

**Sunday 25 April 2021**  
4th Sunday of Easter

**Programme of worship:**

Please note that there is **NO MASS** on **MONDAY 26 APRIL**.

**We regret any inconvenience caused.**

**Tuesday 27 – Saturday 1 May**

**Mass 12.30pm**

**\*\* Sunday 2 May**

**Mass**

9.00am, 11.00am and 4.30pm

**Reconciliation** will take place before Mass from 12noon on **Wednesday and Saturday**. Contact 0131 556 1973 to arrange reconciliation outside these times.

**\*\* Mass booking**

Text/call Marion 07960158044 between 9.30am and 11.00am, Monday to Wednesday, to book a place at a Sunday Mass.

**COVID 19 measures**

We thank you for adhering to our strict Covid-19 measures by: Following the guidance of volunteers.

Wearing a face mask, it must cover your mouth and nose. Using hand sanitiser on arrival and before exiting.

Maintaining the two-metre social distance at all times. Dispersing, not congregating, outside the Church.

**Stay at home if you are displaying any symptoms of the virus. Sunday obligation remains suspended during the pandemic.**

**Volunteers:** Additional help is always welcome. If you are able to assist, contact Father Gerald 0131 556 1973.

**Finance Collections from:**

18 April

Gift Aid £ 155.00

Non Gift Aid £ 155.41

SCIAF £ 1.00

Donation £ 50.00

St Anthony £ 17.00

**St Patrick's RC  
Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair  
Served by The Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy



**Fr Gerald Obi SMMMM** Administrator

**Fr Benedict Umeohana SMMM**, Assisting Priest

Dear Parishioners

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do. We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation.

**Gospel reflection:**

The good shepherd is concerned about, cares for, and protects the sheep even to the point of laying down his life for the sheep. The good shepherd fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship between shepherd and sheep ("I know mine and mine know me") is likened to the relationship between the Father and the Son. This relationship requires of us disciples the same mission - to lay down our lives, too. Shepherding is a serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but we must lay down our lives for the sake of others. It calls us to commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us, loving others as God has loved us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving, in our families and in our service to the poor. *(Living Liturgy)*

**Prayer of the week:**

Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you -  
to care for those  
who are close to us,  
to protect those  
who are threatened,  
to welcome those  
who are rejected,  
to forgive those  
who are burdened by guilt,  
to heal those  
who are broken and sick,  
to share with those  
who have little or nothing,  
to take the time to know  
one another  
and love  
as you have loved us. Amen

**Thought for the week:**

God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name as the Good Shepherd 'calls his sheep by name.'

*Pope John Paul 11*

**Mass Intentions**

**9.00am 25 April**

Ann and Michael Bergin,  
Wedding Anniversary

**27 April** Mary Reilly,  
praying for the successful  
outcome of surgery.



How is the Lord calling me to guide,  
nurture, and care for others?

### **Making a donation**

Thank you for all that you have contributed in the past and if you are able to continue your support, which can be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. If you have not already done so, you may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution – in this case, the parish bank account details are: Bank of Scotland,  
Sort code: 80-02-29,  
Account number: 00687306

**NO PUBLIC MASS at 12.30 pm on WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL.** Reconciliation is cancelled on that date too. Sincere apologies for the change to our normal Wednesday schedule.

**Sunday parking controls** are in place in the City Centre between **12:30pm and 6:30pm.**

**SCIAF Wee Box:** all monies should be handed in no later than Tuesday 27 April. SCIAF must receive donations by 11th May in order to qualify for the UK Government's commitment to match £1 for £1 all donations raised. Donations may be sent directly to SCIAF.

Good news, **the new parish website** goes live tomorrow, **Monday 26 April 2021.** The newsletter will continue to be posted on our Facebook page.

**Diocesan Directories,** £3.00, available after Mass from next Sunday 2 May.

From this weekend, Father Benedict will provide cover in Grangemouth for several weeks whilst Father Emmanuel attends his father's funeral and spends time with his family.

Please remember all our priests in your prayers.

### **Intercession prayers for the week:**

St John tells us that we may be called children of God, so we turn now to our heavenly Father with our needs and concerns, assured that we will be heard.

For Pope Francis, our bishop Leo, and all the Church's pastors; may they be models of the Good Shepherd to his flock as they guide the Church today.

For governments and those in authority; may they act as responsible stewards of the power and people entrusted to their care.

For a renewed commitment to caring for God's creation, that the condition of the planet that we leave for future generations may be healthier.

That the newly baptized and those recently received into the Church will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and courageously follow him.

For men and women of all ages, that they may hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to ordained and lay ministries. That in the saving power of Jesus' Name, the hungry may be satisfied, the stranger may be welcomed, and the unborn may be protected. For this parish community, that we may be a sign of the life to come as we grow in service to our neighbours in need.

That all who are ill may experience comfort, compassionate care, peace and wholeness.

That those who have passed from this life into the eternal sheepfold may now live in the pastures of the Good Shepherd for ever in heaven. That our prayers may be joined with those of Mary the Mother of God, our patron Patrick and all the saints who stand before the throne of the Lamb.

Loving God, we are your children, each of us a sacred part of your family. Guide us in the right paths as you listen to the prayers we make through your Son, our Good Shepherd and Saviour. Amen.

The **Funeral Mass** of Molly Dignan will be celebrated at **12.30pm on Wednesday 28 April.** May Molly rest in peace and rise in glory. Because numbers are strictly limited to 50, attendance is by family invitation only.

This September, **St Mary's University** in Twickenham, a leading Catholic university in the UK, **will open a campus at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh in conjunction with the Archdiocese.** There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. This is great news for the provision of Catholic Education in Scotland. Archbishop Cusley has written a pastoral letter about this exciting initiative which is available to read online at [bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421](https://bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421) Find out more about the courses and register at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

### **Signs of recovery:**

From 26 April, the numbers in church are to be based on the 2m spacing of households and pews. For St Patrick's this means numbers remain at 50. Children between 5 and 12 will be required to be included in these numbers.

Weddings and Funerals move to a maximum number of 50.

Stay safe. Keep well.

Father Gerald and Father Benedict.