

**First reading** Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** R: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord;

You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

R: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

**Second reading** 1 John 3:1-2

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel** John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**REGINA COELI** (to be said during Eastertide at 12pm - at the end of 11am Mass)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, 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.

**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH**

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

Each year on this Sunday there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd.

To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles & difficulties.

In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and rocky cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders.

It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves.

So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in the other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father.

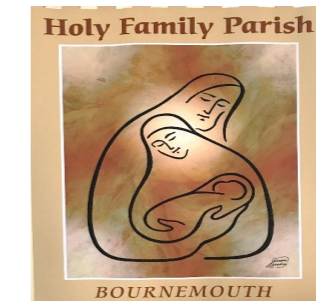
It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep: what would happen to the remainder of the flock?

But it is an expression of his whole-hearted devotion to the sheep, and an assimilation to the case of Jesus.

Henry Wainsborough



Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ



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*Dear Parishioners* Today is the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS!!!  
 It is the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations On this day Holy Father focusses on the theme:  
 "Called to sow seeds of Hope and to build Peace".  
 This week I will be having a Cataract operation and will be out of the parish for two weeks.  
 So we will not have holy mass during the week days, however our Sunday Masses will be taken care of.  
 Thanks to Fr. Tony Pennicott.

We welcome Alinea this weekend, as she will be baptized on next Saturday.

14th April Sunday	Judges 6-7
15th April Monday	Judges 8-9
16th April Tuesday	Judges 10-12
17th April Wednesday	Judges 13-15
18th April Thursday	Judges 16-17
19th April Friday	Judges 18-19
20th April Saturday	Judges 20-21



How can we respond to Pope Francis' Encyclical letter; [Laudato Si'](#), and care for our common home. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love. **The Mossy Carpet** (a 100 meters of knitted Carpet) will be in place from Saturday 18th- Friday 24th May (Laudato Si week) for people to visit and add their contributions. If you cannot go to the Cathedral but want to contribute, please contact [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) and they would guide us through. I feel our knitting group can contribute our mite to this venture of Caritas Plymouth to this Mossy Carpet which is an expression of "Laudato Si" in art-work which will be installed in COP3 in November

**Caritas Diocese of Plymouth** is hosting an event to help us learn how to spot the signs of modern slavery and what we can do about it. We will hear about those who are victims of modern slavery in the UK and get practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. See details on opposite page. All are welcome to Mass at 10.00 beforehand

**Reflection:** *Jesus said "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order to receive it back again. No one takes my life from me. I give it up of my own free will" (Jn 10:17-18).*

In March 1980, Archbishop Romero of San Salvador strongly protested the failure of the government to respect the human rights of the citizens. He realised that the protest might lead to his imprisonment, even death itself. But like Jesus, he was willing to lay down his life for his flock for what he believed to be God's will. On March 24<sup>th</sup> a hired gun assassinated Archbishop Romero as he stood at the altar celebrating the Lord's supper with his flock.

*How willing am I to speak out for what I believe to be God's will?  
 How can I know what God's will is ?*

**"Lord, teach me to be generous.... To fight and not to heed the wounds....  
 To labour and not to ask for rewards, except to know that I am doing your will" (Ignatius Layola)**

*Fr Chacko*

**GIFT AID** The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions, it makes a huge difference. Please complete a form at the back of church and return it to the office.



If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church. You may wish to make an offering via the Parish QR code



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 20	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun 21	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Easter <span style="float:right">World Day of Prayer for Vocations</span>
Mon 22	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues 23	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <span style="float:right">St George- Patron of England</span>
Wed 24			NO MASS
Thur 25			NO MASS <span style="float:right">St Mark the Evangelist</span>
Fri 26			NO MASS
Sat 27			NO MASS
Sun 28	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – 30th April 2024**

This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, during a season of hope and new life. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church.

If you have experienced abuse and would like to speak to someone about this please contact:  
 The Safeguarding Office – 01364 645430 Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm for a confidential conversation.

Safe Spaces - A free and independent support service for anyone who has experienced abuse, however long ago, in relation to the Church of England, the Church in Wales or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Telephone – 0300 303 1056  
 Email: [safespaces@firstlight.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@firstlight.org.uk)  
 website: <https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk>

You can also visit the Safeguarding pages of the diocesan website for contact details of organisations that can help you.



**TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY**

Learn how to spot signs of Modern Slavery and what we can do about it. There will be a speaker from the Medaile Trust.

Tues 30th April 10.30-12.30  
 Church Hall, St Marys, Poole  
 To register, email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or use the QR Code



**POPE'S INTENTIONS for April 2024**

For the role of women  
 Let us pray that the dignity of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.  
[www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP**  
 Monday 22 April 7.15pm - StB Parish Room

**Youth Adventure Residential**

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Buckfast Abbey

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of running this event. It's aimed at those aged 10 – 14. Those that have attended these residentials talk about enjoying meeting other Catholics from across the diocese along with a chance to explore their faith. Many of the friendships have continued to grow since the residential and they seek each other at other events. **The adventures include caving and bushcraft**, with many other challenges and activities threaded throughout the weekend. There is a recommended contribution of £100 to cover costs.

For further information contact, Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) or speak to Michelle

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations 21st April**

For vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; may we be open to God's call.  
 For priests and religious; may their lives bear fruit in plenty

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

*We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass.*  
 If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please take an envelope from the back of church and give to the priest or

**PRAYERS for Fr Chacko** for his operation and a speedy recovery

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Noel Harris, Sheila Shelley Margaret Simpson, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Anna Browne, Frances Smith, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel, Margaret Place, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family

