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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass times
Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

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

ACU Chapel Signadou
Wednesday at Midday

Fourth Sunday of Easter



LISTEN TO MY VOICE



FOLLOW ME



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	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14-17 Gospel: John 10:27-30

PARISH DINNER

Our Parish will be holding a special dinner to welcome Fr Mannes Tellis to the Parish on **Saturday 18 May at 6pm** in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are welcome to come along to enjoy the evening.

People whose surnames begin with **A to M** please bring a **main - casserole dish** and those with surnames beginning with **N - Z** a **dessert**. **BYO drinks**.

We specially invite our many parishioners from other cultures to bring a dish representative of their culture to share.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 99:1-3. 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

CANCER MORNING TEA

Our Parish will once again be holding a morning tea to raise money for Cancer Research on **Thursday 23rd May** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research.

Everyone is welcome - young and old.
Please come and support this parish function and have some fun.

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

The words Jesus speaks in this reading were directed to some Jewish leaders who wanted to trip him up. They were hoping he would call himself the Messiah. Instead, Jesus refers to himself as "the Good Shepherd." He describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from him.

Did you know that the brain capacity of the average dog is about the same as that of a three-year-old child? This means that dogs can understand quite a lot! It also means that there is still a lot that they cannot understand. They do not understand traffic lights, or what makes chicken bones or rat poison bad to eat. This is why it is up to us to keep our dogs out of danger. We often use our voices to do this: "Come! Heel! Sit! Down!" This is what a good shepherd does for sheep. Just as a dog recognizes its owner's voice, sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. We, as the flock of Jesus, hear and recognize Jesus' voice. When do we hear his voice? How do we recognize it?

[Proclaiming the Faith](#)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

On Sunday we honour our mothers and grandmothers, those women who, whether they're tied to us by blood or bonds of friendship and respect, have nurtured us. We pray today for all those who serve in a maternal role. It seems fitting that Mother's Day this year falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. The love of the women in our lives is an echo of the biblical way of shepherding, where the shepherd leads the flock, calling each by name. When we reflect on the readings this week we see this way of shepherding is a fine model for the love of Jesus for all of us. australiancatholics.com.au

GREET HIM

If we pay attention we can learn a lot about animals and about their humans. Think of the endearing way domestic beasts recognize their owners. Dogs collapse into a frenzy of delight when you come home, even if you have been gone for fifteen minutes. The new heaven has arrived in their midst, and hysterics are the least they can do.

Somewhere there may be a cat like this, but most of them have a different reaction than the heartsick dogs. "Oh it's you again," they seem to say.

I know some exceptions. Though my cousin's cat does model indifference with most people, but when I walk into the house it makes a quiet bee-line to where I am sitting, making no secret of how it enjoys being petted by me. I have never been quite sure whether to be complimented. Nor can I explain it. There might be months between visits and still this cat makes its way to the petting machine, with both dignity and quiet craving.

Judging from his stories, Jesus paid a lot of attention to animals and to their humans. He watched sheep many times on his trips through the lands and he observed their ways. They were not cat-like or dog-like, but were heartfelt in a different way. The sheep followed as the shepherds made them safe, guarded them, led them to food and drink. Jesus even compared a milling crowd of people to "sheep without a shepherd."

But I have been told that, in the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, there was only one sheepfold. Various flocks would arrive, along with their respective shepherds, and all these flocks were funnelled into the one sheepfold. This made for a rather large gathering, and there wasn't any practice of branding or marking in order to tell one from the other. What's more, sheep, unlike dogs, do not make themselves joyous when their shepherd walks up. Smartness was not a noticeable trait in them.

Then how could each shepherd reclaim his own sheep? Two ways. *One*, the shepherd already knew them by heart. He might even have a special name for each character in the flock. And *two*, the sheep themselves recognized the voice of their master. When he called out, they simply got to their feet and came with him, through the sheep-gate.

