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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
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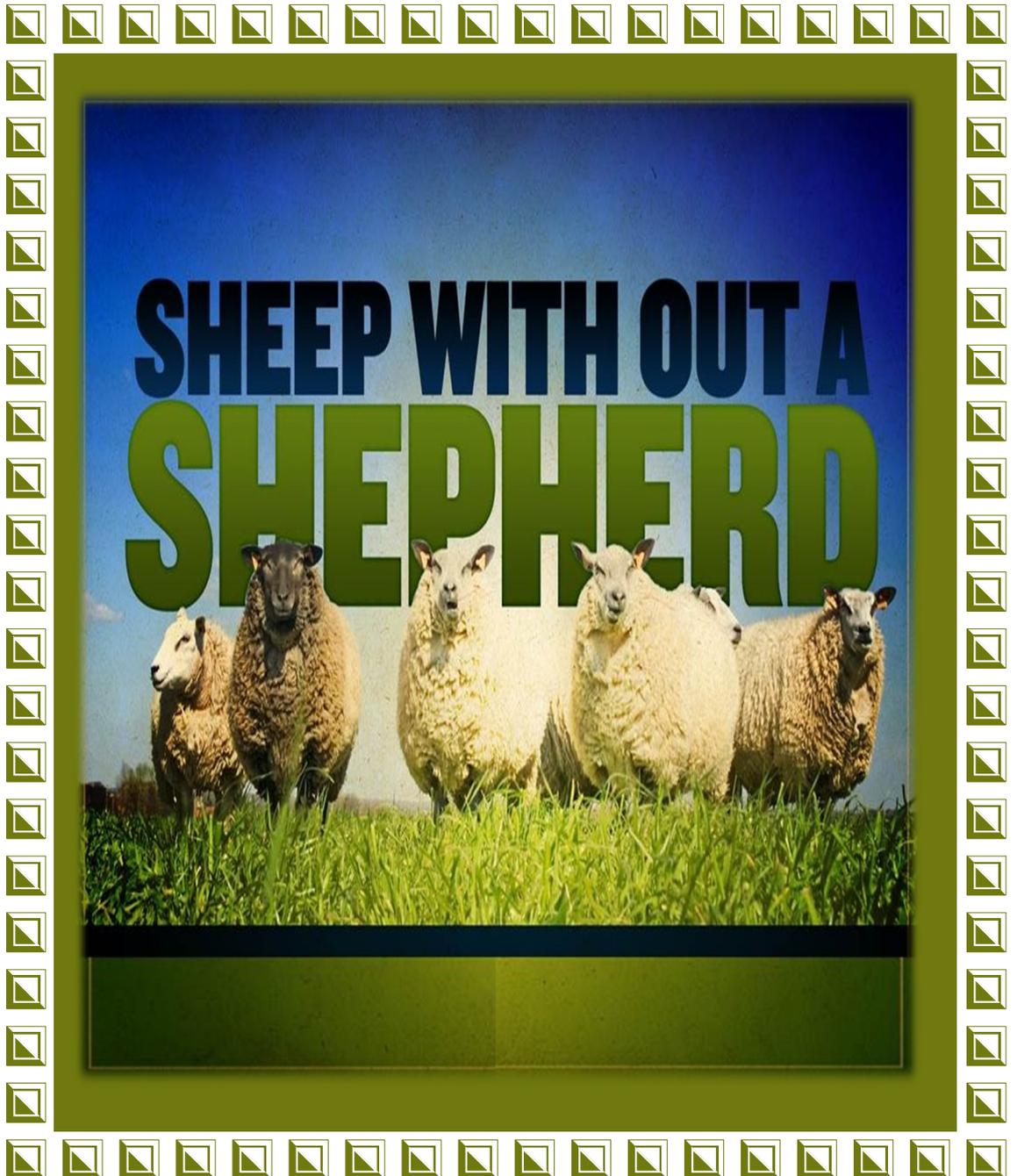
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

Pray the Rosary
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.
READINGS	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

CONFIRMATION	
<p>A reminder to all Parents children making their Confirmation this year, that there is a Parent Information Night this Thursday 26th July at 6.00pm. Children need to attend this meeting with their parents. On Sunday 29th July there will be a Family Commitment Mass at 10.00am for all Families of confirmation children. Retreat day Thursday 13th September and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 14th September at 6pm. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers.</p>	

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

If your children are taking a Children's Bulletin to colour-in please ensure that all the pencils are returned to the basket from which they were taken.

CHURCH

Now that winter is upon us please be aware that if you leave used tissues, drink bottles, gloves, hats, paper, bulletins etc in the church someone else is having to clean up the mess left after Mass. PLEASE after Mass make sure you do not leave anything in the pews.

LOVE makes our friends a little dearer.

JOY makes our hearts a little lighter.

FAITH makes our paths a little clearer.

HOPE makes our lives a little brighter.

