

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Counting on The Shepherd** - Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

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!



But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

**Bitesize** - 'When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.' ~ *Author Unknown*



**PARISH PRAYER** - *Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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 Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich: <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
 Daily liturgy website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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### 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2018 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses [ <i>Parish Mass Book p261</i> ]	Intentions
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Margaret Kirk (Sanderson)
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Jack Smith
	People of the Parish

**Music for Sunday Masses** - *Setting: New People's Mass (Gregory Murray), incl. Memorial Acclamation A*

**Entry:** 6pm – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 277 – Easter glory fills the sky ...

**Psalm Response:** (11am sung: *Hymn 258*) – *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone*

**Offertory:** Hymn 806 – *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want ...*

**Recessional:** 11am – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 283 – *The day of resurrection ...*

**Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm - or by request/appointment**

Weekday Masses [4 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter - Psalter Week 4]	Intentions
Mon. 10.00 am	ST GEORGE, Patron of England
Tues. <b>No Mass today</b>	Easter Feria
Weds. 10.00 am	ST MARK, Evangelist
	Fintan, Margaret & Thomas Dunne
Thurs. 10.00 am	Easter Feria
Fri. 10.00 am	Easter Feria
Sat. 10.30 am	Easter Feria
	English (Fdn.)
6.00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER
	Tim Salter (Fdn.)

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass*

The Parish Newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week

**Anniversaries this week:** William Robertson, William Gibbons, Howard Leslie, John Woodhouse, Theo Sandars, Fr. Guy (Vincent) Wace OSB and Timothy Salter. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits** – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII), King’s Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List - Please pray for:** David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins, Andre Kanssen, Joan Wells and Francis Buxton.

**Money Matters** – Thank you for the collection for the maintenance of our parish which amounted £477.16 last weekend. There is a retiring collection this weekend for The Diocesan Priests’ Training Fund.

**130 Club Renewals** – Could all those who have not yet sent their replies in to Marcia, please do so as quickly as possible. Further draws cannot take place until all the renewals are in. Thank you.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

**Thank you** for all your kind wishes with regard to my cataract operation and for your offers of lifts. I am writing this on Wednesday, so it has not happened yet. This is my second one. The first one was done 7/8 years ago and I know that I will have to return to the clinic for a post op inspection. This being the case, Mass times in the coming week may be subject to change. Also, I will not be able to drive till I get the OK from the surgeon.

**Altar Servers' Annual Mass at St, John's Cathedral: Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** - We have a very impressive number of servers here and it would be great if as many as possible could attend the Mass. There will be a B-B-Q in the Cathedral House garden after the Mass.

**Parish Open Meeting – May 2018.** The reports from the various groups are coming in and are being collated. The structure will be the same as before: Midday Prayer, Lunch and Meeting. So far, the only item for the agenda are my opening remarks and the Treasurer’s report. Please submit any items you would like to be discussed to me. There will not be an ‘Any Other Business’ slot at the meeting.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – From 11:00am - Arrivals at the Shrine & Confessions available; at 12:00 noon - Pilgrimage Mass; then at 3:00pm – Procession of Our Lady to The Priory Grounds, followed by Benediction and prayers on the site of the original Holy House; 4:30pm – Depart.

**Newman Lectures 2018** – This year’s lectures continue at UEA’s Julian Study Centre on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm**, with a lecture by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Saints. Parking at UEA is free from 6.00pm. The lectures conclude on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April with Sr. Ann Swailes.

**Inviting ALL Young People in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>:** Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff, including sumo suit wrestling! We are particularly pleased to welcome Gabby and Paige from the TV show *Bad Habits, Holy Orders*. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.

**Diocesan Summer Camp 2018** - This year, the Diocesan Summer Camp will be at Moreton Hall School in Bury St Edmunds. Parishes are being encouraged to support and participate in this very enjoyable annual event for children. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch. Telephone Lorraine Furmedge on 07765 411170 or email: [diocesansummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:diocesansummercamp@gmail.com). Poster & application forms available at back of church.

**Marriage and Family Celebration Mass - Saturday, 16th June 2018, 12 noon**, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email [mflc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc@rcdea.org.uk)

<b><i>In Eastertide, we recite REGINA COELI in place of the ANGELUS:</i></b>	
 <p><b><i>Christ is Risen!</i></b></p>	Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
	For he, whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,
	Has risen as he said, Alleluia.
	Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
	Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
	For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.
	<i>Let us pray:</i> O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.