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*A blessed Easter to you all.
Thank you all so much for
the many Offerings, gifts
and cards which you gave to
me over the Easter Period.
God Bless you all.*

Fr Mervyn

I am the door of the sheep



*Flock of Sheep overtaken by a Storm, 1870
Eugène Joseph Verboeckhoven (1798-1881),
oil on canvas*

From today's Gospel, John 10:1-10

Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.'

Verboeckhoven's gentle pastoral painting...

...shows the shepherd standing at the edge of a gathering storm, drawing his flock close beside a stone cross. The sheep press in around him, sensing danger, while dark clouds roll in and rain begins to fall. There is movement everywhere: the sky alive with tension, the landscape shifting, the light flickering between shadow and brightness. And yet, at the centre, there is direction: the shepherd and the cross. Christ is the shepherd who leads us forward, especially when the skies darken. He does not leave us exposed; he gathers us, moves us, brings us from one place to another. Sometimes we may not even see where he is taking us... only that we are being drawn somewhere new. But like the sheep in this painting, we are not meant to stand still. We are meant to follow and constantly be on the move with Christ.



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Week beginning Sunday 26 April 2026 YEAR A

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Ruth Kennell and Pam Coote.
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4th Sunday of Easter 26 April 2026

Today: Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund on DONA or CLICK HERE
Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes;
Sunday 9.00am Kieran Deegan RIP
11.00am Evelyn Sarmento
6.30pm People of the Parish

Weekdays Breviary Week 4

Mon 27	9.15am	Reinaldo's thanksgiving Birthday	Easter Feria
Tues 28	9.15am	All Holy Souls in Purgatory	Easter Feria
Wed 29	9.15am	Sandor Gergely RIP	St Catherine of Siena
Thurs 30	No Mass		Easter Feria
Fri 1	9.15am	Laura Bevilacqua RIP	Easter Feria
Sat 2	10.00am	Juliao Ricardo & Raimundo Soares RIP	St. Athanasius

5th Sunday of Easter 3 May 2026

Second Collection for CAFOD Sudan Appeal - CLICK HERE
Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes; Gretta and Jack Guy RIP
Sunday 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Fr. Simon Bishop S.J
6.30pm Carlos Castro De Araujo RIP

May Flowers for Grotto

On Sunday 3 May, both children and adults are invited to bring plants in pots or flowers to place at the Marian Grotto in the church garden at the end of the Mass you attend.

HONOUR OUR LADY: After 9.15am Mass and the Rosary, we pray the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This beautiful Novena honours Our Lady in prayer and in songs.

Young Adults Group - 1st Sunday of month after 6.30pm Mass
Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom: shared prayers from whoever is there. **Every Monday** at 11.00 and 19.00 for 20 minutes. For zoom link and details, please **CLICK HERE**

Have you said YES to Gift Aid on DONA?

LAST WEEK 53% OF DONORS ON DONA SAID YES TO GIFT AID
Grow the GREEN, let's make it 100%! CLICK HERE to donate



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Today is sometimes called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as the Gospel is always from John Chapter 10. The discourse begins today with the Lord declaring that He is the 'Door of the sheep', the only legitimate way for the sheep to come and go (Gospel: John 10:1-10). On the Day of Pentecost, St. Peter urges the crowd to accept Jesus and be baptized (First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41). His letter proclaims Jesus to be the model for suffering (Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25).

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 41-42; John 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 86; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 102; Matthew 11:25-30
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 88; John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 97; John 14:7-14

Responsorial Psalm: 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life' (Ps 23:6).

For free daily Gospel readings and art reflections visit <https://christian.art/> CLICK HERE

Prayer for the Preparation of Mass



God our Father, you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass. Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you.

May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions of your Son Jesus Christ and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
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Second Collection Today on DONA or CLICK HERE
Clergy Training Fund



It costs £200,000 over 7 years of formation for 1 new priest (£25,000 - £30,000 per seminarian each year). This is a substantial amount of money, but it is essential because it covers seminary fees, living costs, travel and study materials.

