

POETRY CORNER

“Good Friday”

by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

REPORT ON LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE:

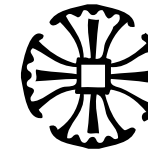
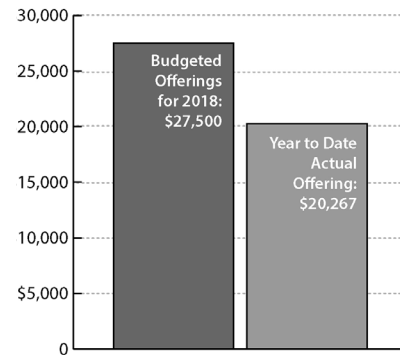
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FINANCIALS:

2018 Actual (to 31 March): \$20,267

2018 Budget (to 31 March): \$27,500

As of the end of March we have a shortfall of \$7,233 (based on the budget for 2018 approved at Vestry). *Please remember that our cash flow relies not only on generous giving, but also regular giving.*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of Sunday 15 April 2018

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.
Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.*

WELCOME TO ST BARTHOLOMEW'S! We're happy to have you worshipping with us this morning. The Order of Service can be found in the pew leaflet. Page numbers in the leaflet refer to the wine-coloured Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers refer to the green English Hymnal.

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP: Following the Parish Mass we gather in the parish hall (down the front stairs and to your right) for refreshments and fellowship. Tea, coffee, juice, and a light lunch are served. If you are new, please make yourself known to Fr Hannam and members of our congregation.

FATHER HANNAM requests that all cases of sorrow or sickness be reported to him.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Mystagogy) will begin as soon as Father Hannam is able to teach them (hopefully within the next two weeks). All are welcome, whether preparing for confirmation, or just wanting to refresh or learn a little more. *Please indicate to Father Hannam if you wish to be confirmed in this calendar year so that arrangements can be made with the Archbishop's Office.*

THE WEEKLY PARISH BIBLE STUDY continues Fridays at 11:00am. Professor Billett is guiding us through the Sunday Gospels, explaining the significance of their location within the Church's year, followed by general discussion. All are welcome.

THE SIDESPERSONS request that leaflets that are not being taken home with you be returned to them and not left in the pews. You are encouraged to take the Sunday announcements home for reference.

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA Meeting April 26, 6:00-8:00 pm at Lord Dufferin Public School. Learn more at www.ward14news.ca. #EndTheHate.

ROMERO HOUSE FOR REFUGEES FUNDRAISING DANCE & SILENT AUCTION April 26, 7 pm at Lula Lounge (1585 Dundas St W). Tickets: \$65. Email romerohousetickets@gmail.com to learn more.

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DEVOTIONAL VIGNETTE

WHEN EARLY CHRISTIAN ARTISTS adorned the catacombs with pictures, one of their themes was Jesus the Good Shepherd. What they had first in mind, no doubt, was Jesus as shepherd of the dead. But, remarkably, they represented the Good Shepherd as shepherd of the stars. He is the cosmic shepherd, the universal shepherd, whose watchful care infuses and governs the whole order of creation, and brings it to its final redemption in himself: “there shall be one flock and one shepherd”.

When we celebrate Jesus as the Good Shepherd, as we do today, what we celebrate is the universal providence of God, made manifest to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and that is, of course, why this Gospel lesson belongs to Eastertide. We celebrate the universal providence of God, that watchful care, that unwearied love which governs all creation, from the highest angel to the least atom. “Not a sparrow falleth without your heavenly father.” By ways mysterious, past our finding out, the world is shepherded. Even from our evils, he makes good to come; even from our dying, he makes resurrection. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and staff comfort me”.

We celebrate the providence of God, and it is profoundly important that we do so, because that is the basic principle upon which our moral and spiritual life as Christians must be founded. The ultimate truth of things is not evil, but good; the power which truly governs at this and every moment is the love of God. “O God, thou hast searched me out and known me; thou knowest my down-sitting and up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before”. That all-embracing providence is sure and steadfast, and surely manifest in Jesus Christ. He is the Good Shepherd who gives his life for the sheep.

- The Rev'd Dr Robert D. Crouse, *Sermon for the Second Sunday after Easter*

INTERCESSIONS

THANKSGIVING for the safe delivery by Shanika Chatrie of a son, Adrianno; Jack Chute (cancer remission); Elizabeth McCaffrey (cancer remission)

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION: Isaac Stein

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: SUN: Linda Ashcroft, Austin, Faith Bangawan, George Barkhouse, Robert Buckland Sr., Kimberley Curtis | **TUES:** Bill Forster, Jo-Anne Goyder, Seraphina Lee| **WED:** Jackie Ollivierre, John Richards, Mary Spencer, Andra Striowski and family, Atlas Charles Thomas | **THU:** Alan Newell, Dorothy North, Scott Paterson, Sarah Philibert, Beth Wilband | **FRI:** Alex, Andrea, Atta, Barb, Cabrah, Eleanor, Elise, Fanny | **SAT:** Gordon, Merle, Nicholas, Randall, Scott, Sophia, Stephanie, Tammy, Vinnette

Please note the vertical bars indicate the Mass at which the preceding group of persons are prayed for by name.

SICK & SUFFERING – DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Walter Asbil, *bishop*, John Bell, Joan Doig, William Gindal, Cameron Hall, Julie and Jerald, Audrey Kern, Rhonda Lewis, Gord Miller, June Mowers, Matthew Patong, Patricia, Michael Peers, *bishop*, Helen Wai.

THROUGH THE WEEK

THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Monday through Friday, from 11:30 am till 1:30 pm.

Monday, 16 April	<i>Feria in Eastertide</i>			
	10:00 am	Food Bank (till 11:30 am)		
Tuesday, 17 April	<i>Feria in Eastertide</i>			
	8:00 am	Morning Prayer	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:00 pm	Rosary	7:30 pm	WCCM Meditation Group
Wednesday, 18 April	<i>Feria in Eastertide</i>			
	8:00 am	Morning Prayer	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:00 pm	Low Mass		
	9:00 pm	Gregorian Compline		
Thursday, 19 April	<i>St Alphege, Bishop and Martyr</i>			
	4:30 am	Thursday Breakfast Outreach Ministry (till 8:00 am)		
	8:00 am	Morning Prayer		
	10:00 am	Food Bank (till 11:30 am)		
	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer		
Friday, 20 April	<i>Feria in Eastertide</i>			ABSTINENCE
	8:00 am	Morning Prayer		
	11:00 am	Parish Bible Study		
	12:30 pm	Low Mass		
	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer		
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour		
Saturday, 21 April	<i>St Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church</i>			
	9:30 am	Morning Prayer		
	11:15 am	Children's Mass, Lunch & Rosary Making		
	1:30 pm	Drop-in (til 4:45 pm) (<i>Eucharistic Adoration in the Church</i>)		
	4:30 pm	Rosary		
	5:00 pm	Gregorian Evensong		
Sunday, 22 April	<i>The Third Sunday after Easter</i>			
	10:00 am	Mattins		
	10:30 am	Sung Mass		