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**Gospel
Reading:**
John 10: 1-10

**Jesus the Good
Shepherd**

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. I cannot believe it, but this is our 5th issue. Originally our newsletter was envisioned to stay in touch during the first period of lockdown, earmarked to last a few weeks until Easter Sunday. It now seems, as this Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Easter, to be more of a long-term feature! As a result, we are going to make it a fortnightly newsletter, with more scope for content. We would love to receive any submissions for the newsletter, from parishioners and friends, so get writing! This newsletter, alongside our Facebook page and YouTube channel, help to keep us together as a community of faith, despite the restrictions that are necessary to safeguard us all. Through these forms of communication, we can worship together in our own homes. As I was looking at the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter, I was struck by a passage from the reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

'Day by day, as they had spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.'

There are times when the recommended readings from the lectionary each Sunday can seem a strange collection, with no clear theme running through them. There are times when the theme is clear. However, there are times when the theme is clear and strikingly relevant for that time or moment in our lives. The gospel reading for the 4th Sunday of Easter, a reading from Saint John's gospel, tells us about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tending his flock, keeping them safe and leading them to good pasture. At this moment in time, we are staying at home to keep safe, breaking bread in our own homes, but we continue to praise God and to care for our community. And we are not alone, for the Good Shepherd watches over us, sharing our journey with us. The theme of God's love and care for us all is reflected in our psalm for this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter:

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,

I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow
me

all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for
ever. Amen.

As we progress into the month of May, and the start of Summer, I hope you stay safe and well and I wish you every blessing at this time.

God bless,

Ross.

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Like every parish in these united dioceses and indeed throughout the Church of Ireland, our income has been depleted, not just by the loss of income from investments but also from the regular Sunday collections and envelope scheme. With regular church services in our parish churches unable to take place, due to the restrictions imposed on us during the Covid-19 emergency, I hope you are enjoying the regular worship resources/online services available from our parish via Facebook and YouTube. We have all had to creatively adapt ways of working and living during these changed times. As a regular contributor to our parish through the envelope scheme or church plate we would ask that, if you are able to do so, you consider setting up a Standing Order to assist our parish financially at this time. I realise this is a big ask as many of you will also have lost income and are struggling to make ends meet. However, if you can, you can still put your regular envelope money aside for the appropriate date and pass these on to the respective churches when we return to regular worship or you can make a donation or set up a standing order. If you are willing to do this, please contact Patricia Parfrey in the Parish Office and she will advise you of our bank details. At the time of writing, we are availing of the government's payroll scheme whereby they pay 70% of wages and the parish makes up the difference (subject to a given formula by the revenue). This will result in a slight reduction for each staff member but at least we are doing our best to keep them on our books. I continue to wish you all well and pray that you will be kept safe and well as we journey through this Covid-19 crisis together.

David

Parish Notes

From the registers:

It is with much sadness that we record the death of Mrs Joan West, mother of Avril and sister to Gladys (Mooney). Joan has been a faithful member of All Saints church for nearly a century and has seen many clergy come and go during that time. A quiet woman, always keeping to the background and never taking centre stage in anything, she died as she lived, with dignity, patience and in peace. Joan had been ill on and off since January and even survived Covid-19 which she contracted in St James's Hospital. However she had a very weak heart and the aftermath of Covid-19, coupled with her age, led to eventual heart failure and she died peacefully in her sleep in her 97th year.

Our sympathies we extend to Avril and Gladys and the entire family circle. Her funeral service was held in Mount Jerome Crematorium under very surreal, yet real, circumstances. A memorial service for Joan will be held at a time when our churches re-open and people can gather to pay their respects.

***“Resting where no shadows fall in peace,
perfect peace.”***

Parish notice during Covid-19 lockdown

Following the decision to temporarily cease acts of public worship across the Church of Ireland due to Covid-19, there will be no services in St. Michan's Church or in All Saints Church for the foreseeable future. The buildings are closed but the church is more than a collection of buildings, it is a community of faith and, as such, the church never closes. At this time, we must follow the example of the early church and join together in prayer from our own homes.

In order to keep in touch and pray together as a community, we are putting in place several ways to enable this. We will continue with this weekly newsletter, which will be emailed or posted out each week to parishioners. If you would like to be added to our email list and consent to us adding your name, please email the Parish Office. Secondly, we will be recording short services and reflections, which will be posted on our face book page: Christchurch Cathedral Group of Parishes, <https://m.facebook.com/cathedral/>. We also now have a YouTube channel, St. Michan's Church Dublin, which will have recorded services and reflections each week. At this time, when we are all self isolating and many shops are closed, it can be difficult to access shopping or other services. If any parishioner needs any assistance or is in need of shopping or other supplies, please do not hesitate to contact the vicar on 087-2630402, email: pierpoint.david@gmail.com or the curate on 087-9892941 or email: stylesross@gmail.com. Shopping can be left on doorsteps and social distancing can be maintained.

