

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 3 May 2020

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.”

John 10, 14

EASTERTIDE

St Chad's Cathedral is now
livestreaming Masses:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Masses during Eastertide will continue to be live streamed. All are welcome to participate through the live stream facility.

Times of Masses are:

Sunday at 11.00

Monday to Friday at 12.15

Saturday at 10.00

A WORD ABOUT FINANCES

Some people have expressed some concern about how they are to continue to support the parish. This is a difficult time for many people financially and we would not want this to be a cause of stress for anyone.

For those who have a standing order with the parish, we hope that you will be able to keep it going but fully understand if you feel the need to adjust it.

If you normally put your money into the collection bag then perhaps you could consider putting your weekly amount aside at home until we come out of this lockdown. You could then put the whole amount into the parish in one go. Or keep a tally of how much it would be and write a cheque at the end. We are unable to process cheques just at the moment.

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Secretary, Lis Leddy, together with many parish secretaries has now been furloughed. We look forward to welcoming Lis back in the fullness of time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Dalton, formerly of South View Avenue, died aged 88 years on 30 April. Father Patrick will be conducting a graveside funeral service at Henley Road in the coming weeks. The parish extends its heartfelt sympathy to Barbara's son Malcolm.

The graveside funeral of Mrs. Angela Zito will be celebrated at Henley Road Cemetery on Tuesday 12 May 2020. Father Patrick will conduct this funeral with a limited number of Mrs. Zito's family present. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who mourn Mrs. Zito.

IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A – Matthew): We are acutely aware in this time of unprecedented political, economic and social crisis brought about by the coronavirus which has infiltrated virtually every country in the world how precious and necessary good leadership is. There are different models of political leadership and it is too soon to judge which has been the most effective in this time of crisis: style will be assessed on the basis of long-term results. Leadership has always been a central preoccupation within the Church and if the popes, bishops and priests who were canonized are anything to go by, the most precious and highly esteemed model of leadership is that of the *good shepherd*. The bishop's crook is that of the shepherd, he communicates with his people through *pastoral letters*, the Christian people are often referred to as the *flock* and they look to their bishop, and in particular to their parish priest, as shepherd. Pope Francis urged the bishops to have the smell of their sheep. The good priest lives with his people, he *dwells* among them, he concerns himself with what gives them happiness and promotes their good, they are used to him speaking to them about issues of life, death and wellbeing, and they recognise his voice. All the characteristics which we esteem in our Church leaders, especially in those who are our pastors, are the very qualities which the Hebrews of old ascribed to their God – *the Lord is my shepherd* – and which Jesus ascribed to himself. The risen Jesus is present to us in the Church as good shepherd and today's Gospel highlights in him the qualities which the Church has come to expect of those committed with the pastoral care of God's people.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 12, 14. 36 – 41: The Pentecost address of Peter is at once missionary outreach and call to conversion. It set the tone for Christian proclamation and preaching down the ages. Peter states that Jesus has risen from the dead, having been crucified at the behest of many of those listening to him, yet God had raised Jesus and in the light of the Easter event his audience was challenged to make a choice. Salvation was offered to those who acknowledged their sins and converted their hearts. That message is central to the Church's preaching to this day.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 2, 20 – 25: Peter is writing here to the first generation of Christians. They have been set free, they are not slaves any longer. Despite their recent conversion, some have slipped into error, some have sinned. Jesus carried the burden of our sins on the cross. Errant sheep though we are, the Lord has come to rescue us, he who is the guardian and shepherd of our souls.

Gospel: John 10, 1 – 10: The imagery of sheep and shepherd and the dynamic of their relationship occurs frequently in both OT and NT. It expresses the relationship between leader and people, between teacher and pupils. And by the time John's Gospel was written these recollected words of Jesus would have expressed too the relationship between the Apostles and those called to ministry in the community which composed the early Christian Church.

Masses and Intentions Fourth Week of Eastertide

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop</i>	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki [20 th anniversary Nora Daly, <i>Fr Patrick's mother.</i>]
Fourth Sunday of Eastertide		Year A
Sunday 3 rd May	10.00	Kathleen Maughan
Monday 4 th May <i>The English Martyrs. Feast</i>	09.15	Our Lady and St Anne
Tuesday 5 th May <i>Tuesday of the 4th week of Eastertide</i>	09.15	Klotylda Szyndler
Wednesday 6 th May <i>Wednesday of the 4th week of Eastertide</i>	09.15	Michael Keelan
Thursday 7 th May <i>Thursday of the 4th week of Eastertide</i>	08.00	Pauline Allen
Friday 8 th May <i>Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide</i>	12.30	Patrick Fitzpatrick
Saturday 9 th May <i>Saturday of the 4th week of Eastertide</i>	10.00 (Exposition until 11.00)	Michael Jiggins
Fifth Sunday of Easter		Year A
Sunday 10 th May	10.00	Kate and Michael Cummins