

1st Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41 Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25 Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

John 10.14

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

Gospel

John 10:1-10 Jesus the sheepgate.



Here are the suggested sites and TV channels where you can access Mass while isolated from the usual parish celebrations:

- Mass with Bishop Vincent (Sunday, 10am)
 - o www.youtube.com/user/Parra mattaDiocese
 - o www.facebook.com/parracathol
- Channel 10 (Aurora on Foxtel), Sunday 6am
- Mass with Archbp. Anthony Fisher (Sun. 10.30am)
 - o www.facebook.com/SydneyCat
 - YouTube: St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
- Mass on Demand
 - (YouTube, anytime of the day)
- Cathedral, Melbourne
 - o M-F, 1pm, Sat 8am, Sun 11am
 - o www.melbournecatholic.org.au/
 - o Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Facebook page



4TH SUNDAY **OF EASTER**

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - <u>Jn</u> 10:2-3

VOICE FROM THE PEWS

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, it is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves. Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, formulate opinions, and wrestle with and determine our priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, and cling to our fears of rejection and failure. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, and sinfulness. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of His love, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

> Fr Myk Belonio

The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

FROM POPE FRANCIS:

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, who is truly the author of this unity in variety, of this harmony, that he might make us ever more "catholic" in this Church that is catholic and universal!

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

In this time of pandemic, our clergy bring the sacraments of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members of the community who are very ill. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office, 0451 279 934, or email admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Steven Batty, and all who tested positive from Coronavirus

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leo Pereira, Magno Cuasay, Alfred Borg, John Schleifer, Marlon Jimenea, Dolores Jumaran Montano, Barry Warren Lewis, and all who died from Coronavirus

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Hyacinth Quintal, Wilfred & Dorothy Gonsalvez, Benjamin and Caroline; Thomas & Petronila Fernandez

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1 ST COLLECTION	For the care of our Augustinian clergy	\$ 610.00
2 ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	
For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 80.00
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42
Average Weekly Operating Expenses		\$4,342.96
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 3 May: World Press Freedom Day; 1990,

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

Commission established

Wed 6 May: 1992, Introduction of mandatory

detention of asylum seekers in Australia

Thu 7 May: World Password Day

Fri 8 May: World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

Sat 9 May: World Fair Trade Day



REFLECTION

Historical Context - A line of shepherds

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

Scriptural Context - Psalm 22

Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that *the Lord* is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

Gospel Focus - Life to the full

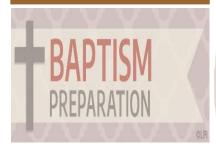
John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

Questions for Adults

Why might Jesus have used these images of himself as the gate and as the shepherd? Why might the Jews have been attracted to an image of God as shepherd? How can the concept of 'life to the full' be misunderstood or misused? In what ways is the invitation to have life to the full also a challenge?

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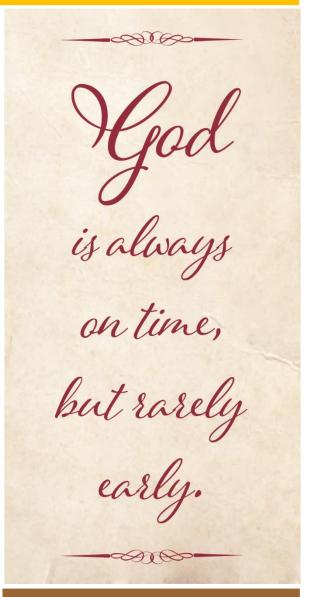


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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"The sheep follow [the shepherd], because they recognize his voice."

