



'THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.'  
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

'We pray together at home.'

# The 4th Sunday of Easter

## Year B

Sunday 25th April 2021



# An Act of Spiritual Communion- The Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B (Vocations Sunday)

*During this time when we may be unable to join together with our parish communities to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer you this resource as a way of engaging with the readings and prayers of the Mass. The readings are taken from the Lectionary for children.*

*These resources can be used whilst participating digitally in the many private Masses that priests in our diocese are offering online.*

*We hope you find this resource useful.  
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Head of Catholic Life  
Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust*

*Click here to find the full list of all online streamed Masses available throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.*

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/health/coronavirus.php#area3>



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## Creating a place of prayer in the home.

Light a candle and gather together with your family. You might place a Crucifix or a Holy Image next to your candle. If you have a Bible, you may like to open the Bible to the readings that are going to be used during Mass today.

Use the link on the first page of this document to access Livestreamed Masses from around the Diocese.

## We Gather together as God's family and ask for His Forgiveness

*We gather together in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
Amen.*

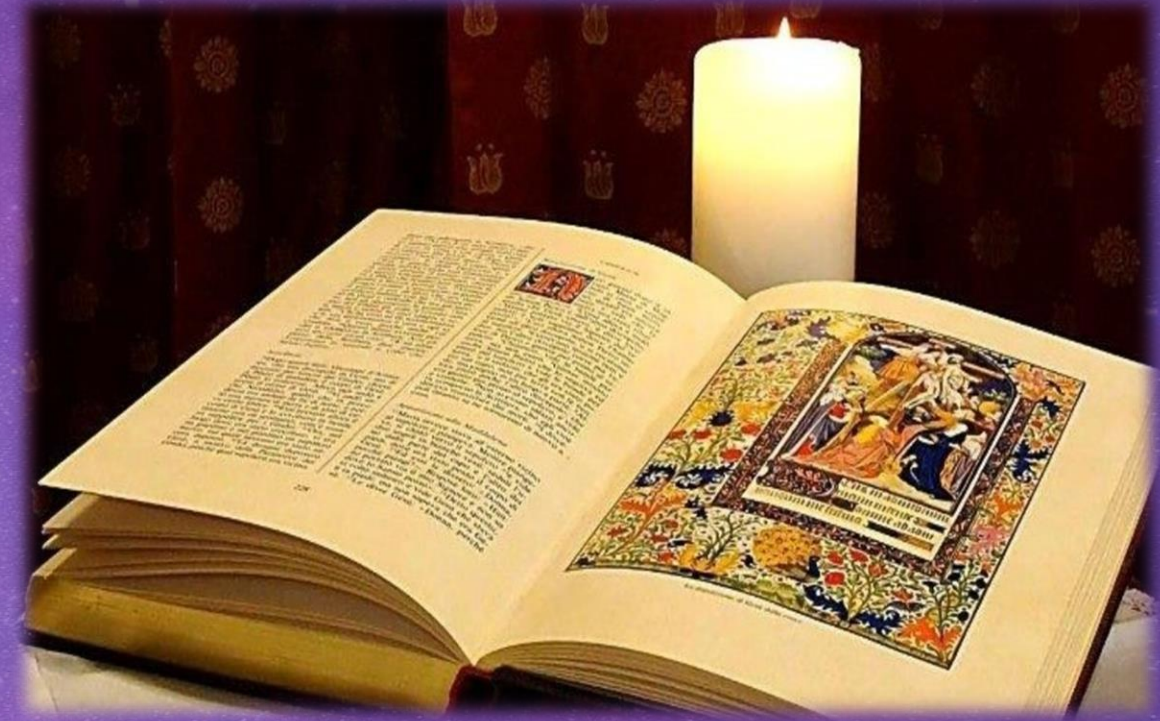
We turn to God asking for His guidance and strength in our lives.

*Lord Jesus, You heal the sick- Lord have mercy  
Lord Jesus, You forgive sinners- Christ have mercy*

*Lord Jesus, You give us yourself to feed us and bring us strength- Lord have mercy*

*May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen*

*We sing the Gloria- praising God together!*



## We pray together

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for being our friend, our helper and our teacher. Help us today to be the People that you want us to be. Help us grow to make your world a better place like you did. Help us Jesus to be like you. In your name we pray.*

*Amen.*



**We Listen to the Word of God:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders: "You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a crippled man was healed. But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel.

This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth.