TODAY! SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Sale of Easter Cakes after Mass in support of SVP

6 walkers from the Archdiocese, including Celia Deane-Drummond and Henry Curtis from our parish, will be walking the Camino in Spain to raise money for SVP. Walking a total of 300km their final leg will be the Camino Ingles from Ferrol to Santiago de Compostela.

[CLICK Celia or Henry](#)

[Sponsor Celia](#)

SVP Fund Raising

EASTER THEMED CAKES - Sunday 26 April

[Sponsor Henry](#)

On 26 April, the SVP Conference will be selling Easter-themed cakes and biscuits after Mass at Corpus Christi to support their fund raising.

Continuing War in Sudan - 2nd collection next week

Can you help? Donate on DONA or CLICK HERE to donate to CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL direct.



This month is the 3rd anniversary of the war in Sudan and it continues to devastate millions of lives. CAFOD is still there, working with the local Catholic Church to provide food, safe water and vital support.

Justice & Peace Group - Wed 29 April 7.30pm Quiet Room Meet and Eat - Next Sunday is cancelled - sorry!

Next Journey of Faith - Next meeting Monday 11 May, 7.30pm, 202 London Road.

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank

There is a box at the back of Church to receive donations of
**Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup or puddings,
Jars of jam or sauce, Long life milk or fruit juice, sugar,
and Essential toiletries.**

or take direct to Food Bank **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays**
from 11.20am - 1.30pm, behind St Francis Church, Hollow Way.

Click here to make financial donation



Car parking: We have had more complaints from neighbours about bad parking and driveways being blocked. Please park legally and courteously.

For items to be included in the newsletter, please email the editor at corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com BY TUESDAY EVENING before the weekend. [CLICK HERE](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Antony Ayton, Patricia Barfield, Marian & Roger Biss, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Ranjith Dhan, David Diggins, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekera, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Mario Kim, Michael and Esther Kuforiji. Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R.J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Eardley Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams, Dorren McDonald, Nalen Vuddamala, Ramona Brillo.

those who have died: Nicholas John White, Mano Chanmugam, Hannah Melhuish

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Hazel Marjorie Elliston, Gretta Guy, Mary Ann Redmond, Patrick Reilly.

All those in the sick list must actively agree to their inclusion. The prayer list will be reviewed regularly - if names can now come off the list or if new names should be added please send an email to: corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com.

Pope Leo recalls Francis' legacy of generosity, mercy for Church and world
[CLICK HERE FOR FULL ACCOUNT](#)



Pope Leo (then Cardinal Robert Prevost) receives the red hat from the late Pope Francis Sept 2023

"Pope Leo said: On this first anniversary of his death, I would like to remember Pope Francis, who left so much, who gave so much to the Church through his life, his witness, his words, and his gestures. He did so by truly living closeness to the poorest, to the least, to the sick, to children, and to the elderly."

Pope Leo XIV offered those words about his predecessor to journalists as he flew from Angola to Equatorial Guinea, which marks the final leg of his Apostolic Journey to Africa.

Friends of the Holy Land *Music on a Summer's Afternoon*

A Concert in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wheatley
Saturday 27 June 2026 at 3pm

performed by Cyd, Mike, Family and Friends in aid of Friends of the Holy Land. Wine and nibbles provided at the end.

CAN YOU SING? Would you like to join us to sing 3 choral numbers on the day? Our first rehearsal is on Saturday 16th May 4pm. For more information, contact Cyd [CLICK HERE](#) : cydwaters@hotmail.com or 07714 631098

Collections on DONA

Last weekend, there were 47 Gift Aided Payments on DONA and 41 non Gift-Aided payments.... a strong move in the right direction! Please remember, if you SAY YES TO GIFT AID, your donation is increased by 25% at no cost to you.

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Finance Appeal - Thank you. We appreciate the positive response to the Finance Appeal and thank those who have collected envelopes containing the Gift Aid declaration and Standing Order mandate forms. **Please remember to return all completed forms to the Parish office.**

For those with existing Standing Orders who wish to increase their monthly contributions, this can be done either through online banking or directly at your bank.

[CLICK HERE](#) to request details for setting up a new Standing Order and Gift Aid on line.

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