

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

26th April 2026



Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Acts 2:42-47)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel (John 10:1-10)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and

leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah, Martha de Graft-Johnson, David Wilkinson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs, William Flynn

Among the departed:

David Crowley, Maggie Stevenson, Pat Lytton, Nick Johns, Sue Bloom

Anniversaries of Death: Adrian Earl, Elsie Pearce, Olivier Messaien, Dennis Huntley, James and Katy Maxwell, Constance Elizabeth Wix

In our parish:

We pray for Helmet Row and LSO St Luke's

In the wider world: We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This Week in Church

Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Sung Mass