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Fourth Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

The Good Shepherd and the Hireling

This Sunday is a day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Parish Mass Book: page 265 Prayer of the Church: Week 4

The Scripture Readings

Acts 4:8-12 Peter tells the Jewish leaders that Jesus is the one and only Saviour.

1 John 3:1-2 In his love for us God has made us his children.
In the next life we shall see him as he is.



The Good Shepherd, Catacomb of Priscilla, Rome, 3rd century

John 10:11-18 Unlike the hireling,
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is ready to give his life for his sheep.

Please pray for all those who are sick or anxious,
housebound or in any particular need at this time.

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Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

20th April Saturday of Third Week of Easter

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Mervyn McCartney RIP

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 am Mass for Doreen & Terry Davey's 65th anniversary & Baptism of Emmitt Chambers

22nd April Monday Fourth Week of Easter

10 am Mass Susan Shaw RIP

Tuesday 23rd April St George

Canon Gerard is on a Liturgy Course.

24th April

Wednesday of Fourth Week of Easter

10 am Mass Maggie & David Mills (MC)

10.30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 25th April St Mark

26th April Friday of Fourth Week of Easter

10 am Mass Betty Fellows RIP & Mike

27th April

Saturday of Fourth Week of Easter

6 pm for the Parish

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 am Mass with St Thomas More School children and the baptism of Jasmine Ghosh

Vocations Sunday

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

There will be a collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund. It costs us around £360,000 each year to prepare our current group of seminarians, or £1000 per day. Please give generously to the collection or donate online [here](#). Thank you!

The Tea and Chat Group meet on Thursday 25th April at 2 pm. You are all welcome!

Flores de Mayo

May, the month of Mary, is with us soon. We are blessed here at St Michael's to celebrate the Mother of God with the glorious **Flores de Mayo** for the fourth time. Mass at 10 am on

5th May will be supported by the Havant Filipino Community, joining our musicians, readers and others to enhance our liturgy.

After Mass there is the Procession of the *Reynas* to Our Lady's grotto. You are invited to stay for lunch, bringing a dish if you wish, and sharing good company. Filipino parishioners will be selling raffle tickets.

You are all invited ...

to a short series of presentations at 10 am on Saturday mornings. Canon Gerard will give 45-minute reflections on these themes. Parents of First Holy Communion children will be with us as the children continue their preparation but everybody is most welcome!

20th April **Teach us how to pray ...**

27th April **A guided meditation**

4th May **The art of Easter**

11th May **Catholic Social Teaching**

18th May **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Let us pray!

In our Holy Family Chapel, by the statues of Mary and Joseph, you will find some aids to prayer, brought back for us by Rani, after her recent visit to India. Prayer leaflets invoke the aid of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailkanni, and there are some little relic cards, which you are invited to take.



You will also see, by the Prayer Intention book, some rosaries. You are most welcome to take these and use them for your prayer, especially in readiness for May the month of Mary.

