

Hymn 960

Guide Me O thou great Redeemer

Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but though art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more

Open now thy crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee

Hymn 846

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will be shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The hymns have been chosen by Georgia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

To repeat

world, have mer-cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

Hymn 938

Soul of my Saviour

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide
Wash me with water, flowing from thy side

Strength and protection may thy passion be
O Blessed Jesus hear and answer me
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from thee

Guard and defend me from the foe malign:
In death's dread moments make me only thine
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Hymn H

And did those feet

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariots of fire!
I will not cease the mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Good Shepherd Sunday: Listening for His Voice

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday. At the heart of today's Gospel is the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd—one who knows His sheep, calls them by name, and lays down His life for them. It is a simple image, yet one that holds profound meaning for our lives as Christians. In a world that is often noisy, fast-paced, and uncertain, the voice of the Shepherd can be difficult to hear. We are surrounded by many competing voices—expectations, anxieties, opinions, distractions.

Yet Jesus tells us clearly:

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

The question for each of us is this: do we recognise His voice?

To know the voice of the Good Shepherd, we must spend time with Him.

Just as sheep come to recognise their shepherd through familiarity and trust, so too we learn to recognise Christ through prayer, through the Scriptures, and through the life of the Church. His voice is not one of confusion or fear, but of peace, truth, and quiet authority. He calls us not as strangers, but as those deeply known and loved.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also traditionally a day when the Church invites us to pray for vocations—especially to the priesthood and religious life. The image of the shepherd reminds us of those who are called to share in Christ's pastoral care in a particular way. Priests are called to be signs of the Good Shepherd in our midst: to guide, to nourish, to forgive, and to lay down their lives in service of the flock.

But vocation is not only about priests and religious. Each of us has a calling. Each of us is invited to listen, to respond, and to follow where the Lord leads. For some, that call may be to marriage and family life; for others, to consecrated life or priesthood; for all, it is a call to holiness. It is important, especially in our parish communities, to create an environment where that call can be heard. This begins in the home. Families are often called the *"domestic church,"* and it is within the family that children first learn to pray, to trust God, and to listen for His voice. A home where faith is lived—through simple prayer, through conversation about God, through love and forgiveness—becomes fertile ground for vocations to grow.

The Good Shepherd does not drive His sheep from behind; He walks ahead of them and invites them to follow.

He does not abandon them when they stray; He seeks them out. He does not love them from a distance; He lays down His life for them. This is the Shepherd we follow. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us take time to listen more attentively for His voice. Let us pray for those whom He is calling, that they may have the courage to respond generously. And let us ask for the grace to trust Him more deeply, knowing that wherever He leads, it is always toward life. May we be a people who recognise His voice, who follow Him with confidence, and who, in our own lives, reflect something of His care to those around us.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Deacon Tenny

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Mass Times and other Services.

4 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	25 th April	6:00 pm	Mass	Fr Dominic McKenna
Sunday	26 th April	8.30 am	Mass	Joan Brown
		10:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday	27 th April	NO MASS		
Tuesday	28 th April	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Meachin Family
Wednesday	29 th April	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Monica Illness
Thursday	30 th April	NO MASS		
Friday	1 st May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

5 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	2 nd May	11.00 am	Holy Hour and Confessions	
		6:00 pm	Mass	Brendan Rafferty
Sunday	3 rd May	8.30 am	Mass	Barbara Head
		10:30 am	Mass	Thanksgiving (MS)

Offertory Collection: Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Contactless	£ 464.00
Website Offertory	£ 25.00
Total	£ 489.00

Standing Orders for March 2026 £ 3,867.00 Very many thanks.

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

Jill Allen, Jaime Alto, Maria J Bagumayan,
Noreen Breadmore, Melene Clifford,
Arthur De Meyer, Linda Heneghan, Evelyn Lochrin,
John McCann, Veronica Willans, Katie Worsfield.

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

Those who have died: **Dennis Segrue, Judith Champ.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: (None)

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.mcn.live/Camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

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 Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation:

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



Mass at Culham Sunday 25 April at 6.30pm

Mass is held in the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm, and at 12.00 noon on Holidays of Obligation.

Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend:

admin@culhamchapeltrust.org

Parish News

Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

Every Thursday
in the Parish Hall.

An opportunity to get to know
your fellow parishioners.
All welcome.

Second Collection QR Code

Clergy
Training
Fund



Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese.

The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online.

Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to follow the Lord's call. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Henley Arts Trail

Bank Holiday Weekend:
2, 3, 4 May

This year our parish hall will be one of the venues for this event: Free entry.

See Poster in the Church

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative David Connolly. He can be contacted at: sg.sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Congratulations and welcome

To Georgia, who will be Baptised, Confirmed and make her First Communion at the 10.30am Mass today. We pray for her as she welcomes Christ into her heart and life.

A message from Archbishop Bernard:

“Dear friends, this weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk.

I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead.

Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes. +Bernard Longley

Henley in Bloom

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at **£ 84.00 each**.

If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets drop a donation through the presbytery door.

Faith Formation: Spirituality and Prayer

Our prayer group will be meeting each week:

Prayer this week will be lead by Deacon Tenny

This Friday 1 May — The Crypt Room — 7.00pm.

Online Offertory Donation:

You can donate from our website

Or use this QR code

