

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

8th May 2021

4th Sunday of **EASTER** *Good Shepherd Sunday*

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Regular Mass Times

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

Homily notes

The sheep that belong to me, listen to my voice.

Jesus spoke these words while he was in the Temple. The Jews were challenging Jesus. And Jesus responds: *You do not believe, you're no sheep of mine.* However, *the sheep that belong to me, listen to my voice.*

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday. We are in the Easter Season. We celebrate that Jesus, the Lamb of God, who gave himself for us on the cross, has become our Shepherd. He is alive, and lives in our hearts and in the heart of the community. He has become our Shepherd; he wishes to lead us.

Over and over again Pope Francis reminds us, that we are a synodal Church, we are together on the road, and we need to listen to the Good Shepherd, Jesus, who speaks to us through each other and through the events of our community and through world events.

Today is also Vocation Sunday. All the baptized have a vocation, all are called to holiness, and to find their place in the Church and in the world according to God's plan. In order to hear God's call, we need to listen. And to listen well, we need silence, outer silence and inner silence. The Good Shepherd speaks in the silence of our hearts; and also, through people around us, and through the events of our lives.

Today, we pray in the first place for the youth, that they may recognize and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and discover what God is calling them to.

We pray also for those of us who are no longer that young, that we may continue to listen to the Good Shepherd, who never stops calling, but invites us to move forward and be of service.

Ferdinand



Mass Intentions

Sat 07: Tony Keatley
Sun 08: Edith Tirney
Mon 09: Brian Noon,
Tue 10: Mike Hogan
Wed 11: Frank Silker
Thu 12: Vera Cartledge
Fri 13: Betty Carden
Sat 14: May Fleetwood
Sun 15: Craig Dixon

THINK VOCATION

We are spoilt, this Sunday, for choice of a subject for reflection.

Today is, in the Universal Church,

both "**Good Shepherd Sunday**" and "**Vocations Sunday**". It is also the day of the **First Holy Communion** of 14 pupils of SVP Primary School. We could also mention the political situation of this country, the crisis of war in many countries and the threatening economic situation everywhere! Which of these needs most our attention?

Well, the children's first Communion and the invitation to the celebrations for Bishop Tom's Golden Jubilee of his ordination lead me to think of VOCATION.

By coming to the Eucharistic table and participating fully for the first time in the Eucharist, the children are fulfilling the vocation they each received at their baptism. They enter further into the Body of Christ, the Community of Disciples, and they draw closer to God. We have all received this CALL from God. Bishop Tom received his Call and has lived it faithfully for 50 years or more. But he is not alone. Like the children, like Bishop Tom, we are all called to live close to Christ and to fulfil the vocation we have received with our baptism; the CALL to MARRY, the CALL to SERVE, the CALL to WITNESS, the CALL to TEACH, to CAMPAIGN for JUSTICE, to SEEK PEACE for everyone.

We cannot say 'yes' to our baptism and ignore our vocation. Nor can we approach the Eucharistic Table for the first time and pretend that this is not another opening to God's love and to our response to God's call. If we do so pretend, we are only kidding ourselves and our rejoicing is dishonest.

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist are the sacraments of LIFE in GOD, and this life in God compels us to respond to God's call to all Disciples to do what we can to bring about God's Kingdom, here, today, in this troubled and fragile world. "*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening*" 1Sam 3:10.

Terry

Parish Notice Board



CONGRATULATIONS

to the 14 children of SVP Catholic Primary School and their families on this special occasion of their First Holy Communion. We pray that this day will be the first of many and will lead on to an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

New Catholic Newspaper, the Catholic Post,

is available at the back of the church. This will be a monthly publication. This week it is free but subsequent editions will need a small contribution. Details given inside the paper.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED!

Please note: that Frs Ferdinand and Terry will both be attending the General Chapter of the Missionaries of Africa in Rome. They will be absent from the parish from the 9th May to the 20th June. *Please remember them in your prayers.* Cardinal Michael and Fr Charles will be at your disposition for any needs. There are no changes to normal Mass times.



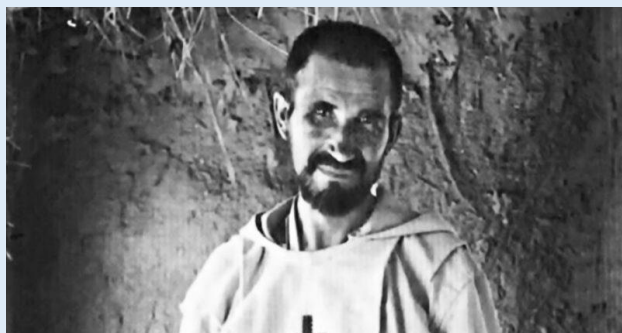
Invitation

To the GOLDEN JUBILEE of the priestly ordination of **Bishop Tom Williams**

Mass at:

St. Anthony's Church, Scotland Rd,
27th May at 7pm

Cathedral of Christ the King, 11am
Sunday 29 May. *All are welcome*



Conversations with Charles de Foucauld

His life and spiritual legacy for the Church and our world today on the occasion of his canonisation in Rome May 15th 2022

Sessions to be held live by zoom, recorded and then posted on You Tube.

Session 1: Sunday May 1st. 2pm – 3.30pm

“Life and Spirituality of Charles”

Session 2: Sunday May 8th. 2pm – 3.30

“Where and how does St. Charles call us today?”

Session 3: Sunday May 22nd. 2pm – 3.30pm

“The Church in Algeria and particularly in the Sahara”

For further information and to register for zoom contact Moira Potier at

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Words of Pope Francis this morning, Friday 6 May

For a Christian today it is not possible, it is impracticable, to go alone with one's own denomination. Either we go forward together, all denominations in a spirit of fraternity, or we don't go forward at all.

Lottery Results for Draw on 1st May

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Jackpot £1000

Offerings on 1st May

Envelopes £20.00

Plate £85.59

Thank you

This Weekend, you are invited to contribute to the Priests' Training Fund by the 2nd Collection

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Christopher BROWNE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Mary LAMB, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie M^cKENNA, Mary MELODY, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: