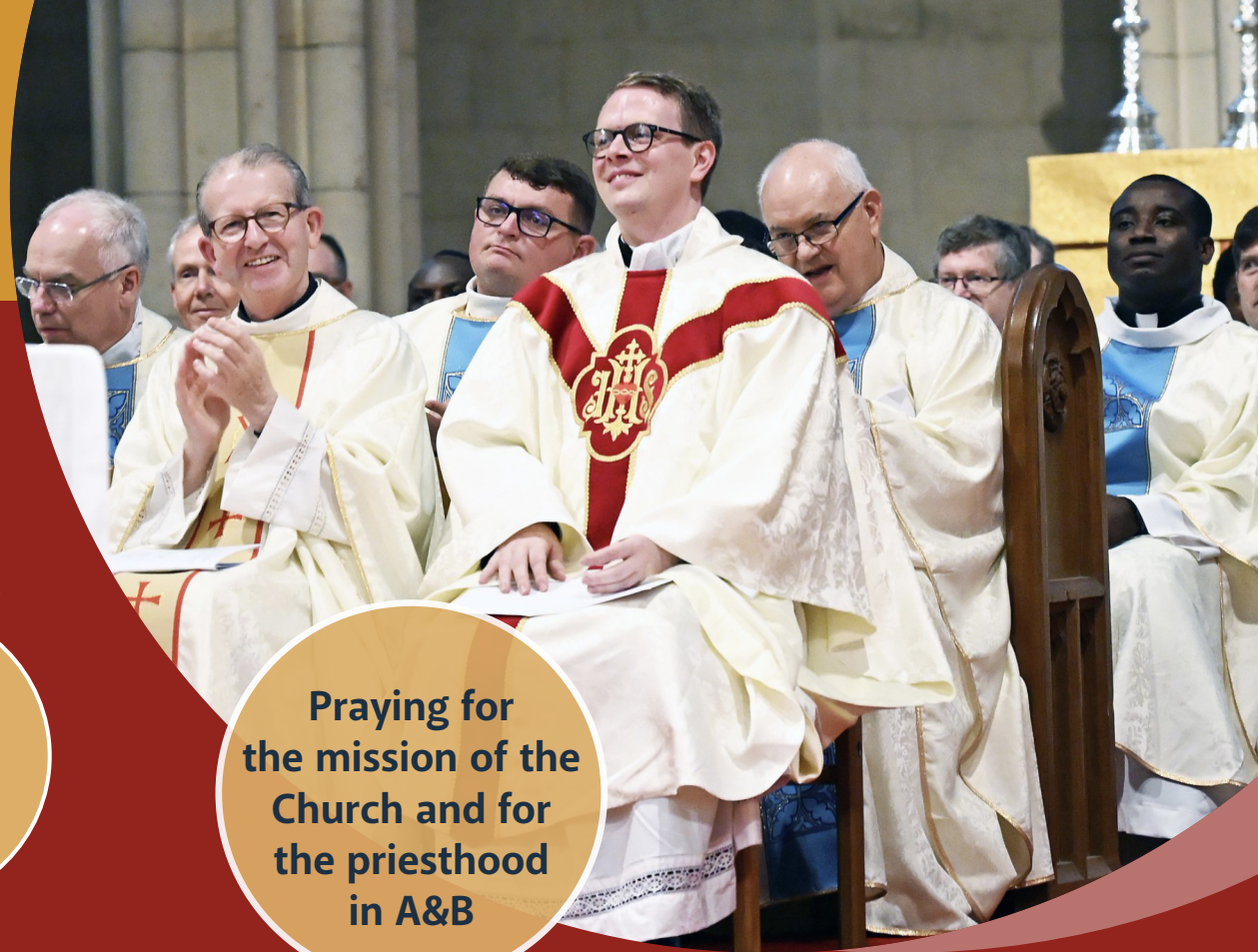


GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 26 APRIL



Praying for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in A&B

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**A MONTH OF PRAYER
FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

Good Shepherd Sunday - Pentecost 2026

Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us

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**"Let us remember:
there is no future
without nurturing all
vocations!"**

Pope Leo XIV

Let's ask the Spirit for the gift of priests

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

The journey from Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, the whole diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church.

Foremost among these vocations, we need priests. The priesthood is a special gift to the Church, through which Christ is always present to pour out His Spirit on His people through the holy sacraments.

Why not see this time of prayer as a personal invitation from the Lord to spend an hour in His company before the Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps a group to pray for vocations could be established. The team at the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration are happy to help with this; please contact Michael Agius; E: meagius@gmail.com

**To find out more about vocations to the priesthood, contact Fr Tristan Cranfield;
E: vocations@abdiocese.org.uk**

A suggested prayer itinerary

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Read about Jesus, our Shepherd (Jn 10: 1-11) and pray for the priests of the Diocese.

DURING THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER

Read about the living stones of the Church (1 Peter 2: 4-9) and pray for our Catholic families.

DURING THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER

Read about the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:15-21) and pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world.

DURING THE 6th WEEK OF EASTER

Read about the spirit of sacrifice (1 Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass.

DURING THE 7th WEEK OF EASTER

Read about the forgiveness of sins (John 20: 19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Read about the variety of spiritual gifts that make up the Church (1 Cor 12: 4-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our diocese, to produce many vocations.