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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

***This May you are invited to pray the rosary for vocations to the Priesthood..  
For further information on this and much more,  
please see the Diocesan Website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)***

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in May:**

**Anniversaries:** Rosemary Gartland, Laura Hails, Arthur Atkinson, Simon Swales, Joanna Drummond, Mary McConnon, Mary Pelton, Teresa Bainbridge, Tony Murphy, Brenda Miller, Moira Heslop, Desmond McGuire, Eleanor May.

**Helpline:** Please call **251 3770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping. **If you would like to volunteer** to help then please ring this number.

**Fr Martin** will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

**Items for the Newsletter** can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address or in writing delivered to the presbytery.

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:**

*Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your children.*

*We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.*

*Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.*

*Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.*

*We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.*

*We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.*

**Diocesan News**

Each **Thursday at 7.00pm** during the lockdown a Bishop will celebrate a Mass, which will be live streamed, for those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families and for the repose of the souls of the deceased. The schedule is as follows:

7th May Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne Newcastle Cathedral

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terry Draine Middleb'ro Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

**Parish Finances:** Some parishioners have been asking what to do with their weekly envelopes. It is probably best to simply keep these envelopes until the churches re-open. If you prefer, you can always set up a direct debit with the parish, to the following account:  
HSBC

Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady &amp; St Oswin

Account Number: 12011336

Sort code: 40-34-18

**United in Prayer:** Please Join in with the **Praying of the Rosary** in your home each Friday at 9.00am.

**The 'Magnificat' Booklet** is an excellent resource and is available online free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the daily mass readings at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

**Live streaming of Mass** from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches is available via the Internet. Please see the diocesan website.

**Pax Christi Letter to the Government:** You might like to read this for your interest. See below:  
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/search/Pax%20Christi>

**First Reading**

Acts 2:14.36-41

*Here Peter proclaims Jesus as the risen Lord, and urges his hearers to repent and accept baptism.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ. Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, What must we do, brothers? You must repent, Peter answered and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 22

*Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;<br>there is nothing I shall want.<br>Fresh and green are the pastures<br>where he gives me repose.<br>Near restful waters he leads me,<br>to revive my drooping spirit. | 2. He guides me along the right path;<br>he is true to his name.<br>If I shall walk in the valley of darkness<br>no evil would I fear.<br>You are there with your crook and your staff;<br>with these you give me comfort |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me<br>in the sight of my foes.<br>My head you have anointed with oil;<br>my cup is overflowing.  | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br>all the days of my life.<br>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br>for ever and ever.  |

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:20-25

*Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:1-10

*Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How are you a shepherd to those in your care?**