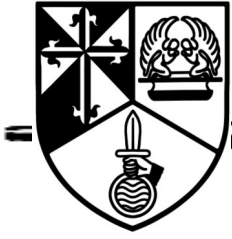


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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

Fourth Sunday of Easter

LISTEN



FOLLOW

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

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

The LORD is my SHEPHERD



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 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Act of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 99(100):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.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because

they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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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FOURTH SUNDAY EASTER

This coming Sunday, many in our communities will be gathering in celebration of Mother's Day.

It's a day of joy and thanksgiving for many families, when we share our gratitude for what mothers bring us. The importance of mothering in our society, and the debt that we all owe to people who dedicate themselves to raising children.



Happy Mother's Day !

Cont...We also remember that Mother's Day is a difficult day for many, particularly those who have lost their mothers, or whose family memories are not such happy ones. We pray to Mother Mary, that she might offer up her prayers for everyone in our communities this weekend.

This month, too, Pope Francis asks us to pray for young people, that they might find in Mary an inspiration for living a generous life. It's also the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice founder of the Christian brothers this week - a man who generously journeyed with young people without access to education.

THE SHEPHERD



In our gospel for today we see Jesus describing himself as the leader of the sheep. This figure of the Good Shepherd is the nearest approach to a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its

obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep this image has special significance. The figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament is a frequent image for God.

In the Old Testament God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart.

The motif of the shepherd also finds a claim in the person of King David who was called to lead Israel from the fields by the prophet Samuel. There the young David left his flock to take on the more exalted task of shepherding the flock of Israel.

Jesus then symbolises both from the divine side the heavenly shepherd of the psalms and the Old Testament images of God as the Shepherd of Israel (Psalm 80) and in his human nature, as we know, Jesus inherits the throne of his ancestor David (Lk 1:32) the original shepherd king.

Both of these images then casts Jesus as the true Shepherd king who leads the flock both in a divine way as God and in a human way as the descendant of David. Yet, Jesus only leads those who listen to his voice. Only those who listen to the voice of Christ are given a three-fold promise:

1. They will receive eternal life
2. They will never be lost
3. No one can ever steal the faithful hearer of Christ's voice from the Lord.

Thus we must be attentive to what Christ teaches in the

Cont...words of scripture and in the teachings of the Church and its tradition. It is the scriptures and the Tradition which form Christ's message to us for our salvation. It is only through hearing the Shepherd's voice that we can enter into the pasture, safe and secure.

Today then let us listen to the voice of the Lord, lest our hearts become hardened.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes OP

CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

'The Good Shepherd is one of the best-known and best loved of the images in the New Testament. It has its roots deep in salvation history: David, the boy shepherd, was chosen to be king of Israel; he was the anointed leader of the people of God, to guide and lead them towards God and his kingdom.

'Our Lord speaks very solemnly of shepherds and pastors in Saint John's Gospel. The young Church in its ministry of preaching and teaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God had perhaps encountered difficulties in its pastoral ministry. Great concern for the people of God is expressed in this passage; if the people are misled, if they are persuaded by a false voice, they could be prevented from attaining the Kingdom of God. There were flaws and frailties in the embryonic Church. 'Flaws and frailties on a huge scale were seen in the case of the horrendous paedophile scandals which emerged recently; pastors - priests and bishops who had accepted the call to be shepherds and pastors - had betrayed the trust placed in them.

'This betrayal is very wide and very deep; instead of being led and guided towards God and the kingdom, many among the people of God have been violated, their persons and humanity scarred, in some cases destroyed. The wounds inflicted have been very great, and many have abandoned the Church perhaps forever.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Robert Pollock OP

QUOTE

'At every crossroad, every one of us has three possible options:

The **first** choice is to quit a road that is going somewhere we do not want to go. We can move on in another direction. We can distance ourselves from the difficulties of it all. We can leave the mission unfinished.

The **second** alternative is to... crawl into a comfortable cave with nice people and become a church, a culture, a society within a society. We can just hunker down together and wait for the storm to calm down, go by, and become again the nice warm womb of our beginnings.

The **third** choice is to refuse to accept a moral deterioration of the present and insist on celebrating the coming of an unknown, but surely holier, future. The third choice is to go steadfastly on, even if we are not sure what we will find at the end of it. . . . The third choice is a choice that demands great courage. . . . And courage is a prophet's road. The prophets had a choice. So do we.'

Joan Chittister. The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage

BIGGEST MORNING TEA




Save the date, after our Covid lockdowns and restrictions the Parish will once again hold our Cancer Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 26th May. More details next week.

MARY, QUEEN OF THE MAY

May has traditionally been a month of special devotion to Mary, the mother of God. Over the centuries, different traditions developed in different cultures. Processions singing hymns to Mary and carrying flowers often ended at a garden shrine where Mary was crowned, to the hymn "O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May." Many families still have a May altar to Mary in the home, with a picture or statue, flowers and a candle or two to light when the family say prayers. Many flowers have become associated with Mary, and the tradition of a Marian garden can be traced back to the seventh century in France. We have our own beautiful Marian garden – the rosary of red and white roses in front of the main entrance to what was the Monastery. For the five Sundays in May, we will be singing a Marian hymn after Communion at the 10 am mass, in honour of Mary. Father Mannes will also lead the *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven), proper to the Sundays of Easter, before the final blessing.

PARENTS & BUBS ALPHA

 Do you want to grow further in your faith? Do you want to meet other local parents? Then why not give Alpha a try. Please join us in the Parish Centre, 10am Friday mornings for coffee and croissants as we explore the person and message of Jesus Christ. Babies and toddlers welcome. For more information contact Emily on emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.

WESTERN DEANERY CURSILLO WEEKEND

How's your relationship with God right now? How do you find time to explore your spirituality? Would you like some quality time to rediscover and reconnect with God, yourself and others? Come and join us for a Women's Cursillo at the beautiful St. Clement's Monastery in Galong from Thursday evening 12th May til Sunday afternoon 15th May. Please book soon! Cost \$350. Includes accommodation, meals and retreat materials. Come join us! We are women ministering to women. For more information contact Dianne Franks on 0418619740 or dmfranks@bigpond.com

PUBLIC LECTURE

Just a reminder that our next online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "Ars Celebrandi: it's everyone's responsibility" will be held next Monday (9 May) (10-11:30am AEDT). The Very Rev. Peter Williams, AM will explore the *Ars Celebrandi* through the lens of social scientific methodology to investigate the point of view of the liturgical "user" rather than the liturgical "provider" to advance a fresh approach to liturgical catechesis that equips everyone to celebrate the liturgy well. Registration <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources/liturgy-and-sacraments-in-a-covid-world-renewal-not-restoration>

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Jim Smith, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Sr Liz Lusby OP, Denis Lawrence, Evelyn Roque, Bregitta Theresia Avil Bangun, Eugene Lipinski, Patricia Brown, John Davenport, Bill Sutcliffe

IN LOVING MEMORY

Tammy Marchesani, Antonio Cortese

BAPTISM

*Joseph Catanzariti
Iliana Villanueva*

will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



BIBLE STUDY Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.
PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.
HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.
CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.
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 Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - 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

ROSTER 14 / 15 May 2022

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - D. Gauchi
Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte -
Reader - M. Falk, T. Klekner
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - T. Johnson
Reader - C. Barbaro, P. McDonald
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - C. Paton
Catherine Paton

Jesus stands alongside us, tenderly drawing us out from doubt and disbelief.