Songs of Praise:

We are planning to host a Songs of Praise video on our YouTube channel once a month and parishioners and friends are asked to send in their choice of one hymn and tell why it means something special to them. We are asking for one hymn each initially but, if the present situation continues over the summer months, then people may be asked again for more hymn suggestions! This Songs of praise will be interspersed with pictures and images from all three of our churches in the group. Please send your choice of hymn to the archdeacon at pierpoint.david@gmail.com or text him on 087-2630402 or to the curate at stylesross@gmail.com or text to 087 9892941.

The Sailing Ship by Bishop Charles Henry Brent

What is dying?

I am standing on the seashore.

A ship sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.

She is an object and I stand watching her

Till at last she fades from the horizon,

And someone at my side says, "She is gone!" Gone where?

Gone from my sight, that is all;

She is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I saw her,

And just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her;

And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone",

There are others who are watching her coming,

And other voices take up a glad shout,

"There she comes" – and that is dying.

Oh, when the Saints...



Many people are missing live football, whether it's the Friday night trip to support an Airtricity League side or watching Premier League or European competitions on television. TV sports stations are showing matches from the 1980s and 90s to give us a football fix, but I'd like to delve a little further back in football history, a little closer to home.

When people talk about the Saints in Dublin 8, they usually mean my local team, St. Patrick's Athletic in Inchicore, but St. Werburgh's football team were the original Saints, tracing their history back to the turn of the 20th century. At this time some local football teams in Dublin were formed in connection with the Boys' Brigade, playing most of their matches in the Phoenix Park. Was this how our parish football team came about?

The first reference to St. Werburgh's football team that I found in Irish newspaper archives online was in the Evening Herald of 9th November 1900, listing a Sunday League No. 1 fixture between Aberdeen and Werburgh's at the Fifteen Acres, Phoenix Park.

Coverage of matches in the newspapers is hit and miss, due to gaps in newspapers issues online, but I followed their fortunes as best I could. I had high hopes for the team in their 1904 season, as they were runners up in the Junior Co. Dublin League the previous year. Unfortunately, it was not to be!

The Co. Dublin League table published in the Evening Herald on 1st November 1904, showed St. Werburgh's in the lower half of the table:

1 Shamrock Rovers; 2 Cabra; 3 Ashville; 4 Chapelizod;
5 Seaview; 6 Richmond Wanderers; 7 Reginald II;
8 St. Werburgh's; 9 Carlton; 10 Trojans 'A';
11 St. Mary's; 12 G.S. and W.R.

Their fortunes in various cup competitions were not great either, I'm sorry to say!

They came close in the Irish Junior Cup, reported by the Evening Herald on 5th November 1904, and the match against Chapelizod was a thriller!

"Corners fell galore to the "Saints" but try as they would they could not beat Sheeran, who proved their stumbling block time after time, although Walsh had hard lines on one occasion, the leather just glancing behind... A splendid run by "Barney" Anderson at last proved too much for Sheeran, as from Anderson's kick Walsh caught on and shot, but the leather struck Hogan; then McCartan received and shot, but Hogan also parried this, and Scott receiving gave Sheeran no earthly chance, the "Lizards" being one down after 25 minutes play".

Chapelizod equalised before the half-time whistle, but after the break,

"the Saints were playing better now than in the first half, and forced two corners in rapid time, and from one of these Joe Sweetman had hard lines." However, it was still 1-1 at the end of normal time. "Extra time being ordered, the Saints took advantage of the breeze and forced three corners in as many minutes, and each being grandly placed the Saints had desperately bad luck, as both Walsh and Scott just headed over, but no further score accrued, and the game will have to be replayed,"

The team were: Byrne, Little and Heeler, Bibby, Sweetman, and Gillis, Anderson, Hackett, Walsh, Scott and McCartan, as reported by the paper, but perhaps McCartan was a misspelling of McCartney, their regular player and goalscorer? I was disappointed to see that they were later soundly beaten by Chapelizod in the replay by a score of 5-nil. St. Werburgh only fielded 9 players.

