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New Mass Times
from 7th May

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

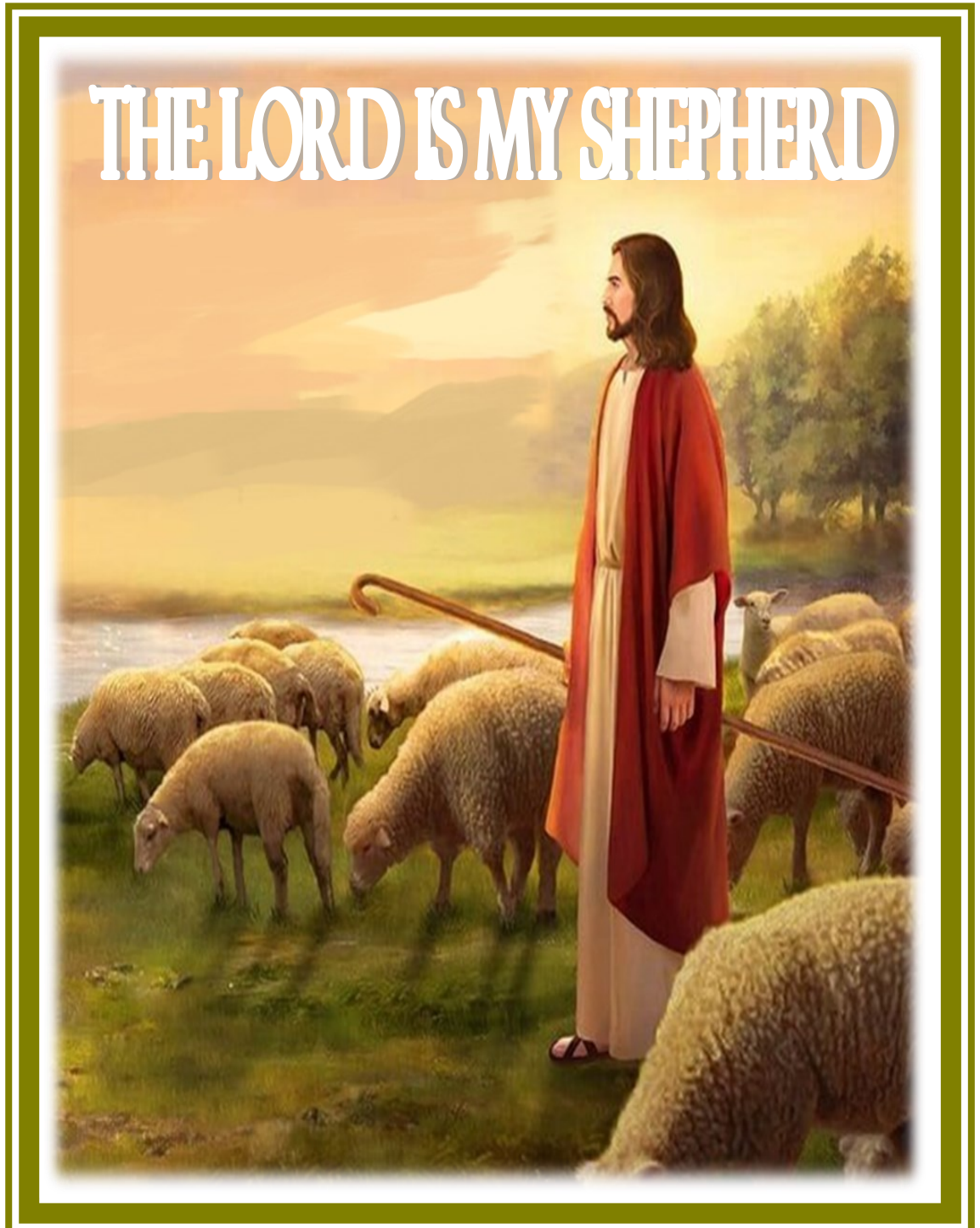
Reconciliation

Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for
notices is **NOON TUESDAY**
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading - Acts 2:14,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22(23)

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.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of † Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did

Cont...not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one

who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come
so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT used when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

1. **The 8am Sunday Mass will be discontinued. Our last Mass will be on Sunday 7th May followed by a celebration with a cup of tea and refreshments.**
2. **From Tuesday May 9th ALL Weekday Masses will be at 5:30pm Tuesday to Friday. This is being done so we have a consistent Mass time and in light of greater inter-parish collaboration, as St Brigid's Dickson has a 9am Mass Tuesday to Thursday. Likewise, St Joseph's O'Connor has a regular morning Mass for details please refer to the Archdiocesan website: <https://cgatholic.org.au/parishes/oconnor/>**
3. **The 9am Saturday morning Mass will be discontinued. St Brigid's Dickson has a Saturday 9am Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The image of God as a Shepherd is a common theme in the Old Testament and this is why Jesus uses it.

Being a shepherd was actually the first profession noted in the bible, Genesis 4 identifies Abel as being a keeper of sheep. Abel was then the first shepherd, and we sadly know how his story concluded. Abel the just as we call him

in the Roman Canon is murdered, innocent blood is spilled, and thus Abel, becomes a type of Christ.

The Shepherding imagery makes its appearance again in the story of King David. David's rise to power sees him called out from the fields where he tended his flock. He comes forth unexpectedly and is anointed by the prophet Samuel to take over from King Saul who had displeased God in his governance of Israel. David's shepherding background would've given him experience in defending the flock from wolves and other beasts and thus we know that he is an expert with his sling and his rocks, simple weapons to bring down Goliath. It is this blend of noble characteristics both gentle but also aggressive which gave him the perfect balance to be a ruler, he knew how to temper justice with mercy. Likewise David is a type of Christ.

In the psalms, particularly psalm 23 which we have for our responsorial psalm and psalm 80, amongst others, portrays God as the Shepherd of Israel. Psalm 23 gives us the imagery of the God who always protects us, feeds us, and nurtures us. Psalm 80 similarly speaks of God; shepherding skills leading the flock of Israel out of Egypt and planting Israel like a vine in the promised land.

It is however in the prophecy of Ezekiel (Chapter 34) that we get an amplified understanding of the divine shepherd. Ezekiel prophesies to the corrupt government officials of his time particularly those who badly advised the kings of Judah Zedekiah and Jehoiachin. It is this bad advice and corrupt living that saw Judah finally plundered and its nobles sent into exile in Babylon. Ezekiel however prophesies a time when David would return and rule a unified kingdom where God would truly be king. Ezekiel writes:

"And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken." Ezekiel 34:24 RSV

These comments are made within the context of God describing himself as the true shepherd Ezekiel proclaims once more:

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search

Cont....for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness." Ezekiel 34:11-12 RSV

The prophecy of Ezekiel then draws together two strands concerning the shepherding of Israel. First it prophesies that God will be the true shepherd who will bring justice and freedom. Yet, Ezekiel also points out that this will come about through the human activity of a new David, again Ezekiel comments:

"And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd." Ezekiel 34:23 RSV

Both strands the divine and the human are wonderfully instantiated in Jesus who is true God and true man, the Son of David. Keeping the prophecy of Ezekiel in mind we realise that it is this text which forms the backdrop to Jesus' articulation of his mission. His role as the Divine/Davidic Shepherd king is then brought to the forefront here in our gospel for today. It is Jesus who restores God's sovereignty over the nations guiding them and guarding them unlike the corrupt, worldly leaders who sit in power today.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.
Fr Mannes OP

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel for each yearly cycle is always taken from St John, chapter 10, where Jesus speaks of himself as a Good Shepherd.

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus is comparing and contrasting himself with those religious leaders who lack any real commitment or sense of responsibility to the ones in their care. The sheep do not recognise such leaders, but they do know, and are ready to follow, the Good Shepherd who alone enters by the gate. Jesus is warning his listeners to be discerning about those they listen to and those they follow. The **Psalm**, 'The Lord is my Shepherd', tells us that God is always caring for us, as a shepherd cares for the sheep. In the **First Reading**, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter calling all to conversion, while the **Second Reading** is a reminder that when we do stray, we can always return to the Lord.

Today is also known as Vocations Sunday. So perhaps this week, I could ponder the following questions: On what am I spending my energies? Who do I listen to and follow? How am I giving witness to my faith? What contribution am I making to the building up of truth, love, justice and tolerance? How, and from where, do I hear the Good Shepherd in my daily life?

Let's pray for the grace to trust the gift of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us, that we might have faith in the One who has called and is calling us. Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Hey kids show Mum how much you love and appreciate her by bringing her to Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre

On Saturday 13th May from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm

Decorate a cupcake to give to Mum!

Mother's Day Raffle & Door Prizes

Booking essential \$20 per family proceeds to go to the St Dominic's Garden project.

Tickets available after the 10:00 am Mass or through the Parish Office

Grandmas and Great Grandmas Welcome



CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS

Please join us at Holy Rosary Watson as we read together the international best-seller *Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Church* by Fr James Mallon. Starting Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm reading groups will meet in-person at the Parish Centre and online (from Wednesday 3 May) for 8 weeks. You'll leave the reading group with practical, faith filled and powerful techniques to help renew your spiritual life and parish community. Please contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN

The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May (or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). We are inviting you to join the taskforce, either as a member or a friend.

Join the Women's Taskforce and meet and enjoy the friendship of other women across the Archdiocese. Or become a Friend of the Taskforce and get involved when you can. **Please register your interest in person or for Zoom** at: www.cgwomen.com.au

Details: 10 am; Saturday 6 May, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Manuka. Zoom on Monday at 7.30 pm, 8 May; link will be sent on registration.

Contact: Andrea Dean: andrea1959@gmail.com or Monica Phelan: monphel@bigpond.com or Alison Weeks: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

CALVARY HOSPITAL

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Closing Down Clearance Stall on 3 & 4 May 2023, from 8am - 4pm, Zouki Foyer at the Calvary Public Hospital, to clear the remaining stock of donated hand-made goods and surplus equipment. A range of hand-knitted and crocheted beanies, jumpers, mittens, scarves, children's clothing, rugs, quilts and more will be on sale at bargain prices!

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

VOCATIONS DINNER

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house: Thursday 4th May at 6pm. An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please rsvp to the vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414523036

EVENING OF DIALOGUE

Thursday 4 May | Marist College Canberra | 7-8.30pm
All invited to an **Evening of Dialogue** which creates space for a respectful exploration of what is needed for humanity to flourish. The night will consist of keynote speakers, a Q&A session and an opportunity for open discussion. Keynote speakers include Dr Hugh Mackay, Lara Kirk, Michael McGirr and Professor Br David Hall FMS.
Free Registration: <https://bit.ly/41AKHAZ>

DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

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PRAYERS

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

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Rex Carmody, Ramon Pajaro

IN LOVING MEMORY

Carmela & Giuseppe Caruso, Patricia Brown

BAPTISM

Leonardo Commisso

will be baptised this weekend.

May her life be filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...



PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

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

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

On recess at the moment. It will restart in late May with the Eucharist in Scripture.

ROSTER 6 / 7 May

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - P. Farrelly
Computer - Volunteer required

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - E. & J. Smith

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - J. Cooke, K. Bergin
Computer - J. Kim

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - B. Joseph, T. Malone
Computer - C. Bailey

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