

# Holy Family Church

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**Priests:** Fr. Peter Draper (Tel: 725193)

**Sunday Mass:** 11.00 am.

**Weekday Mass:** Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** on request

**Holy Family Primary school:** 727471 **Covenant Books:** 735993



## *Love is Our Vocation*

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is also called Vocations Sunday. The idea of vocation is central to the Christian belief that God has created each person with gifts and talents oriented toward specific purposes and a way of life. In the broadest sense, 'Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2392).

A shepherd is a common image of leadership in Hebrew scripture. In Jesus, we see that it's about the loving relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. It is about knowing each one by name, knowing who we truly are. Whatever our life circumstances, love is our vocation. Whether we shepherd one other individual, a small group or a large community, 'we are called to be a Sacrament of the mystical, a reminder for others of their divine loveliness. Our calling is not to introduce something new, but to reveal what is already there.' (Daniel O' Leary)

John O' Donohue offers a blessing on our vocation to loving leadership.

The beauty of a blessing, he says, is the belief that it can affect what it unfolds.

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,*

*Keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve.*

*When the way is flat and dull in times of grey endurance,*

*May your imagination continue to evoke horizons.*

*May you know the wisdom of deep listening, the healing of wholesome words,*

*The encouragement of the appreciative gaze, the decorum of held dignity.*

*May you learn to cultivate the art of presence*

*In order to engage with those who meet you.*

*May those you meet know that you see and respect them.*

*In your heart may there be a sanctuary for the stillness where clarity is born.*

*May you have the wisdom to read time clearly*

*And know when the seed of change will flourish.*

*May the new draw its enrichment from the old.*

*May integrity of soul be your first ideal.*

*The source that will guide and bless your work.*

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
25th April 2021

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 24th April 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bernard Ward	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Ben Aspin Fr. Peter Dolan For our parish	Fourth Sunday of Easter Prayer for Vocations. EEF Collection
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mollie Walmsley	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Betty Cornall	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Betty Murphy	
Thur 11.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: John Myerscough	<i>Feast: St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Countinho, Fernandes, Rodrigues Joyce Hilton Tom & Marie Hooper	Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Masses received this week:** Joyce Hilton.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance 36. Offertory £112.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### BIDDING PRAYERS

God is our maker, redeemer and sustainer: we turn to Him for all our needs.  
 Good Shepherd, risen from the dead, you gave to the apostle Peter the care of your flock; may Pope Francis be ever strengthened in charity and zeal.  
 Let us pray also for Bishop Paul and for all Bishops, priests, deacons and leaders of your Church; strengthen them in the spirit to carry out your work.  
 We thank God for the Diocese of Lancaster and we ask God to bless it with an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life.  
 We thank God for the work of Catholic schools in our Diocese and throughout our nation and we ask God to bless them with an increase in vocations to Catholic education. .  
 We pray for those who are sick: Harold Slack, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bill York, Vera, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire;  
**those who have died recently:** HRH Prince Philip, John Myerscough, Joyce Hilton, James Gormley;  
**and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Hannah Wilson, Ann Field, Johanna Wilson, Martha Smith, Elsie Brown, Arthur Simpson, Alice Gregson, Thomas Banks, Anthony Boylan, Margaret Johnson, Thomas Smith, Winifred Ashe, Lilly Hankinson, Thomas Rhodes, Richard Carter, Brian Curry, May they rest in peace.

### Livestreaming Mass

As well as normal Mass in church we are now able to livestream the 9.30am Mass from St. Anthony's church. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua YouTube page for the link.

### Gift Aid

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify us if you are no longer a taxpayer, or you paid insufficient tax during 2020/21 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1.00 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you let us know your new address. Thanks once again.

We are extremely grateful to all parishioners who give weekly and monthly donations to the parish and who Gift Aid their offering. If you can support the parish this way, please leave your details with Fr. Peter.

### CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

The British Government is hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November this year in Glasgow. The hope is that when the governments of the world come together they will be able to build on the agreement reached in Paris in 2015. Although we are still living through the current pandemic, the Pope has pointed out that this is actually just one of the 'pandemics' that affect our world at the moment; human trafficking, corruption, hunger, but also climate change which affects all of these. The experience of Paris showed that governments are encouraged to take this matter seriously when they hear expressions of concern from the public.

The Glasgow conference COP26 is an event of world significance challenging the way the world does business. It opens the door for all of us to live in a way that is less demanding on Creation and more sympathetic to becoming a global citizen. T Fr. Hugh Pollock, Chair of the Faith and Justice Commission, Lancaster invites you to contact him should you wish to know more details of matters related to care of the gift of God's creation please contact Father Hugh Pollock at [lfjcm@gmail.com](mailto:lfjcm@gmail.com).

### 'Churches Together' Evening Stroll

On Wednesday 9th June, meet at The Sherwood 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm set-off into Masonwood. Our stroll is 3 days before the climate change conference in St. Ives and will be a prayer walk to give thanks for our environment. Hopefully we can enjoy some refreshments on our return to The Sherwood, perhaps outdoors.

### 'Thanks' from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.