system to a Standing Order, they can set it up using online banking or complete a Standing Order form and return it to their bank without the need to complete a new Gift Aid Declaration. Gift Aid donations can be made to the parish's account number 30007447; sort code 20-56-90; account name: Diocese of Middlesbrough.

Thank you for your continued support of the Gift Aid Scheme at St George's.

EASTER SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP: Mondays 7.00pm via Zoom. A group will be meeting online to pray with the Sunday readings until Pentecost. Everyone is welcome, it is an informal group and no experience is necessary. If you would like more information or a link to the Zoom meeting please email:

admin@stgeorgeschurch-york.org.uk

CHURCH VOLUNTEERING: As we emerge slowly from lockdown, I have started to consider how we can re-engage volunteers for the various tasks required to support an active Church community. Please consider whether you are able to volunteer for any areas by completing the attached survey at this link:

<https://forms.gle/Xp9rUpPw2JE3jCDS8>

We will then get in touch with everyone who expresses an interest to discuss what's involved.

Many thanks

Canon Jerry

THE TABLET (*The International Catholic Weekly*) holds regular webinars on a variety of topics of current interest. For details of these and to register for any that interest you see the website: <https://www.thetablet.co.uk>events>

A reminder about the very first Diocesan Caritas Newsletter (*flagged up a few weeks ago*), giving news about various initiatives around our diocese to alleviate poverty and need of various kinds, plus information about aspects of Catholic Social Teaching

It can be read on the Diocese of Middlesbrough website : <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/caritas-middlesbrough-publishes-first-newsletter/> and it is on the parish facebook page.

If you have any information (photos/articles etc.) to share, please send it to the bulletin email address, and it will be passed on.

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SVP

With all the difficulties of Covid, St George's SVP members are maintaining contact (where possible) with their visits and offering food vouchers and financial help at our school. We have a need for new members to help with this important parish work. Please see Steve Holder if you feel you can help. Any emails to the bulletin email address will be passed on to Steve.