

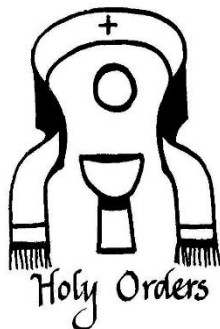


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Christus surrexit vere, alleluia

26 th April 2026	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 <i>'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.	
Second Reading	1 St Peter 2:20b-25 <i>'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.'</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!	
Gospel	John 10:1-10 <i>'I am the door of the sheep.'</i>	
Saturday 25th April +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 26th April +	10.30am	Mass - (John & Margaret Macken RIP)
Monday 27th April <i>Feria</i>	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Charlie Rogers RIP)
Tuesday 28th April St Peter Chanel – Priest & Martyr St Louis Grignon de Montford - Priest	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Ann Harris RIP)
Wednesday 29th April St Catherine of Sienna – Virgin & Doctor		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 30th April St Pius V - Pope	6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass - (McCarthy family Ints)
Friday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 2nd May St Athanasius – Bishop & Doctor	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jane Medicott RIP)
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)		
Saturday 2nd May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 3rd May +	10.30am	Mass - (Anthony & Eddie Bagg RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£374.86
Digital Collection Plate	£85.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£961.86



Diocesan Priests Training Fund – **this weekend** there will be the annual second collection for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund. It costs more than £250k to train a priest over the course of 6 years of seminary formation. Currently there are only three men from our diocese training for the priesthood – please do keep them and any young man discerning his vocation in your prayers.



Good Shepherd Sunday – The Good Shepherd – Jesus – is attentive to each one of us; he seeks us and loves us, addresses his Word to us, knowing the depths of our heart, our desires, and our hopes, as well as our failures and disappointments. He accepts us and loves us as we are, with our merits and our faults. He “gives eternal life” to each one of us: that is, he offers us the opportunity to live a full life, without end. Moreover, he safeguards us and leads us lovingly, helping us to cross impervious paths and the sometimes-dangerous roads that appear in life. **Pope Francis**



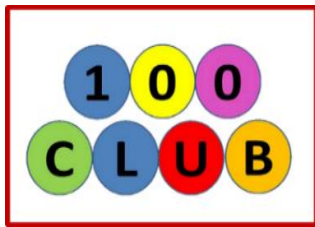
The SVP would like to express our tremendous gratitude for your generous donations during the recent appeal. It amounted to **£1,230** with gift aid we may well get another hundred or two. We will be able to put some of it to very good use straight away a portion will be used locally (homeless / vulnerable people) another portion for the starving in South Sudan. We keep a certain amount in our funds for other requests that come to us during the year. We would also like to that the person who gave us a very generous donation some time ago which was used for a specific need. We are indeed hugely grateful. Thanks also for responding to the questionnaire, some interesting ideas which we will impart with you when we discuss them fully. Again, thanks a million for your prayers, donations and your kindness to us always, which enables us to continue with what we do.

Parish SVP Conference

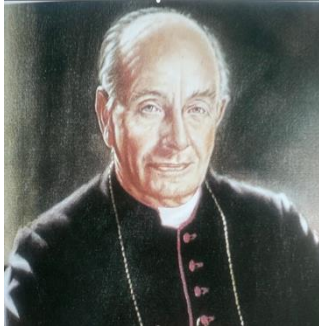


Creation Mass – A beautiful service voiced by all who attended the Creation Mass Tuesday last. A special thank you to Nick for playing the organ and to Fr Daniel for an inspiring homily building on the scripture readings chosen by the Cafod Group members. The sunshine allowed us to recite the Canticle of St Francis in front of his statue in the Parish Garden followed by a welcomed coffee and cake celebration. We are encouraged

to make this an annual event during Eastertide. Thankyou
Cafod Parish Support Group.



The next draw will take place after the **10.00am Mass on Tuesday 5th May** during the tea/coffee break. As the last draw for the current year is in June, please watch out for information from the 100 Club committee about renewing your membership of the 100 Club once the May draw has taken place. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.



Remembering Bishop Charles Grant – Bishop Grant was installed as the 8th Bishop of Northampton on **26th April 1967**, beginning a significant chapter in the life of our diocese during a time of great change and renewal in the Church. His ministry as Bishop coincided with the years following the Second Vatican Council and he guided the diocese with calm leadership, pastoral sensitivity and a strong commitment to implementing the Council’s vision at parish level. Bishop Grant placed particular emphasis on strengthening parish life; supporting the

clergy and religious and encouraging the active participation of lay people in the mission of the Church.

Bishop Grant was known for his quiet dedication, thoughtful leadership and deep sense of service. Under his care the diocese continued to grow in faith and confidence, responding to the pastoral needs of a changing society whilst remaining rooted in tradition. We give thanks for Bishop Grant’s faithful service to the Diocese of Northampton and remember him with gratitude for the foundations he helped to lay for future generations.

Prayer for Vocations

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.



“The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus”

St John Mary Vianney

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Gaude et Laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the
most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your
perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my
temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your
intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen



With our love and prayers, Fr Daniel, and Deacon Peter