

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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

Jn 10:14

## Rest in Peace

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Phillips who died over the Easter weekend. He was a longstanding member of the parish who served on the altar, worked behind the scenes keeping the church clean and always had a kind word for a newcomer. Paul's funeral will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm.

## TUESDAY TEAS

The Cenacle is now open for a cup of tea/coffee every Tuesday at 9.30am even when there is no Mass. Call in for a chat, bring a friend.

**BIRMINGHAM ARCHDIOCESE** are encouraging us to take urgent steps to live more Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity. As part of these efforts, they are aiming to help every parish in the Archdiocese to register for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. They are asking if we can form a planning group for the parish who would aim to register for the Award, help complete the Parish Action Plan and then ensure that the plan is completed. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Pam Beyts: [pam@sensorydimensions.com](mailto:pam@sensorydimensions.com) 07786627364

## PARISH INCOME

Banked 14-04-22	£ 483.79
Easter wreaths	£ 145.00
Teas/coffees	£ 20.53
CAFOD family fast day[extra]	£ 30.00
Mar Contactless Sun. offering:	£ 430.00
Mar Building Fund:	£ 50.00
Standing Orders:	£ 2955.00

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED UKRAINE

With the blessing of Fr John, £400 of the Easter collection will be donated to the Aid to the Church in Need Ukraine appeal to support their work on the ground.

Please continue to remember Fr Patrick in your prayers.

Many people have been asking but at this stage there have been no further updates.

## EL CAMINO WALK

Margaret is on her way along the 100 kilometre El Camino walk to Santiago de Compostela. If you would like to sponsor her raising funds for Thames Hospice, that would be wonderful. Please click on her just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-thomas9>

However what she needs even more are your prayers. Margaret sends huge thanks for the support so far.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP**  
This is lit this week for:  
**Stephen & Teresita Roberts**

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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

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## Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

Taken from: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

## Mass Intentions for Fourth Week of Eastertide

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year C

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	17.30	Peter Lennon RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Monday of the fourth week of Easter*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Memorial of St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Wednesday of the fourth week of Easter*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Memorial of Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

*Feast of St Matthias, Apostle*

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year C

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	17.30	Intentions of Alan Smith
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Janka Grestiakova - blessings & good health

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.