

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 4:8–12 Only in Jesus' name are we to be saved.

1 John 3:1–2 We are God's children now.

John 10:11–18 The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The first reading today begins just after the church's first earthly shepherd, St Peter, has healed a man paralyzed from birth. In this memorable passage he tells us that there is no name other than that of Jesus Christ by which we are to be saved. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us of the depth of his love for us, that he chooses to lay down his life for us. As we listen today to God's holy word, let us be grateful that we have such a Good Shepherd to care for us and save us.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, 29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena

Saturday, 2nd May - Memorial of St Athanasius

BOOKSTALL

Recently published—*St Andrew's Cathedral Guide Book*. 32 pages of stunning colour photos and informative text telling the story of the Cathedral and guiding the visitor on a tour of its awe-inspiring features. £5.

Scottish Catholic Observer *Headlines*: Pope Francis and Archbishop Tartaglia call for prayer and action for refugees; So many Bodies in the Water – exclusive interview; Bishop calls youth to rally against persecution of Christians; Church support for the Buckley family

There is also a selection of Catholic newspapers and magazines for sale as well as a range of cards, devotional items and CTS pamphlets on seasonal and topical themes.

Surplus clothes, books? Parishioner John McVey (tel: 0141 429 2015, Mob: 07799 735893) is available to collect. Proceeds are helping various charities.

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26 April 2015

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“I am the Good Shepherd”

John 15:5



SUNDAY MASS	Vigil 5.15pm, 10.00am, 12noon, 5.15pm
MASS MON – SAT.	8.15am, 1pm and 5.15pm.
CONFESSIONS	Monday to Saturday 30 minutes before weekday Mass; also Saturday 12—1pm; 4—5.15pm.
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THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2015

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Good Shepherd is none other than Jesus. The Good Shepherd knows his sheep. He calls them. He lays down his life for his sheep. And the Good Shepherd seeks out the lost sheep and carries them to safe pastures. The Church looks to Jesus the Good Shepherd as She prays for vocations. The Church wants her priests to be like Jesus the Good Shepherd.

This year marks for me 40 years of priestly ordination. In some ways that comes as a surprise. 40 years is such a long time, but looking back, it has passed so quickly. My story as a priest is one of learning how to be like Jesus the Good Shepherd. I was well prepared, but I was not ready made. Jesus had to show me how to follow him. And you, my dear brothers and sisters, you had to teach me how to be a shepherd. I am still learning after 40 years, learning from Jesus and learning from you.

After 40 years, I want to thank God and ask him to continue to show me a Father's understanding and love so that, despite my sins and failings, I can still aspire to be something like Jesus the Good Shepherd. After 40 years, I am both joyful and humbled that I serve as a priest. I am still full of wonder at the Eucharist and the Sacraments. I am still excited by the challenge of finding new insights and new words to preach the Gospel. And more than ever I feel the responsibility to be a shepherd and pastor who shares the burdens of his flock and who responds to them with a loving heart. After 40 years I want to ask forgiveness of anyone I have hurt or disappointed. After 40 years, I want to thank the people I have served for their goodness and understanding. After 40 years, I praise God for calling me to be a priest.

After 40 years, despite recent ill-health, I am thankful that I am still strong and fit enough for work. But I have to acknowledge the fact that, at 64 years of age, I am nearer the end of my active life than the beginning. And my dearest wish is that there will be enough priests to care for this diocese into the future. Our story of vocations to the priesthood in recent years shows that the challenge is daunting for young men. In his Message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis mentions "uncertainty" and "worries about the future" and "daily problems" as factors which may put young people off "to the point where they think that is it not worth the effort to get involved, that the God of the Christian faith is somehow a limit on their freedom."

But Pope Francis goes on: "Dear young friends, never be afraid...The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day.

After 40 years, I can testify to the truth of the Pope's words. Despite the limitations of my own humanity, I am constantly surprised and delighted by working for the Lord as a priest. So I do not hesitate to call all young people to follow Jesus. And I do not hesitate to call young men to follow Jesus in the priesthood and allow him to make them into good shepherds just like him, And after 40 years, I can assure you personally of the protection and intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who did not hesitate to say in response to God's call, *Let it be done to me.*

Yours devotedly in Christ

Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, April 2015

NOTICES

Primary 7 Masses. The series of celebrations for primary school leavers continues in the Cathedral with Masses this Monday and Wednesday at 10.30am, celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia.

Charismatic Prayer Group: meets in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6pm.

Weekly Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood: Cathedral Fridays, 4-5pm.

SCIAF 50th Anniversary Mass. The Archdiocese of Glasgow will mark SCIAF's 50th Anniversary with a Mass in the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia on Thursday, 30 April at 7.00 pm.

First Friday 1 May: Men's Prayer Group begins in the Cathedral with silent adoration from 4pm onwards, then meeting in the sacristy after 5.15pm Mass, till 7pm.

Vocations Vigil at Turnbull Hall, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG, Friday, 1 May from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm. Mass will commence at 7.00 pm with Archbishop Tartaglia. Followed by Adoration, Music and Prayer with reflections from Fr Gerry Walsh and Sr Andrea Fraile. Fr Ross Campbell 0141 339 4315. Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk

First Saturday Devotion in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday, 5th May beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.35.

OFFERINGS

Today's Second Collection is taken up to support the formation of our future priests in seminary.

Next Sunday's second collection is for the Cathedral Building and Development Fund, helping with the added expense of maintaining our Cathedral church.

Gift Aid: each £1 given through Gift Aid brings an extra 25p to the Cathedral. Please consider Gift Aid. If you pay UK income tax you can sign the declaration on the yellow envelopes available near your seat. It costs you nothing, does not affect your tax code and is precious cash back to the Cathedral.