

persuade him to resign, elected an 'antipope' who went back to Avignon thus starting the great western Schism which lasted for the next forty years.

Catherine remained loyal to the belligerent Urban VI and at his request went to Rome to work to restore unity. She frequently wrote letters to him urging him to moderate his harshness and to various European leaders and the cardinals to whom she pleaded to recognise him as the authentic pope. But she felt the wound in the body of Christ could only be healed by a great sacrifice.

Her death and influence

One evening in January, 1380, in Rome, while dictating a letter to Urban, she suffered a stroke. She had a second stroke while at prayer in St. Peter's and died three weeks later on April 29th, 1380, aged thirty-three.

She was canonised in 1461 by Pope Pius II and in 1970 she was named Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI. In addition she was declared one of the six Patron Saints of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

St Catherine was born in Siena in 1347.

She was a remarkable woman in Renaissance Italy. She refused her parents' arrangements for her to marry and went into isolation for three years. She gathered a huge following of friends and disciples.

As a result of continued pressure and influence by the French kings, popes had been living in Avignon since 1309. In 1376 Catherine went to Avignon where after a stay of 4 months she persuaded the Pope, Gregory XI, to come back from Avignon to Rome.

When he died a year later his successor Pope Urban VI was so unpopular that several cardinals, after failing to

Saints of the Week

Tues 27	St Asicus, bishop
Wed 28	St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr
	St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, priest
Thurs 29	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE
Fri 30	St Pius V, pope

'He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely.'

St Catherine of Siena

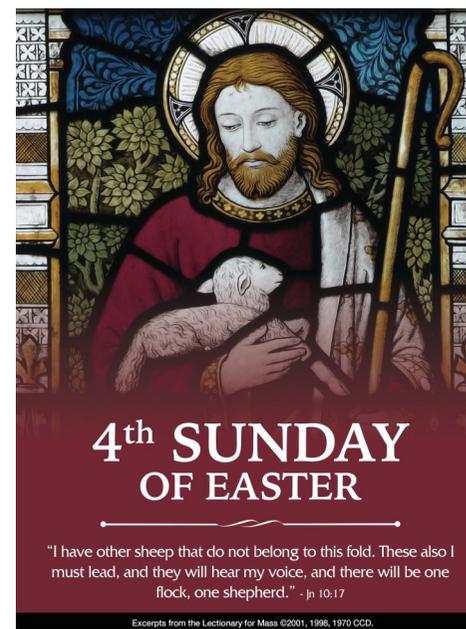


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MASS INTENTIONS

6pm Vigil Mass Sat 24th April:-
 Donnchadh O' Connor - 1st Anniversary
 Carmel Kevin - 1st Anniversary
 Chris O' Connor - 13th Anniversary

11.30 am Mass Sunday 25th April:-
 Deceased Members of the Hickey Family - Anniversaries
 Frank Murray - 8th Anniversary
 Anne Mc Inerney - 90th Birthday Celebration.
 Sean & Ann O' Farrell - 64th Wedding Anniversary

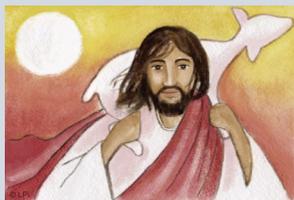
Other Intentions

Recently Deceased:-
 Una Blake
 Dolores O' Leary
 James J (Jimmy) Flynn

Anniversaries:-
 Moyra & Dudley Donnan & Families
 Kay Lenehan
 Christina Wallace
 Rita Chadwick
 Eddie Walsh
 Patrice Gibbons

Recently deceased
 Denis English
 Josephine Fitzmaurice
 May they rest in peace





April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer
 for Vocations

The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

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 'We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms'. (Meister Eckhart)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said, 'Rulers of the people and elders!' (Acts 4:8-12)

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for us love has no end. (Ps117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29)

SECOND READING

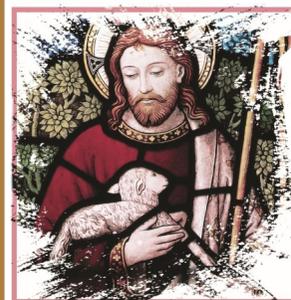
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. (1 Jn 3:1-2)

GOSPEL

I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. (Jn 10:11-18)



Daily Mass readings are available on line at
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I lay
 down my
 life for my
 sheep
 Jn 10:15

Lord Jesus, who in your pilgrimage along the roads of Palestine, chose and called the apostles and entrusted to them their task of preaching the Gospel, feeding the faithful and celebrating divine worship, ensure that today, too, your Church may not lack numerous holy priests, who can bring to all the fruits of your death and resurrection.

Saint John Paul II,
 (Message for Vocation Sunday 2001)



SUMMER GARDENING

WORKSHOP

With Suzanne O'Neill who will answer
 all your gardening questions

Starts: **Tuesday, 27th April**

Where: **Zoom**

Time: **11.am**

For more information or to book a place
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All in the April morning,
 April airs were abroad;
 The sheep with their little lambs
 Pass'd me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs
 Pass'd me by on the road;
 All in an April evening
 I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary, and crying
 With a weak human cry;
 I thought on the Lamb of God
 Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains
 Dewy pastures are sweet:
 Rest for the little bodies,
 Rest for the little feet.

Rest for the Lamb of God
 Up on the hill-top green;
 Only a cross of shame
 Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,
 April airs were abroad;
 I saw the sheep with their lambs,
 And thought on the Lamb of God.

Katharine Tynan Hinkinson (1861-1931).