

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

First Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6*  
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 22. R. v.2*  
**(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 *Ephesians 2:13-18*  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*  
In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace

between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 6:30-34*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*  
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
**Dividing Walls of Enmity**  
In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the ‘dividing wall of enmity’ to which St Paul refers,

and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place. It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple. Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord’s invitation in today’s gospel: ‘Come away and rest a while.’ Our Lord is saying ‘Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.’ Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various ‘dividing walls of enmity’: racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation. We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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SIXTEENTH WEEK in  
ORDINARY TIME  
Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
1PM Every second  
and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after Mass

Regional NAIDOC  
Mass Friday 26th July  
11am

Wrap With Love  
Wednesday 31st July,  
1pm CMR

Enjoy the Good News  
Wednesdays after 9am  
Mass

Craft Group 10am  
Thursdays Church  
Meeting Room

ADORATION  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigans  
Cove

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want...  
Psalm 22

Jeremiah’s opening statement in the first reading casts a negative pall on the word “shepherd”. The psalm which follows, casts a more positive view of a shepherd. The gospel then reveals yet another view of a shepherd when Jesus “took pity on (the people) because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” **Mark 6:34**



In our world we don’t give the word “shepherd” a lot of attention, apart from when “shepherding” occurs on a footy field! In the time of Jesus a shepherd’s work was very important. It was the shepherd’s job to care for the flock constantly. Jeremiah was very critical of those who did not provide proper care and guidance. He then refers to the shepherds as being in charge of “my people” letting the flock wander and scatter—suggesting that **WE** the people have replaced the sheep. We too, like the flock are in need of care and guidance. The psalm then tells us that the Lord is my shepherd.

What do we understand a shepherd to do for us as people of God and as we work to spread God’s word? Does a shepherd encourage us to stay close, accept guidance, recognise His ongoing love and care as well as asking for help when needed?

Pope Francis tells us that a good shepherd is always **AHEAD** of the flock, leading them/us, has a vision and shows us the way. The shepherd is **WITH** a his people- among us helping us in in our mission of spreading the word. A good shepherd is also **BEHIND** the flock. Some of the flock fall behind, through sickness, being hurt or broken and the shepherd reaches out to them.

The gospel presents us with a Jesus we often ignore. He is an everyday Jesus - a human like us, showing interest and compassion to his disciples and the people. The disciples, as they meet with Him are busy telling Him all they have been doing. He recognises that they need time to rest and concentrate on their own well being. He also recognised that the crowd of people were in need of support.

The focus on Jesus’ actions in the gospel shows His deep commitment to “the flock”. There is also a suggestion for us. Disciples like us also need to be aware that we need a balance in our life; taking a step back to rest and re- energise. We need to remember that living out the gospel can be overwhelming and even perhaps think everything/ everyone depends on us.

As we look around our Parish we become aware of many shepherds following Jesus’ model of a good shepherd. We can read in the Bulletin that there are many groups and gatherings reaching out to show care and support people: Pastoral Care and St Vincent de Paul and many smaller, more informal groups. All these people/ groups follow Jesus in helping every member of the flock find his/ her way physically, spiritually and theologically.

This week we may ponder- What does it mean to me to be a part of God’s flock?  
Mary MacKillop also reminds us : “Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Ken and Carolyn Evenden





Mass  
Schedule

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 22nd—Sun 28th July**

**Monday 22nd:** No Mass

**Tuesday 23rd:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 24th:** Mass

**Thursday 25th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 26th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 27th:** Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Sunday 28th:** Mass 9am



**You're invited to  
A Parish BBQ  
to celebrate  
the Annual  
Parish Feast Day  
after Mass on**

**Sunday 18th August**

Please bring along a plate to share.  
All are welcome.

**Please note: Mass time on 18th  
August will change to 10am**



The annual NAIDOC Mass will be held on July 26th  
at 11am at St Bernard's Church.  
All are welcome.

### 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

#### 20/21 JULY Cleaning

22-26 D & L May

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway  
Commentator: J Quigley  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
C Brownlie  
Computer Screen  
J O'Sullivan

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May  
Commentator P O'Kelly  
Reader: N Beatty  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Scicluna, J Whiteford  
Computer Screen D May

#### MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

#### COUNTERS

D & L May

#### 27/28 JULY

#### Cleaning

29/7-2/8 M deSmet & J  
Maher

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer M de Smet  
Commentator J  
O'Sullivan  
Reader: M Weatherall  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain  
Computer Screen K  
Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator A Skinner  
Reader L Page:  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen T Jones

#### MORNING TEA:

N. Beatty

#### COUNTERS

T Priest/P Wilden

### ***CLAIM THE DATE:***

*Invitation to attend a morning session*

*'I hear but do I really listen!'*

*facilitated by Patrick Fleming, Clinical Psychologist  
on Monday August 19, 2024*

*9-15am for 9-30am start – 12 noon.*

*Cost=Free; BYO shared morning Tea. All welcome.*

***BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by Monday August 12***

*Marie W 0405 028 057.*

### **Feast of St. Mary MacKillop**

will be celebrated on Thursday August 8 with 9am Mass.

**After 9 am mass we are having a Cuppa with shared  
morning tea and Reflection** in the church meeting room .

*All welcome to attend.*

Facilitated by Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall.

**Why not attend!**

### ***St Vincent de Paul Volunteers needed:***

Our local Conference is looking for volunteers who may be able to  
give a few hours every month to interview companions who need  
assistance. You would always be on with an experienced member  
who will guide you. Why not just turn up to our Conference Meeting  
on the first Monday of the Month in the Church Meeting Room  
at 2pm and get to know about this Vincentian Ministry or phone

**Gary:** 0429 774 101 or **Marie** 0405 028 057.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

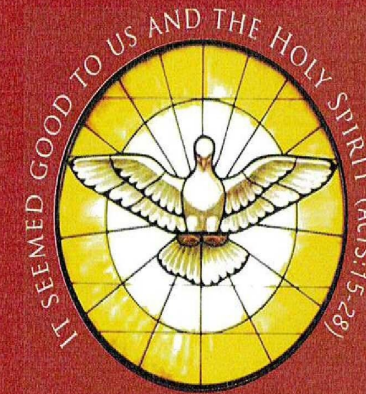
Gracious God,  
You have called me to life  
and gifted me in many ways.  
Through Baptism You have sent me to  
continue the mission of Jesus by sharing  
my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to  
Your call each day.  
Help me to become all You  
desire of me.  
Inspire me to make a difference in  
others' lives.  
Lead me to choose the way of life You  
have planned for me.  
Open the hearts of all to listen  
to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we  
may have listening hearts and the  
courage to  
respond to You.

Enkindle in my heart  
and the hearts of others the  
desire to make the world a  
better place by serving as  
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,  
Brother or Deacon.

***Amen***



### **YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

**Pope Francis Monthly  
Prayer Intentions  
JULY  
For The Pastoral Care  
of The Sick**

Let us pray that the  
Sacrament of the  
Anointing of the Sick,  
bestows the Lord's  
strength to those who  
receive it and to their loved  
ones, and that it may  
become for everyone an  
ever more visible sign of  
compassion and hope.

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### ***Remembering the Sick:***

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Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette  
Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent  
Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John  
Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns,  
John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary  
Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan  
Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evenden, Judy Betts, 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:** Else McGahey, Richard  
Smart, Patrick Dunn, Claire Dickens, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith  
Cooke, Kathryn King, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis  
Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw,  
Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna,  
Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn,  
Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick)  
Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan  
Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre