



**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2026 GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (VOL. 8 ISSUE 315)**

**EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR A)**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Con Boyle: 01689 842644**

**Parish Sister: Sr. Sheila Barrett DMJ**

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**Reflection:** Wishing you all every blessing and joy on what is an early date for **EASTER SUNDAY** – April 5<sup>th</sup> – corresponding exactly with the end of another tax year.

2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States’ founding (June 28<sup>th</sup> 1776). One of its 5 founding fathers was the great intellectual Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790). His most memorable quote was **"in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."**

These 2 phenomena are indeed certain but they are clearly distinct from each other. We know that Jesus said **"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's"**.

Death is bound up with all aspects of our Faith. Taxes are clearly not so bound up with our day-by-day journey to God.

Our God-given gift of Faith comes with the added present of genuine certainties – the certainty that Original Sin brought death into the world – the certainty that our first parents’ disobedience would demand the birth & especially the death of God’s Only Begotten Son, for humankind’s Salvation and Redemption – the certainty that we do have **JUSTIFICATION** through the Precious Saving Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He, and only He, could have willed to satisfy His Father’s Will that humankind should not face the looming prospect of everlasting death – the certainty that we will indeed rise again as Jesus Christ was, and is, the First Fruits – the first Person to rise from the dead on that glorious first Easter Day.

Let us be truly thankful to God and rejoice in the certainty of Jesus’ Resurrection, and then the certainty of ours correspondingly.

**ALLELUIA! JESUS, OUR LORD, IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

**Saturday 4th April 2026 HOLY SATURDAY**

**Confessions 11am-12 noon & 5.45pm- 6.15pm**

**8.30pm Mass – THE EASTER VIGIL – Salvatore Basile RIP (4<sup>th</sup> April having been his birthday in life)**

**SUNDAY APRIL 5th 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**7:30am Adoration**

**8.30am Mass – People of the parish**

**11am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke & family)**

**Monday 6th April 2026 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**8.30am Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – That two blood brothers embrace the Divine Mercy promise**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**8.30am Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – Birthday blessings for Michael at the request of his mother**

**Wednesday 8th April 2026 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**8.30am Adoration**

**9.15 Mass – Jocelyn Cossigny RIP (1 month’s mind tomorrow)**

**Thursday 9th April 2026 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**8.00am Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – David Holmes RIP (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary today)**

**Friday 10th April 2026 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**8.30am Adoration**

**9.15am Mass – Margaret Holmes RIP (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary today)**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**10am Mass – In thanksgiving for prayers answered (PD)**

**Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm**

**6.30pm – People of the parish**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**7.30am Adoration**

**8.30am Mass – Birthday blessings for Zena today**

**11am Mass – To plead for souls to return to the Divine and human Heart of Jesus**

**Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12<sup>th</sup>: we will be having the 3 o'clock prayer followed by related devotional prayers. Opportunity for Confessions until 5pm (no visiting priest).**

### **Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School**

If you are a parent with “a newborn”, or a child aged 1-3 years, please do “register” your Catholic child for our Catholic Primary School. Mrs. Jane Day, our headteacher, writes as follows, inviting you to visit the school:

**“Good Shepherd is a very friendly & inclusive school, and we welcome families to come and visit. At our school ‘every day is an open day’ – so please come along for a tour of our lovely school and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to call in advance (01689-841771) or just turn up. We are rated “Good” by both Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate”.**

#### ***Home/Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School***

**New Addington Foodbank**: thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

**2020 Diamond Fund**: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60<sup>th</sup> Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

**Gift Aid Scheme**: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C at no cost to you.

**Please pray for those with health issues**: Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddy Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Winston Daniel, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Ann Gavigan, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

#### **COLLECTIONS**

March 28th/29th: Attendance: **190** 1st Collection: **£348.64** Gift-Aided: **£242** Loose: **£106.64**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **£83.48**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CUSTOMARY WEEKLY GENEROSITY**

**WEBSITE: [good-shepherd-newaddington.org](http://good-shepherd-newaddington.org)**

