

21st April

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)- Year B  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



**ST MARY & ST DAVID**  
**Hawick, Jedburgh and Kelso**

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<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	<b>Confessions:</b> are heard and the Rosary is prayed before all Holy Masses.	<b>Adoration:</b> of The Most Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Holy Masses.

**Readings:** The 4th Sunday of Easter - Year B.

**Response:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**1st Reading.** Acts 4:8-12

**RP.** Ps 117

**2nd Reading.** 1Jn 3:1-2

**Gospel.** Jn 10:11-18

Holy Mass Times	Hawick	Jedburgh	Kelso	Ordo	Intentions
Sat 20th April		<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>		<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Sp Int</i>
Sun 21st April	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Hour 4pm Mass 5pm</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		Pro Populo
Mon 22th April				4th week in Eastertide	
Tue 23rd April			10am	4th week in Eastertide	
Wed 24th April	10am			4th week in Eastertide	
Thurs 25th April		10am		<b>Feast of St Mark</b>	
Fri 26th April			10am	4th week in Eastertide	
Sat 27th April		<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>		<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Sp int</i>
Sun 28th April	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Hour 4pm Mass 5pm</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		Pro Populo

**Collections: From last week.**

Hawick... £250.72

Jedburgh... £384.20

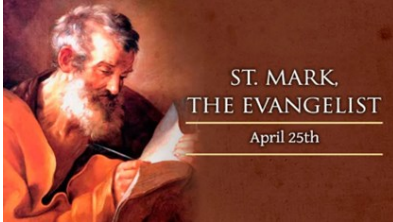
Kelso... £168.15

## Parish News

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima.**

11th—16th September 2024

If anyone is interested in joining this pilgrimage please contact Fr Joshua.



### **April 25th The Feast Of St Mark the Evangelist**

St. Mark, the Evangelist, is the author of the second Gospel and the patron saint of notaries. He

wrote the Gospel in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition says the Romans asked St. Mark to record the teachings of St. Peter about Jesus. St. Mark is often depicted as a winged lion in religious art.

St. Mark is also said to have traveled with St. Paul and St. Barnabas, who was Mark's cousin, on their missionary journey through Cyprus. Mark is said to have founded the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark is sometimes called John Mark in the New Testament. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians.

### **Prayer To Our Lady Of Good Counsel Pope Pius XII**

O Holy Virgin, to whose feet we are led by our anxious uncertainty in our search for and attainment of what is true and good, invoking you by the sweet title of Mother of Good Counsel, we beseech you to come to our assistance, when, along the road of this life, the darkness of error and of evil conspires towards our ruin by leading our minds and our hearts astray. O Seat of Wisdom and Star of the Sea, enlighten the doubtful and the erring, that they be not seduced by the false appearances of good; render them steadfast in the face of the hostile and corrupting influences of passion and of sin. O Mother of Good Counsel, obtain for us from your Divine Son a great love of virtue, and, in the hour of uncertainty and trial, the strength to embrace the way that leads to our salvation. If your hand sustains us, we shall walk unmolested along the path indicated to us by the life and words of Jesus, our Redeemer; and having followed freely and securely, even in the midst of this world's strife, the Sun of Truth and Justice under your maternal Star, we shall come to the enjoyment of full and eternal peace with you in the haven of salvation. Amen

**The 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday,** brings together themes that are central to understanding our relationship with Jesus and our identity as Christians. Here are the key themes based on the readings:

- **Jesus as the Good Shepherd:** The Gospel clearly portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, indicating His sacrificial love and commitment to us.
- **Salvation Through Jesus:** Peter's speech in Acts underscores that salvation is exclusively found in Jesus Christ, emphasizing His role as the cornerstone of our faith.
- **Our Identity as Children of God:** The letter from John reminds us that we are deeply loved children of God, an identity that the world might not recognize but is foundational to our Christian life.
- **The Universality of Christ's Call:** Jesus mentions He has other sheep not of this flock, highlighting the inclusive nature of His mission and the universal call to be part of one flock under one shepherd.
- **Voluntary Sacrifice and Authority of Christ:** Jesus' assertion that He lays down His life voluntarily and has the authority to take it up again speaks to His divine authority and the voluntary nature of His sacrifice for us.
- **The Role of Faith in Understanding Our Identity and Mission:** The readings together invite us to reflect on how faith in Jesus as the Good Shepherd and cornerstone helps us understand our identity as God's children and our mission in the world.

### **Prayer**

*God of lost sheep, find us, re-route us.  
Quiet now our wandering minds,  
O God, that we may hear Your voice.  
As we pass places of darkness, seasons of isolation,  
periods of sickness and gloom,  
Good Shepherd-God, You are somehow both with us  
and walking before us.  
When we lose our way, may we experience the thrill,  
the joy of being found.  
Brace our hearts to trust and follow,  
To see, even in troubled times,  
that our cup runneth over.  
Anticipating the good that is in store for us, O God,  
And seeing anew, the blessings of Your love. Amen*

***Every Blessing for the week ahead.***