Sheepish Question:

What hazards must I be ready for in following the way of Christ?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Voice From The Pews

While we are staying at home to keep us safe, are you interested to share your faith experiences, Godmoments or reflections that may help others grow in their faith? Feeling inspired to inspire others, then email the Parish Office. The sharing can be in the form of an essay around 300 words, a prayer or a poem. Email to admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

> Parish Office is temporarily closed. All Parish Staff are working from home. If you wish to contact the Parish Office:

0451 279 934 admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Would you like to receive thru email a copy of our weekly Parish Bulletin and Worship At **Home Liturgy Resource?**

> Email our Parish Secretary: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

or register thru our Parish Website to subscribe www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

WORSHIP @ HOME



We invite parishioners to use this liturgy and pray together with your family. Available on our parish website (under Parish News) and Facebook page. It will be made available every weekend while Masses in the church are suspended.

#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome



As you can imagine, our main source of income is greatly depleted with the suspension of public Masses. Please know you can still support Holy Spirit by signing up to contribute online. Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to:

www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila at accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

Or drop off your Planned Giving envelopes to the Priory at 3 Peter Pan Glen, St Clair.

Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

AN ONLINE LIVE PANEL DISCUSSION WITH STORIES OF ANGER, HOPE AND ACTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS ACROSS SYDNEY.

- *WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN FACED?
- *HOW HAVE COMMUNITY LEADERS RESPONDED?
- *WHAT ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN MOVING FORWARD?

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SHAUN ADDY – PRINCIPAL BLACKTOWN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

MEL GATFIELD — BRANCH SECRETARY UNITED <mark>wor</mark>ker<mark>s un</mark>ion

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WHEN: 6:00PM THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2020

WHERE: FACEBOOK LIVE

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Please be reminded that EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) is 14 hours behind of Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Jesuit Social Services-Ignite Food Store

The Jesuit Social Services has been connecting with and offering service to the people of Emerton and wider Mt Druitt. Ignite Food Store has become the point of hope for so many people. However as a result of the COVID19 virus, they are in short supply and currently require donations of groceries to provide to local residents.

If your family would like to donate groceries please email *Claire.Thomas@jss.org.au* or contact Claire on 0417 269 623. If you would like to make a financial donation to the Ignite Food Store to assist in purchasing wholesale goods, please go to: http://www.ignitefoodstore.com.au/.

Your contribution and generosity makes such a wonderful impact on the lives of so many. On behalf of the Ignite Food Store team and the Emerton and broader Mt Druitt communities a huge thank you!

TOP 14 GROCERY ITEMS:

- Coffee/Milo
- 2. Breakfast Cereals
- 3. Honey/Vegemite/Nutella
- 4. Cake Mixes/Sugar/Flour
- 5. Assorted long life milk
- 6. Muesli Bars/LCM Bars
- 7. Savoury biscuits/Rice cracker/Crackers
- 8. Pasta Sauce/Simmer sauces
- Q Rico
- 10. 2 minute noodles/noodles
- 11. Mayo/salad dressings
- 12. Canned goods Baked Beans/Spaghetti/Canned Vegies
- 13. Baby needs formula and nappies (toddlers- junior)
- 14. Toilet Rolls



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Discerning Vocations

Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



Do you know who the upright of heart are? They are those who wish what God wishes. Therefore, do not try to twist God's will to you own but correct your will to that of God. The will of God is a rule of conduct. By it you have the means of being converted and of correcting your evil ways.

St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 AD

DOWN:

1: an animal that is

fleece 2: Jesus said "I

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3: the opposite

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4: a person

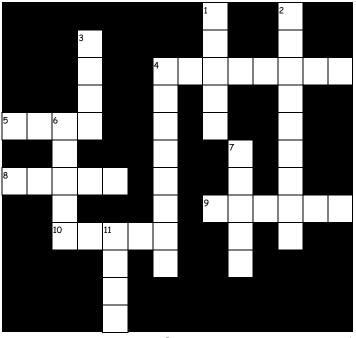
6: someone

things
7: a parable or

tale
11: the shepherd

CROSSWORD

I am the gate for the sheep



ACROSS:

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- 4: someone who looks after sheep
- 5: a door that opens up a fenced off area
- 8: the sound of someone speaking
- 9: take the path of a leader
- 10: a structure used to contain an area outside

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

My husband and I were dressed and ready to go out for a lovely evening of dinner and a movie. Having been burgled in the past, we turned on a 'night light' and the answering machine, then put the cat in the backyard.

