

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with 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

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

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

1. 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.
2. 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.

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

4. 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

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

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 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

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force. Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem. So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence. In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly. Alleluia! © Fr Michael Tate; mta-
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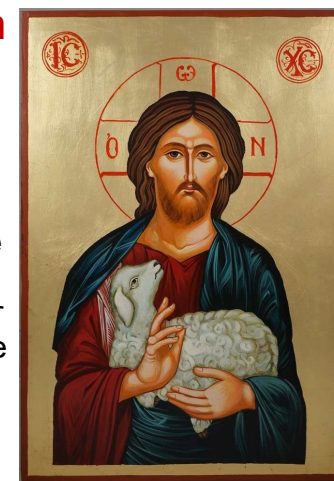
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

Doors and Gateways make connection

Doors and gateways are a natural part of life – they open and close; providing a passage way to where we want to go. When we look back on our life we are reminded of many doors and gateways that connect to many events and happenings. **In your life who were the trusted gatekeepers?** Maybe it was mum, dad, your grandparents, aunt or uncle, a trusted friend, teacher or a religious sister or priest. Helen O'Connell in an article writes about a half a century old door she arranged to be sent from Ireland to England. This door resides in her current home. **Why did she do this?** The door carried her childhood memories: 'I can see my mother going to turn the key when a neighbour would call to her and still with her hand on the key she would talk for ages. I can see myself running out that door to my first communion, my first job, a date, my wedding, and now my heart does a summersault when I return home from a holiday and see the door.' **Doors give us opportunity to make connection and find meaning in life.**



Jesus our Door, our Gateway, Giver of Abundant Life.

In today's Gospel John 10:1-10 Jesus says he is the gate of the sheepfold. His listener would have been aware that God in the Old Testament is present as a Shepherd especially in Psalm 22 [23] – today's responsorial psalm. The ideal of a good, caring shepherd is even more vivid when we are told that the custom for the shepherd himself was to sleep crouched at the entrance of the sheepfold – in other words **the watchful shepherd was literally the 'gate'.**

Jesus is the gate keeper who opens the door calling his flock by name; going before them and leading them out. He is the true shepherd who protects and promotes life. As stated in the Gospel today: **"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."** [John 10:10].

As **St Catherine of Siena** states: 'it is as if this gentle loving word, my Son, were saying to you: **"Look I have made the road and opened the gate for you with my blood. Do not fail then to follow it. Do not sit down and rest out of selfish concern for yourself, foolishly saying you do not know the way. Do not presume to choose your own way of serving instead of the one I have made for you in my own person, eternal Truth, incarnate Word the straight Way hammered out by my own blood. Get up, then, and follow him ... He is the way, the gate, through whom you must enter into me, the sea of peace."** [The Dialogue]

Marie Weatherall



Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Resumes Wednesday
May 3rd after 9am
Mass

Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday 9th
May 10-11am @ the
home of Antoinette &
Paul Skinner
All welcome

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 9th May
BB Library
All are welcome

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome



MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 1st May Sunday 7th May

Monday 1st: No Mass
Tuesday 2nd: Mass 9am
Adoration: 8.00am
Wednesday 3rd: Mass 9am
Thursday 4th: Mass 9am
Friday 5th: Mass 9am
Saturday 6th: Mass 5pm
Sunday 7th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

29/30 APRIL Cleaning

1-5 May M DeSmet J Maher

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer P Jobs
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
M Weatherall, A Rogers
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connell
Commentator D Robinson
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens, N Page
Computer Screen T Jackson.

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

6/7 MAY

Cleaning

6-12 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer D Robinson
Commentator: M Weatherall
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
Y Oerder, L Rodwell
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: T Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers
S Beashel C Schor
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

The Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – held on the fourth Sunday of Easter to raise funds for the education of our seminarians to the priesthood. We are grateful for the wonderful Priests and Religious we have in this Archdiocese and we pray God would always bless and provide for them.

The money raised will be used to help defray the very considerable costs associated with the many years of academic training and seminary formation served in preparation for priesthood.

Envelopes will be on the pews during Mass

FASHION PARADE And MORNING TEA

A Fundraiser for
Maranatha Lodge,

MONDAY 8th MAY

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Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Antoinette & Paul Skinner from 10 am – 11am on Tuesday May 9. **All welcome.**

Enquiries re address: Antoinette:
0438 925 066.

If you would like a lift please let Marie Weatherall know on 0405 028 057.

SATURDAY MASS time will change to 5pm beginning first Saturday of May—6th May

BBECET LUNCH

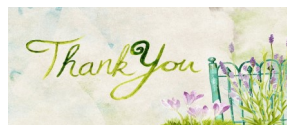
TO BE HELD
on **Saturday May 6th at 12 noon** to raise funds for scripture teachers for our high school children.

Cost = \$25 pp
For further information contact Angela on 44721099

THANK YOU

John H, Matthew C and Carolyn E for your generous and practical assistance with the Convent Garden Working Bee.

Maybe more may be able to come to help with the Winter weeding and pruning in the near future



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name:
St Bernard's **Operating Account:** BSB: 062-786
Bank : 00012939
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May Retreat:
' Search and you will find ...called to be everyday mystics'

at St Joseph's Convent Chapel on Tuesday May 16th,
9-45am to begin at 10am - 2pm.

Facilitators:
Carolyn Evenden & Marie Weatherall.
Morning tea Provided.

BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch.
Gold coin donation to cover venue cost.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
Marie W 0405 028 057

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS Resumes on May 3rd

Sessions of **ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS** provide an opportunity for parishioners to discuss, reflect on and pray through the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

Sessions are held in the church meeting room after 9.00 am Mass every Wednesday.
For more information:

Joe Quigley 0404357744

Remembering the Sick:

Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

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For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



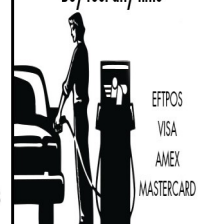
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Dan Quigley, younger brother of Joe Quigley, died in Melbourne on Wednesday, 26 April.

He was 85. Joe is grateful for those parishioners who were keeping Dan in their thoughts and prayers in recent months. RIP