Jesus refers to this reaction in Sunday's short Gospel. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they [know] me," he says. Haven't you ever craved the voice of someone who would make things right, would lift the burden from your shoulder? Someone who knows you by name and loves you? Jesus is that someone, he tells you. You "shall never perish," he says, and then he steadies you with his hands. The Father has given you to Jesus. Who could revoke that gift?

I have a hunch you do recognize Jesus' voice when you hear it. Your feelings move when you listen trustingly to a certain Gospel, for instance. Or when you receive the bread of everlasting life and the cup of salvation—not as a stranger might, but as a member of a well-fed and greatly cared for flock.

What about trying, Sunday, to notice whether your spirit inclines to Jesus? Maybe you will settle into his lap for comfort. Your soul seeks him always, you know. And finds him.

John Foley SJ <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:
 Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill
 Fr Ellis Clifford, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen,
 Philip Bailey, Maureen Blood, Anne Corver,
 Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi,
 Elsie Laughton, Alexia Harris, Sharon O'Rourke,
 Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Paul Neddrie,
 Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec,
 Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus,
 Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke

Our deceased John Green

In memory Edna O'Brien

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Fr Rafael
 May your birthday be full of blessings
 and God's graces.
 May you find happiness in everything you do.
 Wishing you a happy birthday.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever. Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available? Reach out to a family in your neighborhood this week by inviting them over for some 'informal' fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let your neighbors experience God's love through your hospitality.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,
 we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
 whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
 whose patience seems to have no end.
 May we see your loving hand behind them
 and guiding them.
 We pray for those mothers who fear
 they will run out of love or time, or patience.
 We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
 Amen.



A MOTHER'S LOVE

A mother's love determines -
 How we love ourselves and others.
 There is no sky we'll ever see not lit by that first love.
 Stripped of love, the universe would drive us mad with pain;
 But we are born into a world that greets our cries with joy.
 How much I owe you for the kiss that told me who I was!
 The greatest gift - a love of life - lay laughing in your eyes.
 Because of you my world still has the soft grace of your smile;
 And every wind of fortune bears the scent of your caress.



QUOTE

Your arms were always open when I needed a hug.
 Your heart understood when I needed a friend.
 Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson.
 Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.
 - Sarah Malin



PASTURES OF ETERNAL LIFE

Fourth Sunday of Easter.
 Fr Charles Dominique OP preaches on the
 Good Shepherd who leads his sheep to pasture.

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.
 Not only does Jesus call his sheep and they follow because they know his voice, but more importantly, he gives them eternal life also. The Easter season is our celebration of our eternal life, won for us when Jesus came into this world and gave up his life for us on the cross at Calvary.

Jesus uses the analogy of shepherd and sheep, he the shepherd and we the sheep. Jesus often uses such imagery, and he generally speaks in such a way that those who heard him could relate to what he was saying. No doubt 'shepherd and sheep' was part of the experience of the people of Israel, branded as they were as 'sheep without a shepherd'. And Jesus was the one, the shepherd, who would lead them to safety. Jesus was the one who would lead the sheep to pasture, and that pasture is eternal life: that is what we celebrate at Easter.

For us then who are the sheep, Jesus is the one who has come to call and gather; we know his voice and we follow when he calls. Jesus does not reject or turn the sheep away: he invites all to come into his presence and receive the life he freely gives to us. The shepherd is there ready to spread his tent over us, offering himself so that we will never hunger or thirst again. In this place neither the sun nor scorching wind will plague us, because Jesus the shepherd will lead us to springs of living water, where there will be no more tears but only joy. That is the assurance we have from Jesus who is our shepherd and who is leading us to pasture in God's kingdom, where we will experience eternal life.

Easter is about life. It is about renewal and transformation. Easter is about our redemption and our hope for future life in God's kingdom. It is about our death due to sin, but it is also about our life due to Christ's resurrection. We are fortunate though that Jesus chose to offer up himself for our benefit. And when Jesus offered up himself, he did so not just for a certain group of people but for all. His call went out, and continues to go out, for all, and the salvation he offers reaches the ends of the earth. The life he offers is for people of every nation, race, tribe and language: all are invited.

