

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,  
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13)

**May 8th 2022**

**4th Sunday of Easter  
Readings p. 269**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52**

God's salvation in Christ is made known not just to the Jews but to the pagans too.

**Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

John sees a great vision of all those who remained faithful to Christ, living in glory.

**St. John 10:27-30**

Jesus the good shepherd leads us in the way of eternal life.

*"The sheep  
that belong  
to me listen  
to my voice;  
I know them  
and they  
follow me."*



### **Real pastors care for real people**

Jesus was often drawn to use the imagery of shepherds and sheep. Today's gospel considers the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheep he cares for and protects. The imagery is old but the message is topical. It is relevant to us and to the vibrancy and viability of our church. Our relationship with Jesus is a deeply personal one, but it is a force in our life that we are invited to share with others.

In order to gain eternal life, we need to listen to Jesus our Shepherd, and follow him. We attune our minds to the sound of his voice and let him lead us in the path he has shown. Self-centredness can make deafen to the voice of Jesus. The easy option is to wander into rosier

#### **Today's Psalm Psalm 99**

*We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.*

On this Sunday each year the gospel is about Jesus as shepherd. It is designated Vocations Sunday and we pray the the church on earth will not lack shepherds who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

In the words of today's psalm we can detect some of the forms of service to which the Lord calls people. Some are called to proclaim the Lord's message to all the earth. Others give their lives to the ministry of care and thus serve the Lord with gladness.

It is a privilege calling to lead the people in worship, to come before him singing for joy.

The vocation to teach is a noble calling. Christian teachers remind people *the Lord is God, he made us, we belong to him.*

The Lord who called the apostles and sent them out continues to call people in our day, for *he is faithful from age to age.*

May we be the people who listen to his voice, who follow his call and offer our service in gladness.

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday, May 8 2022

**Sun: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.30.am. Vocations

10.30.am. Bob Bell

**Mon: Easter Weekday**

9.30.am. One who is sick (M.A)

**Tues: Easter Weekday**

**9.30.am.** Desmond Gorman

**Wed: Easter Weekday**

9.30.am. John Tickle

**Thurs: Easter Weekday**

9.30.am. Anadar G. Amistad

**Fri: Easter Weekday**

7.00.pm. Rev. Thomas Keeley

**Sun: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Ivanna Yacub

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**Confessions**

At your request

**On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home**

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

**Cemetery**

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

**Mass Intentions received upto 07/05/2022**

One who is Sick(MA); Margaret Dickinson 26/5; Anadar G. Amistad

**We pray for all the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop; Catherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth; and Desmond Gorman.**

Our prayers go to the family and friends of John Tickle to be buried here at 3.pm. following a Requiem at St. Marys, Morecambe on Wednesday May he rest in peace.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

**Friday** May 13th is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917.

**Friday** Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King. On this day pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine.

**National Walk Everywhere** Month May has been designated 'Walk Everywhere Month'. The plan is to get healthy, save money but most importantly, reduce pollution and help improve the environment. Use your iPhone to count your steps and beat yesterday's record.

· Leave the car at home if the supermarket, school or work is only a round walk of twenty minutes.

**Refreshments in the Parish Hall after 10.30.am. Mass**

“He does not believe who does not live according to his belief. (Thomas Fuller)