



*Newsletter for the Parishes of  
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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 12TH MAY 2019  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Parish Mass Book, page 268; Order of Mass, page 7

Short as it is, there is something very comforting about today's Gospel reading. Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we are reminded of the strong bond and relationship Jesus has with us, His flock. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me,' says Jesus. He knows who we are, and he also knows what we are capable of.

The 1st reading reminds us that we are called to be 'a light for the nations'. We all have our gifts, our strengths and our special calling, and our own unique role to play. Those in particular who seek to live their consecrated vocation in the service of the Church require the constant prayer of the faithful to sustain them.



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Serving the Catholic Community of Golborne, Lowton, Culcheth & Croft.*

## **This Week's News.**

**Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life** and there is a retiring collection after all Masses for The Priests Training Fund.

This Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday presents us with a two-fold challenge and invitation as the people of God. Pope Francis has a vision of an authentic Church meeting the needs of the world, especially the young, where people preach and witness to truth. As part of the family of God, we all need to exemplify the values of our faith, because in a recent exchange with young people who were in discernment for the priesthood and religious life it was discovered that most of them had only felt able to take the first step after the encouragement of friends and fellow parishioners. We are all called to foster and raise up such men and women with the capacity to be good shepherds, not only now but anticipating the needs of our Church into the future. We need their vision and joy, their faith and hope, as they walk with God who challenges them to see the movement of the Spirit in our world.

We pray that they will encounter God calling them beyond their greatest expectations, and that their hearts will be on fire through the celebration of their faith, the sharing of hope, and their living out the example of Jesus Christ.

This year Liverpool Archdiocese will have one ordination to the Priesthood and one ordination to the Diaconate; we also have six other seminarians and one student who will begin his formation in September. Please pray for all of them.

**Vocations Weekend for Young Women** in Liverpool, 24th-26th May.

If you are in your 20s or 30s and wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering whether God is calling them. Contact: [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or [fcjsisters.org](http://fcjsisters.org)

**Tuesday Afternoon Club.** The next meeting of the Afternoon Club is this Tuesday 14th May at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church. All are welcome.

I'm an old man now and I've had a great many problems. Most of them never happened.... Once said Mark Twain.

**This is Mental Health Awareness Week.** More and more people in our community are living with mental health issues, which we could all understand better. There is a Mental Health Awareness conference at LACE with Kathy Devlin, Clinical Manager at the Beacon Counselling Trust and Father Conor Stainton-Pollard this Wednesday 15th May at 1.30-4.30 pm.

To book a place please contact Pastoral Formation on 0151 522 1040, or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

**Animate Youth.** The next "Life and Soul" evening takes place on Tuesday 21st May from 7.00-8.00 pm at St Joseph's, Harpers Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR. This is an evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise, worship, music, spiritual reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Details from: [www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)

**Mercy Associates.** There will be a Retreat Day at Coolock on 1st June which is replacing the May meeting. Non-members are welcome to join the retreat and would need to speak to either Kath Roberts (741472) or Margaret Kirkham (676106)



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community,  
those who have died recently,  
Including Alice Duffy and Graham Leonard  
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

***The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit on  
12th May– 18th May for  
Catherine and William Barrett***



# *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

<i>4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocations Sunday</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>George and Mary Floyd</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Colin Leitch</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Patrick McGoldrick and also Ron Taylor</i>
<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Baptism of Lyla Midge and Lennon Campbell Thorrington</i>	
<i>Monday 13h May Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i>			
<b><i>8.30 am</i></b>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Walsingham Pilgrimage</i>
<i>Tuesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>Wednesday 15th May</i>			
<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Terence Southward</i>
<i>Thursday 16th May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Kevin Neenan</i>
<i>Friday 17th May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Rae Price</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>11.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Funeral Service for Alice Duffy</i>	
<i>Saturday 18h May</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>LISCF</i>
<i>5h Sunday of Easter</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ethel Birkett and also William and Catherine Barrett</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Sean O'Hara</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Stephen Boyce</i>

What do you call a stag with no eyes? No eye-deer.....