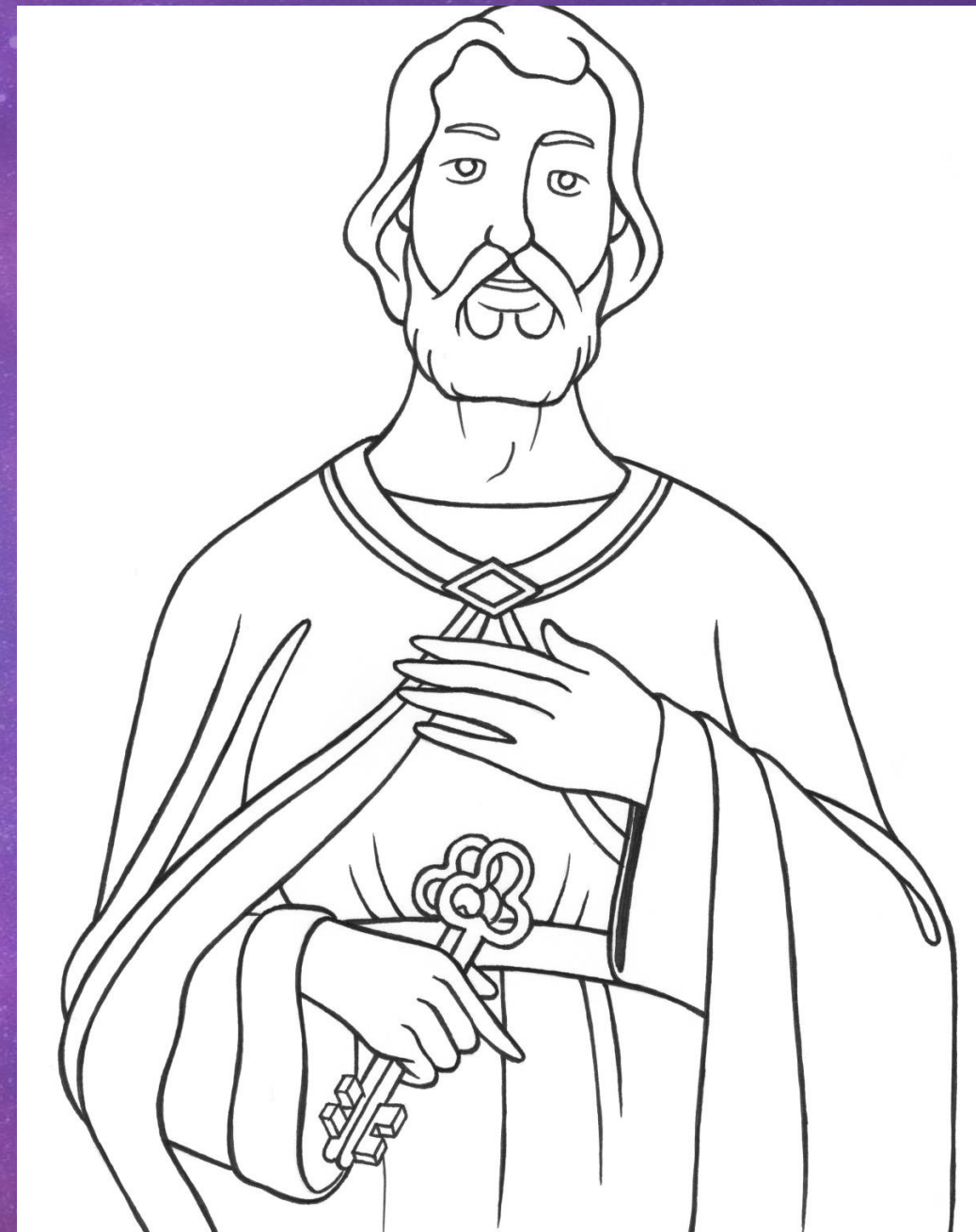
"You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life.

He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all.

Only Jesus has the power to save!

His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



## We Listen to the Word of God:

### The Responsorial Psalm

*R. The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

1. Tell the Lord  
how thankful you are,  
because he is kind  
and always merciful  
I praise the Lord  
for answering my prayers  
and saving me.

*R. The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

2. The stone that the builders  
tossed aside  
has now become  
the most important stone.  
The Lord has done this,  
and it is amazing to us.

*R. The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*





**We Listen to the Word of God:**

A reading from the first letter of John 3:1-2

Beloved:

Think how much the Father loves us.  
He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children,  
as we truly are.  
But since the people of this world did not know who Christ  
is,  
they don't know who we are.  
My dear friends, we are already God's children,  
though what we will be has not yet been seen.  
But we do know that when Christ returns,  
we will be like him,  
because we will see him as he truly is.

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***



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**We Greet the Good News by saying:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

