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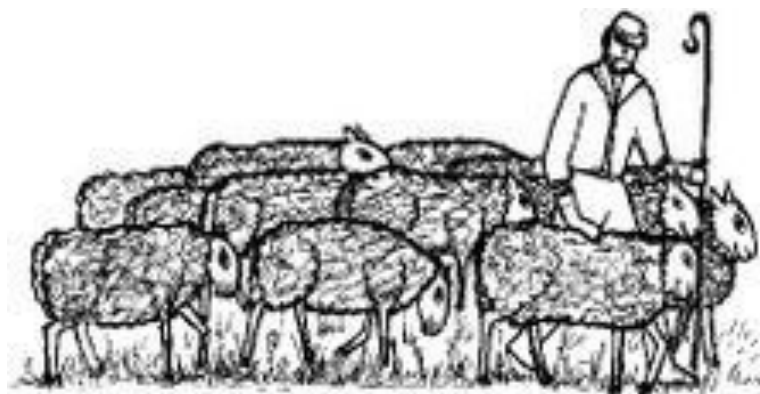
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Today we continue to rejoice in the Victory of Christ over evil. Through the words of the **Entrance Antiphon** (Psalm 32:5-6), we proclaim God's Goodness and Infinite Creative Power. On reflection, how have we, God's highest creation, used (or not used) our share in these attributes, "...in what I have done and in what I have failed to do..."? How diligently do we make use of the resources, spiritual and physical, which He has given us?

In the **First Reading** (Acts:4: 8-12), our first Pope, Peter, points those who had just witnessed his miraculous cure of a cripple, beyond his actions to Christ who was working through him as indeed He continues to this day through our Pope, Bishops and Priests. Those who refused to accept the Truth, through ignorance, at that time were, as all people still are today, offered the chance to repent. We affirm our belief in Christ's vital foundational role in the **Response to the Psalm** (Psalm.117:22). Where do we stand when we hear the arrogant challenges made to God's Authority in our modern world in which, so often, we are told that we can happily achieve all we do without God! Are we prepared to correct a fellow Catholic if they act in ways contrary to Christ's Teachings, even if, as a consequence, we might be labelled '*unchristian*'.

In the **Second reading** (1 John 3:1-2), Saint John emphasises the wonderful fact that we are loved as *God's* children and that consequently, should we live as befits such children, we may often (as is evident around the world) suffer rejection as did Our Lord. Looking in hope beyond the sufferings of this world Saint John assures us that, should we live faithfully as our Father created us to do we shall, in Heaven, '*...be like Him because we shall see Him as He really is...*'. The Church, the Mass, the Sacraments, Sanctifying Grace and our gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity are 'weapons' equipping us in our fight against evil.



In the **Gospel** (John 10:11-18), John presents us with Christ's moving discourse on His role as our Shepherd. Jesus clearly outlines the qualities of a *Good Shepherd* for which He is the Model. Meditating on this we need to recall that, as He laid down His Life on Calvary, so those who truly love Him may be (indeed, have been) called to give their own lives in standing up for the Truth against falsehoods / man-made doctrines. One moving example of this '*love to the end*' is to be found in the story of the Martyrdom of Father Ragheed Ganni. In 2007, in Mosul, just after Father Ganni had offered Sunday Mass, terrorists (who, *apparently*

believed that they were doing God's Will) asked why he had not closed his church as ordered, thereby abandoning his flock. He replied, "How can I close the House of God?" and was brutally shot dead, together with three sub-Deacons, in front of his church. These men laid down their lives in the sure hope that, united with Christ in His Death and Resurrection, they would take them up again in Heaven. This persecution is undoubtedly ongoing! See: <https://acnuk.org/story/iraqthe-desecrated-grave-of-fr-ganni/>

We are reminded that Jesus came, not just to offer Salvation to those who choose to believe and be baptised, namely ourselves, but that His Mission, through us, extends to all, '*...who are not of this fold...*' who, through faithful Catholic witness, will be drawn to seek and accept the Gift of Faith, bringing true Unity, '*... one flock and one Shepherd...*', uncompromisingly living in the Truth.

Thank you for your generosity

The collection for Sunday 15th April 2018 came to **£1857.00** (£1212.00 (baskets) & £645.00 (Standing Orders)).

Would Gift Aiders kindly ensure that they **use only the new pale green envelopes** to make their offering.

This weekend, there is a second collection for **Ecclesiastical Education**, the proceeds of which will go towards helping train future priests and deacons, as well as the ongoing formation of clergy. Gift Aiders will find a special **YELLOW** envelope in their boxes, if you have yet to collect them, please do so soon (see below).

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the **Maintenance of St George's Cathedral Southwark**. Our cathedral is an expensive place to maintain, so do please give as generously as you can. Gift Aiders will find a special **YELLOW** envelope in their boxes, if you have yet to collect them, please do so soon (see below).

GIFT AID SCHEME

Please destroy any old envelopes you have. The current envelopes are a pale green colour, whilst those for second collections are yellow. If you have exited Gift Aid, kindly do not use numbered envelopes.

John Byrne will give a brief "Money Sunday" talk at all Masses next Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April 2018.

Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself.**

Please collect your new Gift Aid envelopes for this tax year from the room behind Our Lady's Altar. *They are arranged by area, not alphabetically, ready for distribution to those who do not collect them.* **Some boxes have been re-numbered. In fact, all envelopes for those who give by Standing Order have been re-numbered.**

In some cases, parishioners give by Standing Order AND weekly envelopes. If this applies to you, please contact the Parish Office, as you should only have one Gift Aid number, and you will be allocated a new number.