Because this gift is free, we have a choice to accept it or reject it. The gift is there still, and God invites us to share in it. God will not force this gift on us, but will gladly give it to anyone who wants it. The gift of his Son Jesus is our gift, and his death has won for us that chance to enter into his kingdom and share in the life he offers. So we are all invited to share in the kingdom and, if we accept, we will share in God's kingdom and will never be lost.

As we continue in this Easter season, we celebrate our redemption. We celebrate the shepherd Jesus calling us each by name to follow him. We are fortunate that he would do this, but it is up to us, the sheep, to follow this voice of Jesus. If we follow his voice, then he will lead us into green pastures, that is, eternal life, and it is this life that we should seek and accept, because it has been given to us freely, yet it is a gift we can reject. May we accept the gift of eternal life to which Jesus the shepherd is leading us!

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

DID YOU KNOW

The Latin word for shepherd is pastor. It is from this word that we derive many of the terms used in the Church for people with a special role: pastor or priest, pastoral care, pastoral associate, pastoral council. These roles always imply a duty of love and care towards those for whom one is responsible. The Shepherd-King was an ancient image of God used by the Hebrew people. In this gospel text, John is addressing one of the issues which faced his community: the heretical voices of some who sought to lead people away from rather than towards God.

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email, phone or in writing if you would like to book a Mass Intention, Memorial Mass, Baptism, and use of the Parish Centre a minimum two weeks notice is required. For Wedding bookings six months notice is required. **If you DO NOT book through the Office we cannot guarantee your request.**

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 9am** of that week.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - 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 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - 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 the **third Thursday** of each month Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our friends and newcomers 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 meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office.

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 information - Letty 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, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please let the office 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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON**

TUESDAY Please contact Jacquie in the office
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE - The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL— Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi & Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. Inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

EVENTS

31 May - IMAGES OF DIVINE, ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

From 31 May to 2 June "Images of The Divine" will be on exhibit at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Haydon Hall, Manuka. Free admission. 31 May from 5.00pm - 7.30pm; 1 June from 9.00am to 6.00pm; 2 June from 9.00am to 4.30pm. Inquiries: Sue Orchison, 0421 028 331, sue.orchison@gmail.com

7-18 June - TEN DAY RENEWAL IN THE YEAR OF LUKE

Join Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM, an Australian biblical scholar, as she leads participants in an exploration of mercy, compassion and release in the Gospel of Luke at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Bookings: 02 6380 5222 or info@stclement.com.au

21 June-ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

Women's Leadership in the Future of the Church: Naming the Nameless. Friday 21 June 2019 | 7 for 7.30PM
Keynote Speaker: Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF
Director, Xavier Centre for Theological Formation-ACU
Dr Heaney's lecture will speak about women's leadership in the Church of the future and the need for creative, courageous and careful thought on this essential dimension of the Church's life. Register here: <https://goo.gl/gwgv1U>
If you would prefer not to book online, please contact the Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or campbell@cg.org.au. Bookings Close Friday 14 June 2019

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

New members are urgently needed to assist with the Auxiliary's fund raising activities. The Auxiliary holds events such as book fairs, raffles, plant stalls, cake stalls and more. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. To explain the Auxiliary's work a membership drive will be held on Thursday 30 May, 10-4pm, in the foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

DOMINICAN FATHERS STUDENTS APPEAL

The Appeal for the Dominican Fathers Students Appeal will be held next weekend 18/19 May. Envelopes will be provided for your contribution. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



TAIZÉ PRAYER

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
A service jointly hosted by:
St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Rosary Church,
& Holy Cross Anglican Church
On Sunday 9th June at 6pm.



ROSTERS 18 / 19 May 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. De Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	M. Falk	C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	C. Gomez	
Readers	M. Tuckwell	M. Nguyen
Presentation of Gifts	Hall - O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	R. Walpole	J. Smith

FAMILY IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIETY

"It is worthwhile to live as a family, that a society grows strong, grows in goodness, grows in beauty and truly grows if it is built on the foundation of the family." Pope Francis