***I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me  
Alleluia.***

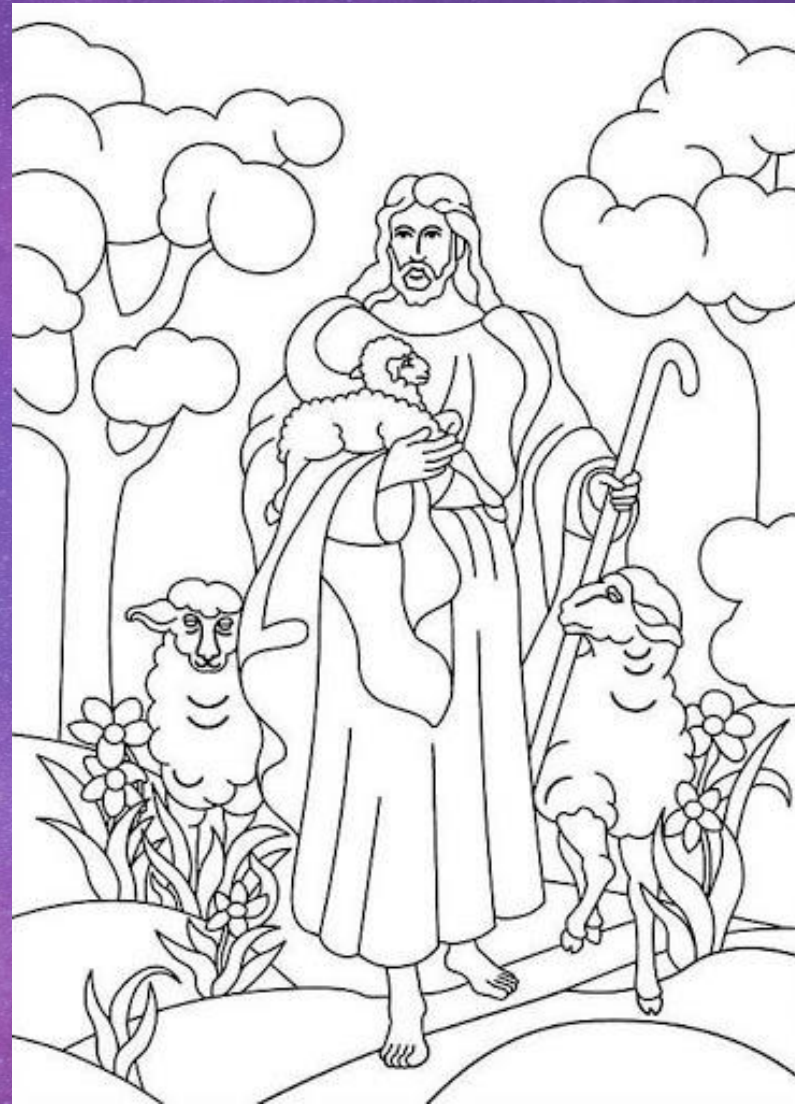
† A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
John 10:11-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the good shepherd,  
and the good shepherd gives up his life for his  
sheep.

"Hired workers are not like the shepherd.

They don't own the sheep,  
and when they see a wolf coming,  
they run off and leave the sheep.  
Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock.





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"Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd.

I know my sheep, and they know me.

Just as the Father knows me,

I know the Father,

and I give up my life for my sheep.

"I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen.

I must bring them together too,  
when they hear my voice.

Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd."

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ***



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## We Respond -

<http://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday> You might like to watch this video from the National Office for Vocation.

When God calls us to do something, we must listen and act on that calling.

St Joseph did not ask to be the Foster Father of Jesus. St Joseph allowed God to speak to him through his dreams and, even though he was afraid, he did the will of God.

As we pray today, we ask that the Lord opens our hearts and minds up to the plan that He has for each of us.

## We Profess our faith in God together:

*I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit. Our God is three, Our God is One.*



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## We Respond (Vocations Prayer to St Joseph)

Blessed St Joseph,

You listened in the depth of your heart to the call of God for you to participate in his plan for the salvation of the world, you responded with faith to that invitation.

Help me listen for the call of God in my life, help me understand what the Holy Spirit is asking of me, and help me be open to follow that invitation, with courage and a trusting heart.

May your fatherly hand guide me and keep me safe.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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**We Pray the Family Prayer of All Christians**  
*Our Father...*

**We now make an Act of Spiritual Communion**  
*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into  
my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace you as if you were already there and unite  
myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated  
from you.  
Amen*

**We end our time of prayer**

*May God Bless us and keep us safe.*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.  
Amen*



**We can join in the Celebration of Mass online by visiting the  
following website:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-  
cFTh5i2y\\_EQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw)

**- St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle  
(Sunday Mass at 11:30am- Daily Mass 12 noon)**



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## Activity Ideas- From CAFOD

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration. On the back ask them to write or draw what they think caring for the world and your neighbours means and the one thing they will do over the coming week to care for other people, especially those who are poor. Or ask them to write a prayer for all their brothers and sisters around the world who are having a hard life because of poverty.

Make sheep with the children - have the children decorate their cut-outs with cotton wool and felt tips. Have them write their name on the sheep and then stick them all on a big picture of the world, or if they are at home, they can go on the fridge or on a big piece of paper decorated like a field.

Ask the children to go home and share all they have heard and thought about today. If they have written a prayer ask them to say it together during the week and to do one thing this week to show their love for their global family.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Gospel: John 10:11-18



Find more resources at [cafod.org.uk/families](http://cafod.org.uk/families)



**Speak, Lord**

**S.D.C.**  
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Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm 117  
1 John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

**SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN**

Year B — 4th Sunday of Easter






Jesus said:

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Draw more sheep in Jesus' flock.

Dear Jesus  
help me to  
f \_ \_ \_ \_ w  
you.




Dear  
Jesus,  
I want to  
follow you  
by ...



Draw a picture  
or write about  
how you can  
follow Jesus  
the good  
shepherd.