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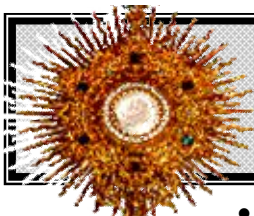
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# The Week Ahead

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018

• **Sunday 22**

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, St John 10:11-18

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Christ is the good shepherd who has given his life for his sheep. Salvation is to be found in no one else but him. He is the one shepherd of one flock. He has laid down his life that all might be saved.

**Dublin** Today is the anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Eamonn Walsh, 22 April 1990.

• **Monday 23**

Acts 11:1-18, Pss 41:2-3, 42:3-4, St John 10:1-10  
'The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock, of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd, Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep' (Lumen gentium, 6).

**St George** was venerated as a soldier saint at Lydda in the Holy Land where he was probably martyred around the year 300. He is patron saint of England.

**St Adalbert**, born 956, after being bishop of Prague, went as a missionary among the Prussians on the Polish coast where he was martyred in 997.

• **Tuesday 24**

Acts 11:19-26, Psalm 86:1-7, St John 10:22-30  
At Antioch the good news is first preached to the pagans and the disciples are first called 'Christians'. Those who receive Jesus as their shepherd receive his protection and the gift of eternal life.

**St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, 1578-1622, a Capuchin who preached to the Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was killed by a group of extremists.

• **Wednesday 25**

1 Pet 5:5-14, Psalm 88:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27,  
St John 13:16-20

**St Mark** was closely connected with the preaching of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St Peter. His symbol is a winged lion.

• **Thursday 26**

Acts 13:13-25, Psalm 88:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27,  
St John 13:16-20

Sharing in the life and dignity of Jesus means

also sharing in his self-giving and humble service of others.

• **Friday 27**

Acts 13:26-33, Psalm 2:6-11, St John 14:1-6  
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Jesus encourages peace in our hearts in times of trouble. There remains for us a place of rest in his Father's house.

**St Asicus** was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Patrick is said to have founded.

• **Saturday 28**

Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 97:1-4, St John 14:7-14  
Prayer in the name of Jesus, animated by the Spirit, will lead us to think and desire as he does.

**St Peter Chanel**, 1803-41, is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

**St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort**, 1673-1716, was a priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

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**The Pope's Intention  
for April**

**Universal:** For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## Teams of Our Lady

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