



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
11TH MAY TO 18TH
MAY 2025**

**ST.AUGUSTINE
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Today's Mass

Readings:

**Acts 13:14,
43-52; Ps 99;**

Apocalypse

7:9, 14-17;

John 10:27-30

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel, Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Jesus adopts the image of the shepherd and his sheep to illustrate His and the Father's regard for us. Like the shepherd, Jesus knows each and every one of us and will protect us no matter what. No one can take us away from Him.

Scriptures describe the shepherd and his relation to his sheep well. Notable is the readiness of the shepherd to defend the sheep with his own life. Two threats, from robbers and wild beasts, face a shepherd every day. He prepares himself to face these two dangers. He makes sure that both do not take any of his sheep. The relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is so close and committed that Jesus thought it best to use them to show how the Father and Him love us.

The parable of the Prodigal Son, the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and His teachings on forgiveness all conspire to paint a Father who loves His children and wants His children to always be with Him. He goes out to seek us. He knew that our place is with Him. Thus, when we come back, He welcomes us back.

This welcome, though unconditional, needs responsibility in order to stay with the Father. He welcomed the repentant prodigal son. He did not throw a stone at the adulterous woman but told her to sin no more. God cannot welcome our sins. He wants them out of our person. The Father's mercy entails freeing us from sin and punishment. For how can He truly be merciful and loving if He lets us live with our sin? True loving is not tolerating evil but helping the person be freed from it. If we want to be with God, we must be listeners to Him like the sheep. We follow His voice and no other. We belong to Him and He would never let us be out of His arms.

Responsorial Psalm:

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Filer, Deacon John Green, Pat Murphy, Kathleen Donoghue, Tri Dinh, and all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Please let me know the names of any parishioners, that are sick, that you would like to have included on the newsletter. Also, please inform me of any parishioner that is sick or housebound that you would like me to visit in their home.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember [James Nahar](#), [Mary Allen](#) and all those who have died recently. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May Their souls Rest in Peace.

Requiem Mass for Mary is on 14th May 2025 at 11:30am

VACANCY CARETAKER

St Clare's Catholic Primary School are looking to recruit a Caretaker. This is a permanent, part time position (20 hours per week, all year round). PayScale - Grade 2 support staff.

To arrange a visit. Please contact our school office on 0121 554 3289 or via email enquiry@stclare.bham.sch.uk.

Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!

Archbishop Bernard has issued the following beautiful statement:

I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.

I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.

Let us pray for our new Holy Father. Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!"

This Week Sunday 11th May (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Timings	Holy Mass Intentions
SUNDAY 11TH MAY RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND	9:30am 11:00am	Ints of Caroline Ward Thanksgiving Mass for Payal
Tuesday 13th May Easter Feria	9:15am	NO MASS DEANERY MEETING
Wednesday 14th May Feast of St Matthias, Apostle	11:30am	Requiem Mass for Mary Allen
Thursday 15th May Easter Feria	9:30am	Ints for the Parish
Friday 16th May Easter Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Ints of Michael Summer Fayre Volunteers Meeting
Saturday 17th May Easter Feria	10:30am - 11:00am	Adoration and Confession
SUNDAY 18TH MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:30am 11:00am	Mary O'Mahony R.I.P Christopher Geoghegan R.I.P

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Last Week's
Offeratory
Collection:
£381.33

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£153.00

Building Fund:
£203.44

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:175

Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.

Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ordinary Time
Year C
Acts 14:21-27;
Ps 144;
Apocalypse
21:1-5;
John 13:31-35

SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 28th June 2025, from 12:00pm, at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School. Your kind help and donations will be much appreciated.

We are in need of toys, chocolates, bottles, cakes, fancy goods, and new electrical items. We also need prizes for the main raffle. These can be left in the Parish Office. No clothes, books or CDs. Thank you .



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