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DAILY ONLINE **MASS RESOURCES:**

https:// www.catholicvoice org.au/massonline/

https://massonline.org/dailyholv-mass-liveonline/

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"MASS FOR YOU AT HOME"

Channel 10 at 6.00am. Sunday morning

Drivethru Reconciliation



Every Saturday @ 5 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Welcome to the month of May, the month of Mother Mary and the Rosary. Special welcome to the School Community to Term 2.

This weekend, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter traditionally known as Good Shepherd and Vocation Sunday. To mark the celebration, we reflect on the theme of 'Good shepherd' and pray for vocations.

Conventionally, shepherds were known for their deep relationship with the flock. At night, they lead the flock to the pen and at daybreak to pastures. They know the sheep by name, understand their needs and provide for their safety from chilly nights and wild animals. Shepherds were known to be with the sheep 24 hours a day and 365 days of the year.

In John's gospel this weekend, Jesus presents himself as the good shepherd and the gate of the pen through which the sheep goes in and out with safety. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus enters the pen to lead the flock to greener pastures. The sheep hears, understand his voice and follow his directives. As the 'Gate of the sheepfold', Jesus ensures the safety of the sheep against any external attacks from thieves, wild animals, bad weather conditions and infections.

By implication, Jesus the good shepherd is committed and dedicated to his relationship with each one of us. He is close to us as the shepherd is close to his sheep. Like the shepherd, Jesus is always with us 365 days a year, 24 hours a day as promised: "I will be with you always to the end of the age" (Mathew 28. 20). He continues to shepherd the flock through the church, which according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the "sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep" (CCC 754).

This is very reassuring and consoling at this time of solitude, lockdowns and isolation due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Let us remain in Christ's sheepfold and be attentive to his voice as he speaks to us through the events of the day. And let us join in singing Psalm 23, 'the Lord is my shepherd' as we lift our hearts in prayer for the human shepherds and for vocations this weekend & always.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

Fr Martins

World Day of Vocations

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation. He added, let us pray Intentionally, regularly, insistently and every day for vocation. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)

- Pope Francis



'I have come that you may have life. And have it to the full.'

(Jn 10:10)

This verse from the Gospel of John is quoted frequently in many contexts. It is both comforting and challenging. I have always loved it even though it challenges, but mostly it inspires.

It is God revealed through Jesus inviting each of us to fullness of life, which can only be experienced through focus on 'the other'. Fullness of life is not about us—it is about others. This text of John 10:10 is often used by Caritas for their mission outreach.

It is a text that can bring us comfort during these very different days we are all encountering. Life for us as Christians, especially when times are tough, is about us and we-not me & my. We have so many wonderful witnesses to this in our every day.

Within our Catholic faith tradition we have the witness of Mary who responded to God's extraordinary call

'your will be done.'

May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and to mothers—let us give thanks for their generous responses so 'that all may live life to the full.'

Blessings-Phil B.

Click the link below Hail Mary, Gentle Woman—Carey Landry

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=RERoO1biLdE



2020 COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday 3rd May @ 2pm. Focus: Healing from the bushfires and Covid-19.

Click on the link to join

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967206535? pwd=MXhidDc3VjRvWmEvOEVGTlZ3eGQ1QT09

Meeting ID: 889 6720 6535 Password: 029270

MAY DEVOTION

In the month of May & October each year, we pray the Rosary and ask for Mary's intercession.

Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to offer the prayer of the Rosary this year for the intentions of

the world, at this time of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We are encouraged to be part of the prayer chain in our Parish, in this month of May.

e-WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Parish Connect—Sunday 4 pm
- Singalong—Monday 1pm
- Bible Studies/Faithful Nation Wednesday 9.30 am

You are welcome to join.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We have continued to receive calls from parishioners concerned about the financial well-being of the Parish during this time of church closures. We are deeply grateful for your concern. Thankyou to those who are giving by direct debit and to those people who dropped contributions to the Parish Office. This is helping to sustain the Parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated during this time and we thank each of you as we work together to stay well and stay connected.

If you would like to join the e-platform, the bank details are listed below in the bulletin. You may also contribute using this link. https://www.bpoint.com.au/pav/

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Pope Francis' Monthly **Prayer Intention**

FOR DEACONS We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire

Church

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We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Des Jeffs, Louise Keeley, Peter Burum. Collette Winter, Eli Chatfield, Leonard O'Hara

Anniversaries: Robert Pacion, Mila Bandur, Rowland Heycox



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