

Hymn 320

Hail Redeemer. King Divine

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
 Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
 King, whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.

**Angels, saints and nations sing:
 "Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary!"**

King whose name creation thrills,
 Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
 Till in peace each nation rings
 With thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth,
 Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
 Christ the King of glory bright,
 Be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
 Homeward bring the wandering sheep;
 Shelter in one royal fold
 States and kingdoms, new and old.

Hymn 948

Because the Lord is my shepherd

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 I have ev'rything I need.
 He lets me rest in the meadow
 And leads me to the quiet streams.
 He restores my soul and he leads me
 In the paths that are right:

**Lord, you are my shepherd,
 You are my friend.
 I want to follow you always,
 Just to follow my friend.**

And when the road leads to darkness
 I shall walk there unafraid.
 Even when death is close
 I have courage for your help is there.
 You are close beside me with comfort,
 You are guiding my way:

In love you make me a banquet
 For my enemies to see.
 You make me welcome, pouring down
 Honour from your mighty hand;
 And this joy fills me with gladness,
 It is too much to bear:

Your goodness always is with me
 and your mercy I know
 Your loving kindness strengthens me
 Always as I go through life.
 I shall dwell in your presence forever,
 Giving praise to your name

Hymns

Hymn 804

The King of love my shepherd is

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 Whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
 My ransomed soul he leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow
 With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
 But yet in love he sought me,
 And on his shoulder gently laid,
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And O what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house forever.

Hymn 42

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green. He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 Yet will I fear none ill.
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
 In presence of my foes,
 My head thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.
 Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me.
 And in God's house for evermore
 My dwelling-place shall be.

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4 Sunday of Easter Yr B

25 April 2021

St Joseph, the Dream of Vocation

Today, is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. In his annual message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis looks at the life of St Joseph as protector of Vocations, using three images: dreams, service, fidelity.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one "so close to our own human experience". He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.

God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only *have* life if we *give* it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13,19,22). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely.

To be continued ...

Pope Francis.



This was my flock last week.

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Mass Times and other Services.

4th Sunday of Easter

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	24 th April	6:00 pm	Mass	Dan & Berna Boylan
Sunday	25 th April	10:30 am	Mass	David Doyle
Monday	26 th April	NO MASS		
Tuesday	27 th April	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
PUBLIC MASS		10:00 am	Mass	Dan Stephens
Wednesday	28 th April	Mass at Sacred Heart School		
Thursday	29 th April	NO MASS		
Friday	30 th April	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
PUBLIC MASS		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Families

5th Sunday of Easter

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	1 st May	6:00 pm	Mass	Barry Hardman
Sunday	2 nd May			
PUBLIC MASS		10:00 am	Mass	
Live Streamed Mass		11.00am		Dusty Springfield

Offertory Collection: Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Contactless	£ 5.00
Website Offertory	£ 25.00
Total	£ 30.00

Standing Orders for March 2021 £ 4,609.00 Very many thanks.

You can now donate directly from our website!

Please pray for: The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Monica Chiasson,
Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Margaret Evans,
Gill Harrison, Trevor Lewis, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion,
Georgie McArthur, Joan McDonald, Deacon Mike Walker.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died: **Richard Brendon Pusey**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

May they rest in peace

Live Streaming of Mass: to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community to have greater access and participation you can live stream all our services:

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28.
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Entrance antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. .

Gospel acclamation:

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

Mass Intentions

One of the surprising results of the Streamed Masses is the increase in Mass Intentions. This means that if you have a particular date for an intention, please let me know in good time., to ensure that it will be celebrated on that date.

Readers

Thank you for recording the readings at Mass. It has made such a difference. It great to hear your voices, especially those of you who are shielding.

If you would like to join the Reading Team, either by in person or by recording a reading, do let me know.

You would be most welcome.

Please remember in your prayers **Richard Brendon Pusey** who has died.
Lord, grant to our brother peace and joy in your kingdom. May he rest in peace.

Parish News

Change in Mass Time = Public Mass Sunday Morning at 10.00am

From next Sunday, there will be a Public Mass at 10.00am.

This is will be a permanent change until we can open further, later in the year.
Our Live Streamed Mass, which is such a benefit to those who are still shielding or at home, will now take place at 11.00am each week
I would welcome more volunteers to steward at Mass.
If you can help in this vital role, please do get in touch.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

Plan A:

Confirmation with Bishop William Kenney on Saturday 19 June at 6.00pm
The FHC will take place over the weekend of 3/4 July.

Plan B

You are invited to make an appointment to make your FHC and Confirmation, either as a individual family or as a small group, at a date of your choice.

Just get in touch!

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Preparation

If your child is not at Sacred Heart we will begin our preparation over Zoom.
I would like to start shortly,
Do email to enrol, or see our website.

May Collections 2021

Today the Second Collection is for the Clergy Training Fund.

This fund pays for the training of Priests and Deacons across the Archdiocese.

I have produced a Newsletter, with details of how to donate.
This month's is now available

As a parish we are required to have second collections as mandated by the Archdiocese.

Masses and Mass Times during the present Lockdown.

Saturday 24 April. 6.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-24-april-600pm-4-sunday-of-easter-tickets-149678282773>

Saturday 1 May 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-6pm-1-may-2021-4-sunday-of-easter-tickets-151306978245>

Sunday 2 May 10.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-sunday-2-may-2021-10am-tickets-151307102617>

Online Offertory Donation:

You can donate from our website

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7c8fcd90-12e7-4821-9f01-ea998c9cc45c>

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Prayers for a time of Coronavirus.

Spiritual Communion: Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit.

'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen'