

## St Patrick's Parish Gosford

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#### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Some insight into todays "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:27

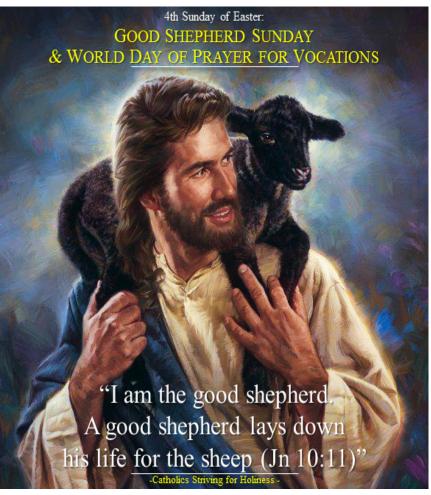
Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what "wolf" comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of "a hired man who is not a shepherd" who sees the wolf coming and runs. It's important to point out how damaging this man is to the people of God. When he runs from his responsibility and gives into selfish motivation, he leaves the flock untended and vulnerable to attack.

We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It's hard to stick with it through the hard times. It's hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It's hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear.



Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Lord, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfill my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"The life of those who join this work is apolostic life, or the imitation of the Holy Apostles."

FJ Rule of the Apostle Teaching Society 1882

## POPE FRANCIS' MAY 2020 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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AND EVERYONE THAT LOVES
IS BORN OF GOD,
AND KNOWS GOD

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Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

#### **LIVE STREAMING TIMES:**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays incl Saturday 10:30 am

**ADORATION** 

Weekday before Mass @ 10:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

3:00 pm Saturday & Sunday

#### WEEKEND ADORATION

Sunday before Mass @ 02:30 pm

#### LIVE STREAMING OPTIONS

#### **FACEBOOK LIVE**

https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksParishGosford/

#### YOUTUBE.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\_EKIJUFJpvg/live

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

6:00 pm Sundays Note: This Sunday only, May 3rd at 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 870-9366-9775

#### CONFESSION

Fr Greg as set up a confession space in the garden between the Parish Office and the Jordan room.

Make an appointment for a confession with Fr Greg by ringing the Parish Office. Pd: 4325-1042.



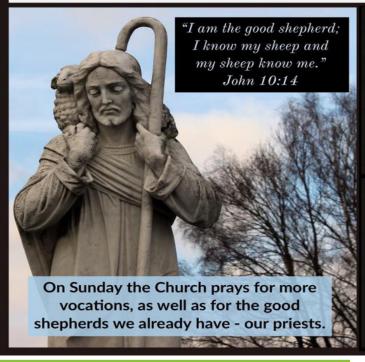
#### PRAYER GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

Fr Paul will run a Bible Study Group which will be held on line via the Zoom App.

Simply start your Zoom App and

**Join Metting Number 918-6143-5066** 

## Good Shepherd Sunday 3rd May 2020



Let's get
to know
our priests
better!
Join them
live on
Facebook
this Sunday
at 6pm
to see
what
hobbies
they have.





#### LORD OF THE HARVEST,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life,
parish ministries, and families with the
confidence and grace
to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path
of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and
sacrament,
so that we may cooperate with you
in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace.

Pope Francis
 Adapted from the Message on the 51st World
 Day
 of Prayer for Vocations

Amen.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### TO PETER MCLEAN AND PETER YOUNG

who celebrate their 36th anniversary of serving St Patrick's Parish as an Acolyte on Saturday May 2, 2020. We look forward to many more years with them, though Peter is stuck in the COVID-19 travel ban restrictions at the moment!





#### **JUST SOME REMINDERS:**

Confession is available by appointment – please contact the Parish Office

The Blessing of the Sick is available to those who are sick or dying so please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit by either Fr Greg or Fr Paul.

Holy Communion to the sick and dying is still available for family members and friends. Please contact the office to arrange this.

If you would like a Mass offered for your particular intention [Anniversary/Remembrance/Special Intentions etc] please contact the office to organise its allocation.

If you know someone who would like to receive our emails and links, just ask them to contact the office.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It has been humbling to see the response of our faithful St Patrick's parishioners who are financially supporting our clergy and their parish. We thank you as it has allowed the parish to not only meet its commitments but to operate as usual and plan for the future. We can only ask that as time goes on this support is maintained, and invite anyone who would like to know how to go about this, to please contact the office.

#### WHEN WE SAID YOU WEREN'T ALONE,

#### **WE MEANT IT!**

Since we began live streaming in an effort to keep in contact with you and give you the prayers, liturgies and faith sessions that COVID-19 threatened to take away from us, it seems our persistence has been appreciated by many and below are the numbers of people we have recorded viewing either by Zoom [now not available], FaceBook and Youtube:

The Ordination of Fr Paul: 3,500. Children's Liturgy each Sunday morning: Averaging 500. Easter Celebrations: 7000. Fr Greg & Paul's Easter Message: 2000. Daily Masses: 250. The 9pm Rosary: 200. Youth Group Sessions, a steady 600. Fr Paul's first Masses including Divine Mercy: 2,500.

We think you would agree that it is staggering, and even

perhaps an upside to the COVID-19 story that people are earnestly searching out and seeking outside of their usual domains simply to receive the Word of God.

## WE HAVE A NEW YOUTH MINISTER WE WELCOME ONTO THE TEAM,

#### **JAIMIE-LEA ANDREWS**

I am happy to be able to announce that JAIMI-LEA is now our new youth minister and started in this role last Sunday evening, April 19, co-operating with Matthew at youth group on Zoom. Matthew will continue to stay with us for the next few weeks to help Jaimi-Lea to get know our youth and settle into this ministry during this difficult time while we can't gather for youth group in the parish.

We trust Jaimie-Lea withstands the added pressure of only being able to reach out virtually to our youth, and we look forward with her, the recommencement of usual transmission!

#### **HOME MADE FACE MASKS –**

#### THANKS TO THE DANWAH FAMILY

We have a number of lovely fabric facemasks made by the Dankwah family for those of our parishioners who may need them, especially the elderly, and we thank them for their kind consideration of others. If you would like a mask, please just contact the office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Matthew Pears, Leonie Barnes, Leanne McDonagh, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Marie O'Donovan, Megan McGowan, Kellie Nevin, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, Brian Graham, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Frances Cannon, Margaret Gunnlson, Sonia Cummings, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Joseph Tran, Deborah Marquart, Edna Lay

#### **REMEMBRANCES:**

Sid Dowsett, Carmel Martin, Keevers Knight & Merchant Families, Ron, Peter & Chris Shapter, Leo Fry, Nelson Fernandes, Ann Peters, Dawn Murray, Muscat Family, Nancy & Carmel Vella, Michael Kokegei.

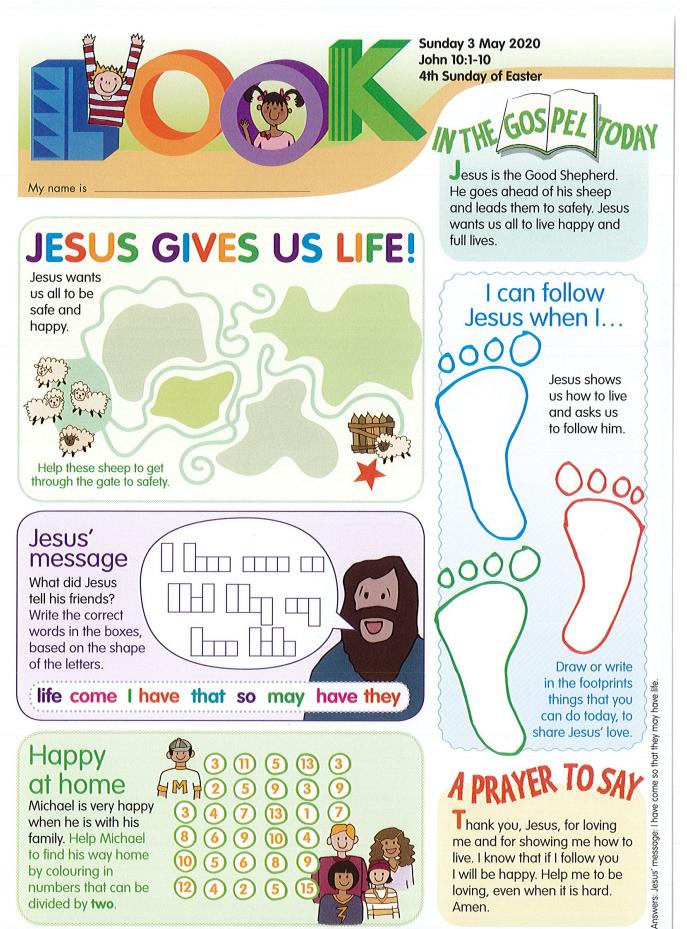
#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Ben Reddy, Joseph Galea, Anne Marie Murphy, Steve Cowan, Rosetta Suman, Victor Foldvary, Henry Harding, Jack Sciberras, Anne Marie Murphy, Terry Martin, Kath Ryan, Glad Williams.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 05/05	10:00am On Line 3:00 pm On Line	Recently Deceased GLAD WILLIAMS,     Recently Deceased ANNE MARIE     MURPHY     For the Personal Intentions of the     WHYTE FAMILY
Sun 03/05	3:00pm On Line	PARISH INTENTIONS     Recently Deceased TERRY MARTIN
Mon 04/05	10:30am On Line	+ Remembrances RON, PETER &     CHRIS SHAPTER
Tue 05/05	10:30am On Line	+ Remembrances KEEVERS, KNIGHT     & MERCHANT FAMILIES     Recently Deceased ROSETTA SUMAN
Wed 06/05	10:30am On Line	+ Anniversary JOSEPH TRAN     + Anniversary DEBORAH MARQUART
Thr 07/05	10:30am On Line	1. + Remembrance SID DOWSETT
Fri 08/05	10:30am On Line	+ Remembrance CARMEL MARTIN     + Recently Deceased STEVE COWAN
Sat 09/05	10:30am On Line 3:00pm On Line	Recently Deceased BEN REDDY     Intentions of the REGAN FAMILY     + Anniversary EDNA LAY
Sun 10/05	3:00p On Line	PARISH INTENTIONS     + Remembrance LEO FRY

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS ON EACH SUNDAY MORNING

Fr Greg and his team of helpers who are mainly teachers will rotate in presenting a session for the kids each Sunday morning. We invite you to not only watch, but share this page so that many may take advantage. If you would like a hard copy of this worksheet, please contact the Parish Office. Or you can print Page 6 of this Bulletin before the session starts at 9:00 am.



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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

#### CF. PS 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### 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.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### PS 22:1-6. R. V.1

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I am the gate of the sheepfold. 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.

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

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.

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

You have prepared a banquet for me in the 'I tell you most solemnly, sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

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

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

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.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### JN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluial

#### **GOSPEL**

#### JN 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 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

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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#### **NEW TESTAMENT** COMMENTARY

#### BY MARY COLOE PBVM

The imagery of shepherd, sheep and gate of the sheepfold suggests a close, almost familial, relationship that is lost outside its Middle Eastern context. Even today, on the hillsides of Judea one can see a Bedouin boy, or perhaps an old man, leading his small flock numbering between three and ten sheep. The shepherd walks in front, guiding the flock along the craggy paths seeking whatever grass there may be. In a country such as Israel, where arable land is scarce, fenced paddocks are used for crops not for mobs of grazing sheep. Sheep wander on the hillsides foraging where they can and the shepherd must keep an eye out for danger, and to prevent any from straving. When a lamb is born it could be named according to its physical features, or other characteristics - 'snowy', 'hungry', 'scamp.' A village might have a communal sheepfold protected by one gatekeeper. In the morning each shepherd would call out his sheep, by voice, or using a pipe. The sheep would recognise the sound and follow their shepherd. In the summer, temporary shelters could be made outside the village using briars and stones. This type of shelter has no door so the shepherd would sleep across the doorway, acting as the door protecting his flock.