When our cab arrived, we walked out our front door and our rather tubby cat scooted between our legs inside, then ran up the stairs. Because our cat likes to chase our budgie we really didn't want to leave them un-chaperoned so my husband ran inside to retrieve her and put her in the back yard again. Because I didn't want the taxi driver to know our house was going to be empty all evening, I explained to him that my husband would be out momentarily as he was just bidding goodnight to my mother.

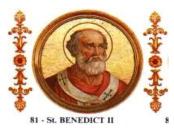
A few minutes later he got into the cab all hot and bothered, and said (to my growing horror and amusement) as the cab pulled away:

"Sorry it took so long but she was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her ass with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off so I grabbed her by the neck and wrapped her in a blanket so she wouldn't scratch me like she did last time. But it worked! I hauled her down the stairs and threw her into the backyard.... she had better not crap in the vegetable garden again."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT BENEDICT II

Patron Saint of Europe Feast Day: 7th May



Born during the seventh century, Benedict was involved in the Church as a young boy. He attended a choirschool where he studied the Scriptures and sacred chant and grew into a distinguished scholar and singer. Benedict was ordained a priest, who generously and humbly served the poor.

After years of service, Benedict was elected pope in 683. But before he could begin, the emperor had to confirm the election, which had often left the Church without a consecrated leader for a period of time. Indeed, Benedict waited a frustrating 11 months. After he was finally consecrated. Benedict convinced Emperor Constantine IV to abolish the need for imperial confirmation and from then on to allow the Governor of Ravenna to confirm the Church's choice. Benedict was an energetic pope who restored and improved many Roman churches. He also fought the Church's battle against monothelitism, a heresy that denied that Jesus had a human will. Benedict persuaded the Spanish bishops to sign a profession of faith that refuted the heresy and also tried to bring those who had supported the heresy back into the Church. Meanwhile, he continued to serve the needy.

Benedict had such a good relationship with Constantine after the emperor asked him to spiritually adopt his two young sons. Benedict also had a strong bond with his clergy. His distribution of gifts to them on Easter Sunday of 685 was his last official act as pope. He died soon after. Even though he was pope for less than two years, Benedict left a significant mark on the Church, and he is honoured to this day as the patron of Europe.

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Readings for the Week

4 May: Monday, 4th Week of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a] • John 10:11-18

5 May: Tuesday. 4th Week of Easter

Acts 11:19-26 • Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a] • John 10:22-30

6 May: Wednesday, 4th Week of Easter

Acts 12:24—13:5a • Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4] • John 12:44-50

7 May: Thursday, 4th Week of Easter

Acts 13:13-25 • Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2] • John 13:16-20

8 May: Friday, 4th Week of Easter

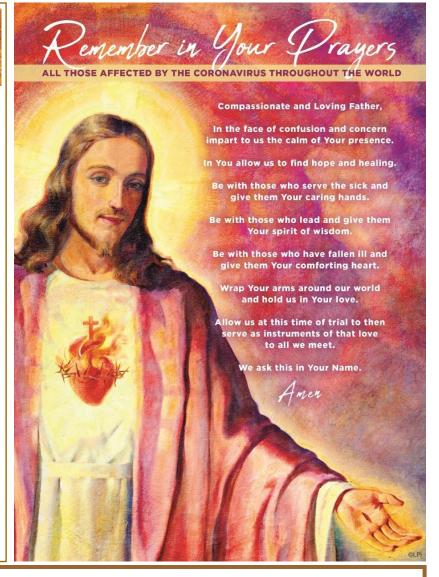
Acts 13:26-33 • Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc] • John 14:1-6

9 May: Saturday, 4th Week of Easter

Acts 13:44-52 • Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd] • John 14:7-14

10 May: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 • Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22] • 1 Peter 2:4-9 • John 14:1-12





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