PEACE brings us all a little nearer.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Sales of the Catholic Weekly (CW) have been incurring losses over the past three years. The basic reason is that not all copies are being sold each week but the Parish still has to pay for the 20 (minimum order) copies we purchase. The Parish Finance Council (PFC) has requested parishioners who regularly purchase this newspaper to let the Office know if they are prepared to make their own arrangements with the Weekly with a view to the Parish cancelling the current order.

THE REMNANT

God pronounces a chilling judgement on the priests' leaders of Judah. He accuses them of being false shepherds and warns that he will punish them. But God also promises to save the "remnant" of his flock. The prophets frequently used this word to describe a small group of faithful who will outlast any calamity. This small minority will maintain their consciousness of being God's people will endure whatever befalls the rest. This passage is a promise from God that there will always be survivors. www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale

YOU WHO WERE FAR OFF

Paul writes to a group of converts in Ephesus, Turkey. He tells them that before their conversion they were "far off" from God. God had chosen the Jewish people as his special people--pagans were isolated from this choice. This does not mean that he did not love the rest, but that he lavished particular attention on the descendants of Abraham. Now this exclusion has been removed. Jesus has united Jew and non-Jew in himself by the sharing of the sacraments. These sacraments flow from the blood shed on the cross. The law of the Old Testament has been replaced by a new law of love. Now we all have equal access to God. www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale

TENSION IN EVERY LIFE

We see here an example of the kind of tension that exists in the life of every committed Christian. On the one hand, there is the need to draw away to a quiet place and to recharge one's batteries, to reflect on and evaluate what one has been doing and to regenerate one's spiritual energy. At the same time, there are constant demands on our commitment to serve. We need to respond generously and empathetically to where there is real need.

The emphasis is on 'real need' and not just on the demands of others or our own desire to be in demand. This calls for discernment: there will be times when, with difficulty, we know we should say 'Yes'. There will be other times when, in spite of the criticism it may generate, we ought to say 'No'. We need to be available but there is no absolute availability. We are limited in the quality service we can give.

'In the life of Jesus, we see him at times leaving the people, in spite of their demands, and going away to pray. In today's situation, although he had intended to have a quiet time with his disciples, it was clear that the needs of the people called for a positive response. They were like 'sheep without a shepherd'. They needed to be taught and they needed to be fed. Jesus did both. The feeding was both for body and spirit.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr Frank Doyle SJ

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill
Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine,
Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi,
Maureen Blood, Ken Rolls, Anne Corver,
Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany,
Joebert Tabiola, Elsie Loughton,
Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos,
Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster,
Mimma Giampietro, Alexia Harris,
Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus,
Paul Neddrie

Our deceased

Tom Denmead, Julia Cronin,
Stan Murray, Angelo D'Ambrosio,

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Our counters of the collections need your help. We are still receiving envelopes which do not have the amount written in the box on the front of the envelope. Secondly, if you do not donate each week the envelopes for the weeks you do not use are not needed. If you use coin please seal the flap of the envelope with tape as sometimes we find envelopes with the flap opened and there is no money in the envelope and no amount written on the front so we cannot record your contribution. The design of the envelopes allows notes to be inserted flat – there is no need to bend them.

SHEPHERDING

The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23 says, but there are human shepherds, too. In the First Reading God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding.

Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant?

Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people. And what did they fail to do when they didn't care for the sheep? They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups. So think about it this way.

Every person has many of God's children in his care.

Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing? Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighbourhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are? Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us. Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot.

All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to shepherd well. Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

THE EMPTY DESERT?

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year.

fr Fergus Kerr OP reflects on the significance of the desert landscape in Scripture.

These four verses, the shortest gospel reading in the Sunday cycle, recount a fairly unremarkable circumstance. When the Twelve, sent out by Jesus to preach repentance, return and report to him, he calls them to retire with him to a 'deserted place', away from the crowds. They escape by boat but the crowds get ahead of them. For Jesus, moved with pity, the crowds seem like 'sheep without a shepherd', so he begins to teach them. And that's it!

Into this unremarkable sequence of events, however, Mark interweaves two motifs, deeply rooted in Scripture, each heavily loaded with significance: withdrawal to the desert and the need for a shepherd. The second of these, highlighted by the choice of first reading, as well as in the responsorial psalm, is obviously the recommended focus of our reflection. Consider first, however, the significance of the 'desert'. My late brother-in-law's first job was in Libya; in later years he went back to spend days in the desert, taking thousands of photographs, which he loved to show after dinner on special occasions. Miles and miles of sand (one might suppose) could quickly prove boring; one thing the show demonstrated, on the contrary, was the infinitely subtle vitality of desert landscape. In Scripture, of course, wilderness' (Hebrew midbar, Greek érēmos), is, often and archetypically, where God renews His connection with those who seek Him. Far from being sterile and desolate, wilderness in biblical perspective means, rather, uninhabited and so unappropriated territory — not fenced off or owned by anyone, affording free range for shepherds and their flocks, for example. Obviously, as pilgrims to the Holy Land see as they drive through, the wilderness on either side of the road is not some barren lunar landscape: on the contrary, in clefts and slopes there will be patches of corn, clumps of olives, an occasional palm tree and long stretches of low-growing vegetation. Indeed, as Mark goes on to note, there was an abundance of 'green grass' in this deserted place (verse 39). Moreover, Jesus contrasts the place with the 'towns and villages', evidently not very far away (verse 36). The point, as here in Mark's account, is that the desert belongs to no one — or rather, wilderness is where God may bring about something new. Mark actually starts his version of the gospel in the wilderness, with the preaching of John the Baptist (Mk 1: 3-4). The ministry of Jesus himself begins, as in Matthew and Luke, by his resistance to the temptations of Satan in the desert (Mk 1: 12-13). Deep in the background, for us as for Mark's first readers, is obviously the forty years during which, escaped from bondage in Egypt, the tribes, under the leadership of Moses, are shaped in the desert for the destiny that God planned for them (and ultimately us).

As nobody's territory, unoccupied and unfenced, the wilderness lay open to shepherds and their flocks. It was a natural enough reaction for Jesus to see the crowds as like 'sheep without a shepherd', seething and swirling around him, desperately in need of guidance and direction. Taking pity on them, he begins to teach — Mark doesn't say what he tells them. Clearly, however, Jesus gathers the people round him. In effect he takes on the role of shepherd, so natural an analogy in the particular circumstances, but of course charged with such a lengthy list of biblical precedents, all the way back to Abraham our father in faith. As our first reading insists, there will be 'shepherds for them [the people] who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD'. Christ is the true shepherd, as he reveals in St John's Gospel. Yet, as Jeremiah says, there will also be unfaithful shepherds. Thus, as we gather as Christ's flock to be renewed by faith in the true shepherd, and while giving thanks, we surely cannot but echo, in these sad days, the woe that the prophet Jeremiah pronounces against those, by whose scandalous behaviour, a generation has been driven away.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - New students are always welcome. This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore at www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, newcomers most welcome.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP Divine Will Prayer Group meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

CARE OF THE SICK If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. If someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seats by using T-switch on your hearing aid.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings (6mths) and Baptisms. **It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.** If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday** of that week. For all other bookings, Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. a minimum two weeks notice is required.

14 August - AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION - TRANSGENDER MOVEMENT - The Australian Family Association are hosting Dr. Quentin Van Meter, a noted Paediatric Endocrinologist from Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine in the US, at Old Parliament House at 7.30pm. Dr. Van Meter will be speaking to the impact of gender theory on our legal, educational and medical practices and the implications for children, men, women, schools, sport and politics. Enquiries pmonagle@family.org.au Book at www.trybooking.com/WDXT

ARE YOU THE RIGHT PERSON? Join the volunteer Pastoral Care Team in our Southern Cross Residential Aged care Apartments Campbell & Garran. More information see the notice board or Sr Colleen Clear rsj - 0437 152 095 or cclear@sccliving.org.au

EVENTS

CAMINO in FRANCE and THE KERRY WAY (Ireland). Audio-visual presentations by Peter Kearney. Saturday, 4th August. Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin. Two sessions - attend either or both. 11.00am France and/or 2.00pm Ireland. \$10 per session. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au Or sms Peter 0425 328 185. Please specify 'France', 'Ireland' or 'Both' and 'Amaroo' and how many seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.

22 July - AMICUS

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Murrumbateman Country Pub on Sunday 22 July meeting at 12 NOON for Lunch. To join us please call Patricia 0412 351 548.

27 July - CALVARY HOSPITAL TRIVIA NIGHT

The Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is having a Trivia Night at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen at 6.30pm for start at 7pm. The theme will be Christmas in July, with prizes for the best 'Christmas' dressed person and table, plus wine and chocolate raffles and front door prizes. Tickets \$20 pp available from Daphne on 0407 835 846.

12 August - "L'Arche Genesaret FUND RAISING CONCERT

The annual L'Arche Genesaret concert features renowned pianist Robert Schmidli, at the Wesley Music Centre, 20 National Circuit, Forrest (entry at Fitzroy St) from 3.00pm. Bookings available by contacting L'Arche Genesaret on 6282 9066 or www.trybooking.com/396985

30 August - EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

A marriage preparation program which will commence on Thursday, 30th August at 6.30 pm for five-weeks. Enquiries: Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

8 September - CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

From 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. Women are invited to share their story of faith with other women. *It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council.* Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

13-16 September - MEN'S CURSILLO

A Men's Cursillo weekend is to be held at Hartzer Park Conference and Retreat Centre, Burradoo NSW. Many find a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction and an opportunity to explore their relationship with God, their selves and with others. For further information please contact Joe Jambor at irmandioe@gmail.com or Mob: 0401 159 852

14 - October - "MARIAN PROCESSION" Save the Date - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Lead by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana.

19 October - MOVIE NIGHT - *Home in Queanbeyan* will be holding a Movie Night at the Q Theatre from 6.00pm. www.homeinqueanbeyan.org

ROSTERS 28 / 29 July 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	E. Smith	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Northcote	E. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	School	
EMOE	A. Northcote	C. Rheinberger

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	I. Buckley	J. Smith