



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26 April, 2026

Dear Friends,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

'The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want'

The 11.30am Mass from Our Lady's will be livestreamed and the YouTube link is:

<https://youtube.com/live/Qp49XH21BVE?feature=share>

From the Sunday Missal:

Christ the Good Shepherd brings us life. God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he has laid down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, still by his wounds we are healed and given new direction in our lives.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

From the Bishops' conference of England and Wales:

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the Vocations Sunday, which since then we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called as Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 26 April 2026, which marks the 63rd Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day

to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood or the diaconate, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vocations-sunday>

Prayer for Vocations Sunday:

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'. Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-vocations-sunday/>

Papal Message

Link to Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Theme this year is: The

Interior Discovery of God's Gift is:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-for-vocations-sunday/>

From the Office of Readings for Easter-Tide: Week 4: Sunday

A reading from the homilies of Pope St Gregory the Great on the Gospels.

Christ the good shepherd.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to

contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

Responsory

- R.** The good shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, is risen from the dead:* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.
- V.** Christ has been sacrificed for us, our paschal victim:* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.
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Wednesday 29 April is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor-Patron of Europe.

From Universalis:

St Catherine of Siena (1347 - 1380) Catherine was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to

leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard

to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

<https://universalis.com/europe.english.eastanglia/20260429/today.htm>

Mass times taken from the Parish Newsletter:

OL-Our Lady's HF-Holy Family			
Fourth Sunday of Easter, 26 April World Day of Prayer for Vocations Second collection today for the Priests' training fund.		Saturday 6.00pm Mass OL Sunday 9.30am Mass and Baptism HF Sunday 11.30am Mass and Baptisms OL Sunday 11.30am Holy Qurbana HF Sunday 3.00pm 1 st Communion thanksgiving HF	People of the Parish Beryl Green RIP Thanksgiving – Jones Bedinka
Monday 27 April	Easter Feria	7.00pm Mass HF	KL Knights intentions
Tuesday 28 April	S. Peter Chanel	4.00pm Mass Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Enujusa family
Wednesday 29 April	S. Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe	12.00pm Mass OL	Holy Souls
Thursday 30 April	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass HF	Spain family RIP
Friday 1 May	S. Joseph the Worker	12.00pm Mass OL 1.00pm Lithuanian Baptisms OL	Sr Nndiemaka Nnorom DMMM RIP
Saturday 2 May	S. Athanasius	10.00am Mass HF	Beryl Green RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter, 3 May		Saturday 6.00pm Mass OL Sunday 9.30am Mass HF Sunday 9.30am Lithuanian First Communion OL Sunday 11.30am Mass OL Sunday 11.30am Holy Qurbana HF Sunday 4.00pm Vespers and Benediction OL	People of the Parish Mahesha's intentions Thanksgiving - Liam Beduko

The link to our YouTube channel is:
[Our Lady's King's Lynn TV - YouTube](#)

And the link to our Parish Website:
[The Catholic Parish of King's Lynn](#)

God bless,

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