The Irish Independent of the 18th February 1905 listed their final matches of the season to be:

*Leinster Junior League - Abbey v St. Werburgh and Co.
Dublin League - St. Werburgh v G.S. and W.R.*

The reports of these matches are missing online, as are the end of season tables! I'll check the original papers when the library reopens to find out how they got on.

The St. Werburgh's players were well regarded, and two of them, W. McCartney and J. Scott, were included in the line-out for the Leinster Junior League in an exhibition match against the County Dublin League in February 1905 at Dalymount Park.

The newspapers over the next few years show a team doing well, albeit with some ups and downs on the field. In May 1907 they played Strandville at Church Road in a fight for the Junior League title. The score was 0-0 at half-time but St. Werburgh's were beaten 1-0 at the final whistle. The teams fielded over these years included players: Duff, Dunne, Ellis, Gillis, Hill, Keogh, Little, Malone, McCartney, McClean, A. McClean, O'Brien, Scott, Smyth, Sweetman.

However, all was not rosy, and on 18th January 1909 the Evening Herald published the Junior League table, with Chapelizod on top, and at the other end of the table, St. Werburgh's with 0 points. They had resigned from the league, along with St. James' Gate II. The team by this season included many new names – Jenkinson, Lawless, Paisley, Thornberry, Brazil, Mulhearn and Woods.

I can't find mention of the team again in the newspapers until early 1917, when some St. Werburgh's team fixtures are listed under the Boys' League. The team at this time was listed as Brady, McCleane, Douglas, MacLoughlin, Keogh, Lyons, Byrne, Whelan, Mulvey, Robinson, O'Toole. A former player was lauded in a report in the Evening Herald of 3rd December 1917: Malone played for Jacobs in a 5-2 win against University College in the Intermediate Cup

“Malone, apart from securing two scores, worked with a courage and tenacity characteristic of Werburgh days”.

In the 1920s, St. Werburgh's were playing in the Metropolitan Leagues, the Novices' League and the Coyle Cup. In the 1930s they were playing in the Sunday Alliance Division III. The last mention

I found of the team was in the Drogheda Independent of 9th November 1935 when they were beaten 3 – 2 by Cairnes Athletic at Magdalene Park. They had beaten Cairnes a few months previously, 6 goals to 3, when they “travelled in full strength and had Dowling of Emorville playing at centre forward.”

Was this the final season for St. Werburgh's football team? I'd love to find out more. If you have photographs, memories, stories or silverware to share, perhaps we could put together a history of our parish team.

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Craft Corner by Aisling Sheridan

As we observe social distancing, we cannot meet up with our friends and many of our family. So, writing letters and cards is suddenly taking on a new meaning. This week, I'm sharing some greeting cards I have made. You can be as creative as you feel and they're perfect for even very small children to help with. And for grandparents who are missing out on seeing their grandchildren, receiving a card handmade by them could make their day.

As I mentioned previously, I use *Treasured Over Time* (on Etsy) as my main supplier for card making materials. But I'm also a hoarder and recycler, so I keep old cards and papers and cut pictures out of magazines. I also add stickers, ribbons, lace, buttons, in fact anything I feel like using! I have a stash of card sheets that I buy in *LIDL* whenever they get craft materials in and *Sostrene Grene* is great too for paper and card. I make different shapes and sizes, and as each card is usually one-of-a-kind, I know people really appreciate receiving them. So, I hope these samples inspire you to get cutting and sticking! Believe me, the time will fly, and you'll have a stack of lovely cards to use to stay in touch with people.



Prayers that we can say together at home:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.

Amen.

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE
PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE
UNEMPLOYED AND THE
SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF
GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE
CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
PURVEYORS OF SCARCE
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY
DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL
WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL
WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS,
THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE
ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND
THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE
CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND
FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF
OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE
REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE
GOD DESPITE THE
MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE
TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN
STEADFAST AND
CONSTANT IN
DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH
WORKERS; THE DEACONS,
PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING
PRESENCE IN A HURTING
WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO
SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE
PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING
ALONE WITH THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES AND
THERE IS NO RESPITE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF
GOD AND WITH HIM THEY
WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE
BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS
ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY
SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR
ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY-WE PRAY-
THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS:
ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO
WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE
GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

Podcast recommendations

In Our Time, Melvyn Bragg (BBC Radio 4)

Irish History Podcast, Fin Dwyer

The Laughs of your life with Doireann Garrihy

BBC Earth Podcast <https://www.bbcearth.com/podcast/>

BBC Radio 4 Podcast: Living World : My Living World

A quote from “To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings” by John O’Donoghue

“This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.”

