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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 8TH MAY 2022



In today's first reading, Paul and Barnabas were well received at Antioch and returned the following Sabbath to speak again in the synagogue. They reminded the Jewish congregation that no less a prophet than Isaiah spoke of the 'ideal' Israel as a light to all the nations; that is not just Jews but also non-Jews, the Gentiles. The leaders were fearful about the apostles' reminder of Isaiah's statement that they would like to forget. The two, in speaking of salvation for the Gentiles, became a perceived threat to the Jewish leaders' conviction of having sole ownership of being God's chosen people.

The basic ingredients for jealousy were there: they were fearful that they would have to accept this correction from Isaiah and correct their own teaching. Also, they might well lose their status/authority as teachers. We heard: "When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said." Jealousy won over rationality. This is jealousy at the institutional level of religion.

We follow this in the second reading, from the Book of Revelation, speaking of the multitude of heaven "which no one could count from every nation, race, people and tongue." It indicates the direct opposite of an exclusive elite. It holds the door open for all, just as Jesus showed in his day.

Elitism, or exclusivism seems to be how we often want to perceive the world. However, God, the light of the world, shines as love, on everyone. Light has no borders that it cannot cross. As Jesus then says in the Gospel - "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice". Anyone who follows Christ Jesus and his teachings is loved by God.

HOLY CROSS CHORISTER ALB: We are very proud of our children's choir who sang in our parish for the first time on Easter day. Their angelic voices brought great joy to our celebration.

This chorister Alb you find in the photo was specially designed by Fr Antony for our Holy Cross Children's Choir. 50 of them have been made in different colours and sizes.

The next Sunday they will sing will be on 5th June and they will rehearse for the three previous consecutive Saturdays (May 21st and 28th, and June 4th) in church ready to start at 11am.

If you have a child who would like to be part of this Choir, please contact Rachael Wibberley or Francisca Dunbar: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk



First Holy Communion: We congratulate another group of children who are to receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday (7th May). Many thanks also to their Catechists who have supported them through their education.

Lisa Konan, Stefan Gifford, Tomilola Tarila Ojejinmi, Charlene Opara, Jayden Iheoma, Amira-Rose Clarke, Benjamin Igwe, Kayley Emijola Awoyemi, Chidera Sophie Onua, Gabrielle Quilas, Joseph Augustin, Diamantina Byrne, Gabriel Izunna, Peace Pope

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 7th - Fri 13th May		
SAT	6:30pm	Felicity Kiambi & Francis Nyagah R.I.P.
SUN	09:00am	Eden Amate Atayi R.I.P.
	11:30am	Dr Mitchell Mbaeri – Birthday Thanksgiving
MON	9:15am	Theresa Green R.I.P.
TUE	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
WED	9:15am	Thierry Christian Gnanakumar R.I.P.
THU	9:15am	Agnes Smith R.I.P. (1 st Anniversary)
FRI	6:30pm	Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00pm	The Zammit & Flahive Families - Thanksgiving

Please Pray for the Sick:

Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Dora Biasi, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Gala Lobo, John Conway, Pat Doyle, Mary Emmanuel, Ian Durkin, Susan Murphy, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Martin Flatley, Jim Eggeton, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Eileen Embury, Joan Loughnane, Theresa Butler and Katie Bournier

If you would like members of your family to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

Entrance Hymn (see board)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

Homily

Offertory Hymn (see board)

Memorial Acclamation

Lamb of God

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Communion Hymns (see board)

Recessional Hymn (see board)

Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: £665

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's retiring collection will be for the Priest Training Fund. Thank you.

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