If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 1 please:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Christiana Muoghalu, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam, Irene Reynolds. *Would you be able to help cleaning God's House?*

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Tifeoluwa Katherine Odusanya**, who was Baptised here last Sunday.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY FOR LIFE

After the 10am & 11.30am Masses. Come along and enjoy a beverage and some delicious home made cakes.

Knitted goods will be on sale. Proceeds to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice: www.zoes-place.org.uk.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. If you think God may be calling you to serve Him, please contact Fr Deo or Fr Innocent. Or you may contact the Southwark Vocations

Director, Fr John Diver, on 020 8300 2480. Also see the web site: www.southwarkvocations.com or email: info@southwarkvocations.com Please see posters. Please pray for vocations and indeed encourage others to do so.

A WORD FROM CAFOD

"Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. We still need your help to raise our target of £5 Million, so if you can, please go to cafod.org.uk/lent. To Learn more about CAFOD, you are invited to attend a special event next Saturday 28th April 2018, for which you will need to register. Please see the poster in the main porch.

SPUC

Following recent visits to this parish by John Smeaton, Chief Executive of SPUC, a meeting will be held in the hall on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm for all those interested in forming a SPUC group in our parish.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would you all kindly provide your available dates for ministry for the month of May 2018 by the end of the coming week, so that the new rota may be drawn up by the Parish Secretary in good time.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FATHER DEO ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

New General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on Friday 25th May 2018. This will affect us all. We are now required to both ensure and indeed demonstrate that we know everybody who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish, precisely what information they actually hold and in what format/s. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and therefore you may well have some personal information at your home or office, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please could you let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies to you, so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. I cannot stress strongly enough the important impact which this new legislation will have upon the parish, mindful of the most severe penalties which may be imposed for non-compliance. Please therefore do come forward whether or not you think you may be affected.

MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2018

This year, the March for Life is taking place in Central London, giving those of us down South a great opportunity to take part. There will be LifeFest18, held indoors, which includes workshops, music and various stalls. There you can find out more about the subject of abortion and about the importance of every human life. It is expected that the Sacrament of Confession will be available in the morning. Then in the afternoon, those who are able are invited to process to Parliament Square, where prominent pro life speakers will give keynote speeches.

Please consider attending this event, details of which may be found on posters in porch areas.

If you would like to know more, you may email: info@marchforlife.co.uk or see the website: marchforlife.co.uk

THE OVER 55'S TEA CLUB HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RELAUNCHED!

The first meeting took place on Friday 13th April 2018. A large number of people attended and enjoyed a splendid afternoon! From now on we shall be running a Tea club every Friday from 2pm to 4pm in the upper hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Rite of Election Mass for our Confirmandi takes place this afternoon at 5pm.

Session 7 for candidates takes place in the hall on **Wednesday 2nd May 2018** from 7.30pm - 9pm.

Coffee Morning: Next Sunday, after ALL Morning Masses, the Confirmation Group will be raising funds for their two charities, the SVP and the British Home in Upper Norwood. Please come along and support them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Session 9 for candidates, "Do this in memory of Me" will take place in the upper hall next Saturday 28th April 2018 from 10am - 11.30am. Please be prompt.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM

In every case, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. The next course takes place across two consecutive afternoons, on Saturdays 7th & 14th July 2018 at 3pm on both dates.

REPOSITORY

Confirmation and First Holy Communion items are still available. These events are now just a few weeks away!

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

This takes place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May 2018 at 11am. Please see the poster in the main porch for details of this event, which will begin with a procession at 10.45am.

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This beautiful statue, together with Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, will be at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 5th May 2018. Please see the poster in the main porch for more details.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK

This annual celebration, with the opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows, takes place at 3pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. If you are celebrating either your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or greater anniversary, and would like to attend this Mass, kindly contact the Parish Office, as soon as possible, with your name and address details, together with the number of people you would like to go along with you. The Archbishop will be sent your details so that he can then issue a formal invitation to all those couples wishing to be there on the day.



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.265

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)
On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 22nd April 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.15pm (Saturday 21st April)	Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP

	8.30am	Myra O'Shea RIP
(LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass)	10am	Kathy Spicer & Edna Graham RIP
(LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass)	11.30am (Hymn Choir)	George Meyern RIP
Benediction	4pm	
Confirmation Rite of Election Mass	5pm	People of the parish

Third Week of Easter

Monday 23rd April 2018	7.30am	Anna-Maria Menichella RIP
St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)	10am	Welfare of Isabela Kozlowska

Tuesday 24th April 2018	7.30am	Nuala Kerrigan RIP
St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr	10am	Mary Kenny RIP

Wednesday 25th April 2018	7.30am	Anthony Agius RIP
St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	10am	Fiona Carabine RIP

Thursday 26th April 2018	7.30am	Victor Michael Jedrusik RIP
	10am	Requiem for Lucy Imelda Solan RIP

Friday 27th April 2018	7.30am	Christine Clark RIP
St Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest (Memorial)	10am	UCM intention

Saturday 28th April 2018	10am	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
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Next Sunday 29th April 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.15pm (Saturday 28th April)	John Peter Wirnsburger RIP
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(Confirmation Coffee Morning after Mass)	8.30am	People of the parish
(Confirmation Coffee Morning after Mass)	10am	Frederick William Fisher RIP
(Confirmation Coffee Morning after Mass)	11.30am	Patsy Hopkins RIP
Benediction	4pm	
	5pm	Welfare of Tara Wood