Papa's Recipe for Brown Bread



Mix the dry and wet ingredients separately. Then slowly add the wet to the dry, mixing them with a wooden spoon, or using an electric mixer with the spiral dough hook attached and set to minimum speed. Gradually mix the ingredients to form a soft dough.

The baking times are for a fan oven, which ensures even heat. If the oven does not have a fan, and you have used double the amounts for two loaves, both tins should be on the same level in the oven and as far away from the sides of the oven as possible to ensure even heat.

Ingredients	Metric (x1)	
Extra course wholemeal	350g	
Plain cream flour	100g	
Salt	1 teaspoon	
Bread Soda	1 teaspoon	
Baking Powder	1/2 teaspoon	Optional
Wheat Bran	50g	
Wheat Germ	40g (min 25g)	
Buttermilk	425 – 475ml With more than 25g wheat germ, may need (500ml)	
Margarine	25g	↩ if not using oil
Sunflower Oil	2 tablespoons	
Extra Virgin Olive Oil	1 tablespoon	
Honey or Brown Sugar	1 to 2 teaspoons	↩ Optional
Egg	1	↩ Optional
Oven (40 – 45 mins in total)		
1 st 10 minutes	200 C (fan oven)	
Then 30/35 minutes	175 C (fan oven)	

Pavel's Pear and Almond Scones

Put the flour, sugar, ground almonds and margarine into a mixing bowl and mix until like fine bread crumbs

Mix in the eggs, almond essence and enough milk to wet the mixture

Drain the juice from the pears and cut into small pieces, add them to the mix

Pour mixture out onto a floured surface, knead the mixture lightly. Roll it out with a rolling pin to 1.5 inches thick. Cut with a round scone cutter. Line the baking tray with parchment paper and place the scones on the tray leaving space between each. Sprinkle the flaked almonds on top of each scone.

Ingredients	Metric (x1)	
Self-raising flour	454g	
Margarine	170g	
Caster Sugar	115g	
Eggs	3	
Milk	100ml	
Ground Almonds	50g	
Flaked Almonds	50g	
Almond Extract	1 drop	
Almond Essence	2 drops	If not using Almond Extract
Tinned pears	125g	
Bake for 25 mins	170 Fan Oven	

A message from Christian Aid:

Dear Supporter,

We hope you and all of yours are keeping well and staying safe during this difficult time.

With the emergence of COVID 19 over the recent weeks, there is a lot of uncertainty and we have been receiving enquiries from churches and supporters about ways that they can help towards the work of Christian Aid at this time. We have a [coronavirus campaign](#) because the coronavirus outbreak threatens not only to jeopardise the health of a region, but of the world. It has shown us that our futures are bound more tightly together than ever before. In times of crisis, more so than any other time, it is the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalised who are at greatest risk. We must respond quickly. The poorest will be worst affected.

Christian Aid had already plans for the Lenten Appeal which now may not materialise in the present circumstance. We were also working on the roll out of other forthcoming activities such as Christian Aid Week, which is due to run from 10th to 17th May, however all our original plans for activities and events for the recent time have been fundamentally changed with all activities, events postponed to a later time in 2020 when the crisis has rescinded and it is safe. In particular, along with many churches, we are advising against any gathering of people in any forums, or events such as lent lunches, where food is shared and many people would meet in close proximity.

Even with these challenges and in the absence of physical church services, Christian Aid Ireland are looking at alternative ways to virtually meet, share and pray with supporters over the coming months online in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time.

• **Christian Aid Week**, which is our single most important fundraising week in May will also probably be curtailed and the impact of not holding it in its usual form is significant. We are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week and will keep you informed about this

• **Christian Aid Week RTE Service** will still be happening on May 10th 2020 and we hope many of you may tune in and join us online in worship to the theme of Christian Aid work. It will be an opportunity to see our CAW2020 stories and work in Kenya.

• **Christian Aid resources** – devotionals and other resources, such as videos of partners stories are available on our website; www.christianaid.ie which we hope you may utilise over this period

“Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty during this period. If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, living in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.”

Christian Aid Ireland will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves over coming weeks and months and will be praying for all those affected by this new virus, both at home and overseas, all those working on the frontline and for wisdom for our leaders at this crucial time.

Please let us know if you or any other Christian Aid Supporters that you know are involved in helping in your community at this time. We would love to pray for you and to celebrate your involvement. You can contact us by email at dublin@christian-aid.org or call us at 01 4967040. All calls will be answered, although staff are working from home.

Keeping you all in our prayers.