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

In the Scriptures the imagery of shepherding was used to speak of leadership. Kings who failed to lead their people according to covenant values were judged as 'bad shepherd,' and according to Ezekiel 34, God is to be the good shepherd of Israel, binding up the wounded, seeking out the lost, and leading Israel to good pasture. So the image would have been familiar to Jesus' audience, both from their life experience and from their Scriptures. The audience would know how vulnerable the sheep were to wild animals, dangerous paths, falls and scarcity of pasture. They would know that the survival of the sheep depended on the skill and attentive care of the shepherd. In this context, Jesus speaks of himself as 'the gate of the sheepfold'. He is the one who lies across the doorway, the way in to safety, and the way out to good pasture. The imagery thieves and brigands to steal us from the flock, our own hearts can death and destruction, and Jesus who comes to bring life.

Life in its fullness. This is the Easter gift that God offers us through Jesus. Such life is not ordinary physical life but an entirely new quality of life that in John's Gospel is called 'eternity life'. This is the quality of God's life in eternity. This quality of life is like being born a second time, as Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3. But, as the parable suggests, this life can be threatened by thieves and brigands.

At the time when the Gospel was written (late 90's C.E.) the community must have felt themselves under threat from outside forces. The emphasis in the parable is that of safety. The shepherd will protect his flock from harm. The parable assures these believers that Jesus will protect them. In the first century the threats were real. The community was experiencing a great struggle with Judaism and the Romans. From time to time, that struggle even became persecution. In Australia we have rarely experienced open conflict, let alone persecution for religious reasons, but there are many places in the world today where this is a reality - Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Ireland.

The dangers that threaten us are more subtle. We don't need

leads to the sharp contrast between the thief who comes to bring readily leave the community lured by values that are not Christian. In the desire for greater affluence we can allow policies to limit refugee intake at a time when this is a humanitarian crisis. To have greater profit margins, companies may reduce the workforce making many jobless without prospect of future employment. Present wealth and comfort may impede ecological responsibility for the future. These are Gospel issues not just economic or political. This year we will hear Matthew criteria for entry into the reign of God: those who help the sick, offer shelter to the homeless, care for prisoners. These are very practical ways of evaluating Christian behaviour.

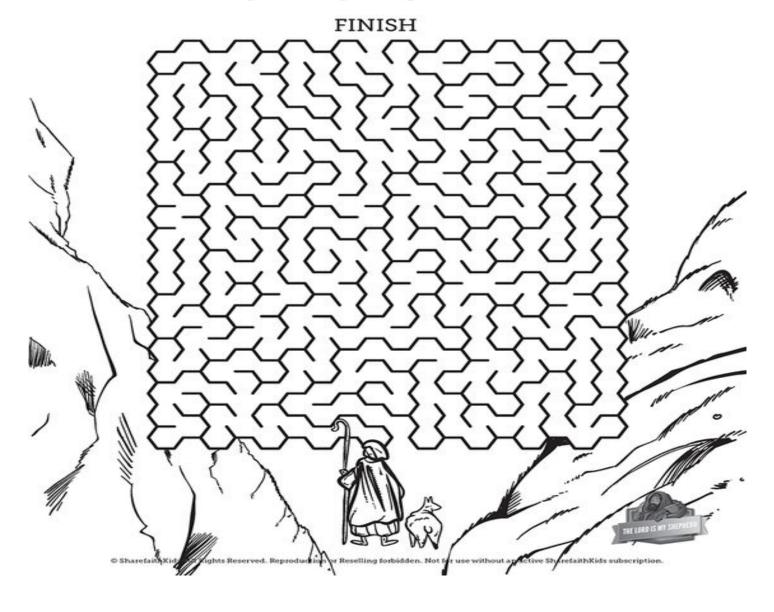
> Listening to today's word let us reflect on what are the real things that threaten Christian living. Thieves and brigands would be much easier to fight than the subtle dangers we Christians face today.

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