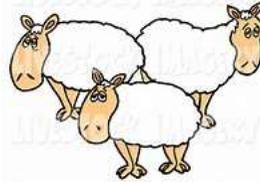


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Christianity is not just loving Christ but being Christ-like; which strangely translates as being a sheep...

Jesus used the culture of his time to tell the disciples this. We laugh at the thought of being sheep but we also know that the devotion of animals to their masters can't be overstated. And, at the time, it was sheep that portrayed this. Sheep are devoted to their shepherd and to each other; they know each others fears and sees the flock, the community, as the most important thing in the world.



The shepherd knows that keeping them close – from birth, through first steps and brave leaps; by words and whistle and songs and midnight stories under starry skies - that those sheep become his; bleating hearts and shaggy souls.

Pope Francis, in a homily to his priests asked that they soak up the smell of their sheep. Whilst not too sure about the comparison, it is important that we realise that we are all in this together -that salvation is belongs to the 'flock' - that love is about community.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA For anyone in the parish would like to, or knows of anyone who would like to, consider becoming a Catholic. There will be an introduction and opportunity to discuss taking part in the RCIA programme in church on Monday 15th May at 6.30pm.

Thanks to everyone who supported the recent Coffee morning. We raised £161. The next one is on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30 am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning..

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"
 Philippians 2:2

7th MAY 2017 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A) GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 6th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Andrew Curry RIP
Sunday 7th May	9:30am 11:00am	Catherine (Kitty) Insley RIP People of the Parish
Monday 8th May	9:30am 7:30pm	Service of Word and Communion Scripture Group
Tuesday 9th May	9:30am 1:30pm	Service of Word and Communion CRAFT GROUP
Wednesday 10th May		No Service
Thursday 11th May	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 12th May		No Service
Saturday 13th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP
Sunday 14th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Jeff Shaw & David Walmsley RIP
Monday 15th May	6:30pm	RCIA Meeting
Wednesday 17th May	11:00am	Requiem Mass – Catherine(Kitty) Insley

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs E Ravenscroft

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Mr J Benson

If you would like to make a donation for
the flowers please add your name to
the list in the porch and place your
donation into the wall box.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Would you please ensure that the Tabernacle Key is put away safely
after Mass or Eucharistic Services.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: There will be a preliminary meeting
at 7:30pm on Tuesday 23rd May. If you are willing to help with the
planning and/or have ideas for the weekend itself please come along to
the meeting.

CRAFT GROUP

The next meeting will be on the 9th May from 1:30pm to 3:15pm.

WINGS – Thanks to those who keep bringing in their unwanted Euros
and Dollars. If you have any left over from your holidays please put
them into the Bottle in the Porch.

PARISH RETREAT – NOVEMBER: Sadly there has been insufficient
interest shown in this and so we have had to cancel the event.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function,
please contact Derek on- 01606 889048

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

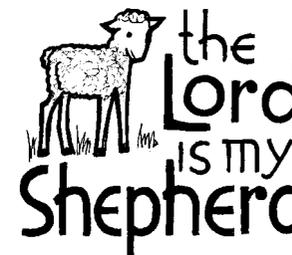
Gospel Reading John 10 1-10



Jesus said to his disciples. “Let me set this before you
as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through
the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the
gate, you know he’s up to no good - a sheep rustler! The shepherd
walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and
the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads
them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow
because they are familiar with his voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s
voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”

Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking
about. So he tried again.

“I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep.
All those others are up to no good—sheep stealers,
every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to
them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through
me will be cared for - will freely go in and out, and
find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill
and destroy. I came so they can have real and
eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”
St Francis of Assisi

OUR LENTEN CHARITY: In aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee for
those starving in Eastern Africa. A total of £2,215 has been donated.
Thank you for your support.

Tony Montgomery is running in this year's Manchester 10K, on Sunday
28th May, to raise money for **St. Luke's Hospice** and would be grateful
for any sponsors. There is a sponsor form in the porch – please support
him for this good cause.