

Good Shepherd Sunday Mass

with Bishop Alan

Praying for our Confirmandi

Praying for Vocations

Order of Service

Sunday 3rd May

10.30am

Instagram and YouTube Live Stream

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**Welcome to Good Shepherd Sunday Mass,
Live Streamed on Instagram and YouTube
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Before Mass starts, find yourself a comfortable place where you can concentrate for the Mass. Perhaps consider lighting a candle or placing a crucifix to focus on.

You are welcome to add any prayer intentions in the comments sections on the Live Stream on Instagram.

Opening Hymn: Our God is Here, played by Art Wangcharoensab

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
And we cry

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
And we cry

"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"

We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"

Amen, we do believe our God is here.

Our God is here.

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First reading for the Acts of the Apostles (2:14,36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd, by David Palmer

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
I have everything that I need,
Near to pastures green, by the cooling stream,
Here he will revive my drooping spirit,
My Lord

*Lord, be my shepherd,
Let me be your sheep.*

My footsteps he guides on the right path,
As he promises to all men,
Even when I trail through the darkest vale,
With his crook and staff he gives me comfort,
My Lord

A banquet so fine he prepares for me,
Where my enemies all can see,
Holy oil to spread and anoint my head,
And my cup he fills to over flowing,
My Lord

His goodness and kindness shall follow me,
And be with me all my days,
In his house divine, to the end of time,
I will honour him for ever more,
My Lord, my Lord, my Lord, my Lord

Second reading for Peter's first letter (2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

A reading from the Gospel according to John (10:1-10)

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Homily given by Bishop Alan

Communion Hymn: Offer up my Life

Recessional Hymn: O God you search me

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

What next ... ?

From this afternoon we launch "Acts 4:32". Watch the intro videos at www.bcys.net, or on Instagram BrentwoodCYS, and then enjoy a ninety second burst of inspiration from one of our young leaders every day between now and Pentecost Sunday, 31st May

On Wednesday our Youth Mass is together with the BCCS— the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offer many tips and hints about how to stay mentally strong. In such unusual times it is quite natural to have very unusual thoughts and emotions, and we will be offering you a whole range of links to wonderful resources to help each one of us over the weeks and months ahead.

Today, as you have heard during Mass, is Good Shepherd Sunday – it is a day when we traditionally pray for Vocations – who are we called to be, by God.

Three of our seminarians - Michael Barwick, Jonathan Burden and Deacon Paschal Uche - have recorded video messages in place of this. You can watch them with the following link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1Gs_cDHv-pew1BupiuyitH8u37_8bWjU

There are regular evenings for those who would like to enquire about a vocation to the priesthood. At the moment these are being held online. Please get in touch with Fr Mark Swires at vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life and also that all of us may be able to hear what God is asking us to do.



Visit: <https://www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk>

This Week

Week Beginning 4th May 2020

All Masses will be Live-Streamed on YouTube and Instagram

<i>Monday</i>	Mass at 10.30am
<i>Tuesday</i>	Mass at 10.30am
<i>Wednesday</i>	Weekly Youth Mass 8pm With the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society
<i>Thursday</i>	Mass at 10.30am
<i>Friday</i>	Mass at 10.30am
<i>Saturday</i>	Mass at 10.30am
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Sunday Mass at 10.30am.

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