



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B (WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS)

14 April 2024

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.



The Good Shepherd, Catacombs of Priscilla, Rome Circa 200 AD, Fresco painting, © Christian Art www.christian.art

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Source: Loyola Press

Responsorial Psalm
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Readings for Next Week - Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.
Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

MASSES & MEETINGS

Weekday Mass:

Tue, Wed & Fri - 9.00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Thu - 9.00am at Holy Family Church

Weekend Mass:

Sat - 6.00pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Sun - 8.00am at The Holy Family Church
Sun - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Reconciliation: Sat 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett Church

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9.00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Welcoming Mass: 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held after the 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month during the 9.30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches - Every Wednesday after 9.00am Mass at the Parish Hall

COMING UP...

25 APR - THU: ANZAC Day Liturgy at Tingalpa

26 APR - FRI: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

28 APR - SUN: Fifth Sunday of Easter & Baptisms

02 MAY - THU: 6.00pm - Connect Dinner

05 MAY - SUN: School Mass, Welcoming Mass, Hospitality - Cannon Hill & Tingalpa

05 MAY - SUN: 8:15am Second Preparation Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

07 MAY - TUE: 6:30pm Parish Leadership Meeting

12 MAY - SUN: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Baptisms after Mass

15 MAY - WED: 6:00pm - Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

17 MAY - FRI: 5:30pm - Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

18 MAY - SAT: 6:00pm - Presentation of Certificates of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference
Fortnightly at 6:15pm
Next meeting: 22nd April 2024.
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUES: Parish Leadership Team
Fortnightly at 6:30pm
Next Meeting: 23rd April 2024

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting
Next Meeting: TBA

THUR: Parish Finance Council Meeting
Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: 16th May 2024

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GOSPEL READING FOR 21 APRIL 2024 - JOHN 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall God as he is.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

Pope Francis on 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. <https://tinyurl.com/5ekm9kht>

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 21 April 2024 - 9 am

23/04 Tuesday: Oblate Youth Ministries

24/04 Wednesday: Springvale North Parish

25/04 Thursday: Rosies, Victoria & Queensland

26/04 Friday: Iona College

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McNally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy.



ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL 2024
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANZAC DAY
LITURGY AT HOLY FAMILY
CHURCH, TINGALPA AT 9:00AM
AS WE HONOUR AND REMEMBER
THOSE WHO ARE SERVING AND
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED.

Donations of White Clothing for Children

Children are encouraged to wear white clothing when they celebrate their Sacraments; however, we know some families are struggling at the moment. If you have any suitable white clothing for boys or girls aged 8 and over that you can donate, please drop them off to the Parish office.

Catholic Quiz

The Council of Trent was called to respond to which major historical event?

Answer: The Protestant Reformation. By the time it was convened in 1545, the unity of Christendom had been fractured. Violent holy wars broke out in throughout Europe, and the traditional teachings were challenged both within the Church and outside of it.



Volunteers Needed (Especially at Tingalpa)

Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to your community while enriching your spiritual journey? We're seeking dedicated volunteers to assist with various roles during Mass. Whether you have a knack for greeting guests with warmth and hospitality, a talent for organising hospitality, or a passion for sharing the joy of music through choir participation, there's a place for you to serve. Your commitment to enhancing the worship experience for fellow parishioners will not only foster a sense of belonging but also deepen your connection to our community. Join us in spreading the love and grace of our faith by lending your time and talents to our Parish. Let's make a difference together.

CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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We are immensely grateful for your generosity, which significantly impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our vital ministries here at Cannon Hill Catholic Parish. To make a donation, you can contribute via the Tap & Go in the foyer, Mass Collectors, or through our online payment system.

For more information on donations and Bequests, please contact the Parish Office.



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



7:00pm Saturday 27 April 2024

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s to 1980s (ask your parents or grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance and social mixer for young Catholic adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for charity thrown in for good measure!

Dress in your best white, gold or bright coloured outfits and continue the joyful celebrations of Eastertide!



GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD + FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE YOUR \$20 (+BF) TICKETS



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL EVENTS

- 25 APRIL ANZAC DAY SERVICE
 - 1 MAY Mass for the Curia
 - 5 MAY Organ recital: Dong-ill Shin
 - 10-11 MAY Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Mozart's Mass in C Minor
 - 17 MAY 150th Anniversary of The Cathedral of St Stephen
Return of the Message Stick
Ecumenical Celebration.
 - 18 MAY Archbishop Mark - Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Pentecost Vigil
 - 19 MAY Pentecost Sunday - 150 Celebration Finale
- Event Guide Booklets available in the Church Foyer.*

Catholic Theological College
Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.
Engaging Your Faith - May 2024
Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Open Evening
Thurs 16 May, 4:00 - 7:00pm
San Sisto College
Bookings: www.sansisto.qld.edu.au

MEDIA CORNER

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