

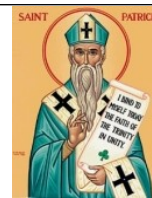
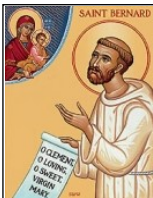
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 3rd May 2020 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

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

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10



Our Mission Statement: 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

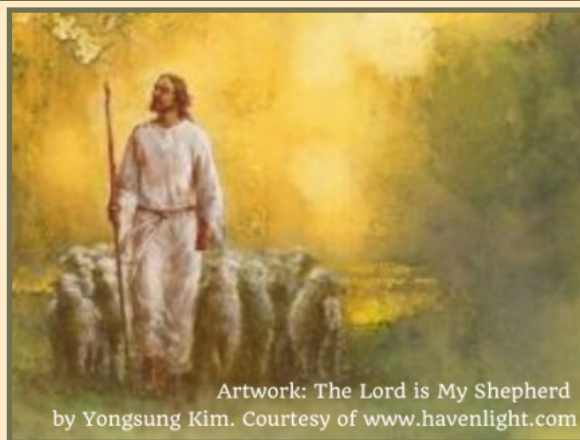
Our Vision Statement: 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'

Today is Vocation Sunday

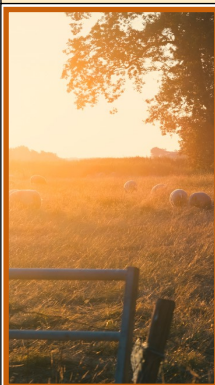
"Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me Alleluia!" Jn 10:14. **Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you?** Contact the Vocation Office at 0418 522 449 or email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

Prayer for Vocation – Broken Bay

Loving God, you are the Lord who calls and sends out labourers into the harvest. In your great love you call us to belong to you, to be holy as you are holy, to be your people and to live in loving service of others. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Catholic community of Broken Bay, as we turn to you in faith and hope. Call from among us priests and deacons, shepherds after your own heart, to gather and guide us in your name, to serve our faith community, to proclaim your gospel, in word and deed, to minister through the sacraments and to lead us ever closer to you. *Amen.*



Artwork: The Lord is My Shepherd
by Yongsung Kim. Courtesy of www.havenlight.com



Dear Friends, Today we reflect on the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd. There are several aspects associated with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In today's reading, Jesus shows himself not only as the shepherd, but as the gate - the door to the sheepfold - which is the place where the sheep are housed or protected during the night. He sleeps at the entrance of the sheepfold, to keep them safe from thieves and wolves.

In Palestine culture or tradition, it was a bit different. Some owners simply handed over his flocks to the shepherd and they in turn looked after the owner's flocks. There is no personal connection between owner and sheep but there is a connection between a shepherd and the sheep, and this connection is something truly remarkable.

It is our duty as people of faith to make a strong and life-long connection with our own remarkable Shepherd, Jesus. In Kerala, there is a tradition that all Christian families, hang Sacred images on their walls. From my childhood onwards there has always been an image of the Good Shepherd. It is the image with Jesus, carrying a sheep on his shoulders and looking after the other sheep.

This image tells us lots of things about the qualities of a good shepherd. A good shepherd should be a man of love and he should know his flock very well. To know the flock means to have a closeness with the sheep, to call them by their names. He knows what the sheep need to feed well upon, what they need to feel secure under his protection and the sheep know the enemy can't do any harm because their shepherd is vigilant.

There is no laziness in a shepherd's life. 24/7 he is watching, caring, protecting. He is ready to give up his life for the flock. His whole interest is to look after his loved ones.

As we reflect on Vocation Sunday today, I ask that you try to connect Him to your own life.

We are living in a different era, an era in which Jesus has entrusted shepherding to us.

We are called to be good shepherds to everybody.

During this period of Covid-19, we all have a special responsibility to care for the welfare of our fellowmen. Our eyes should look out over our neighbourhood and seek our neighbours to ensure they are okay.

I have encountered everyday good shepherds myself. A particular cul-de-sac in Berowra has 5 houses in it and most evenings as pass by on my daily walk, all 5 households bring their evening meal out the end of their driveways and share a meal together in a special and unique way. They maintain the laws of the land but they are looking out for each other, ensuring all the sheep in their sheepfold are safe.

Priests are called by Jesus to be Shepherds of His Flock, in fact a priest is called to lead, to teach and to sanctify His flock. At present it is hard for many priests, it is not easy to offer the Mass to an empty church when he knows his flock is so eager to come back inside the physical sheepfold of the church building. So, as a priest I have prayed hard for divine assistance, to strengthen my relationship with you in special and unique ways, so I may re-assure you that the Good Shepherd remains personally connected to you, always.

Parents are called to be good shepherds to their children in the family home. By loving your children, guiding your children, inspiring your children, disciplining your children, you are giving your children the security to build a spiritual nourishment in their spiritual life. Parents are called to offer selfless service to their children. God entrusted His children to your hands to look after them and protect them from the dangers of life.

Leaders of Nations are called to serve like a good shepherd to look after the needs of the people who look to them for protection from unforeseen difficulties like Covid-19. To properly care for their flock, national leaders need to create laws that are consistent for all, that protect all, that look to better the lives of the least in society, the poor and the vulnerable. When leaders truly embrace the role of a good shepherd, they will take care of their flock with no private agenda to be gained, and this way they will gain equality and justice for all. That is why Jesus presented himself to us as a shepherd, a loving, caring, and trustworthy protector sleeping at the gate of the sheepfold to keep all humanity safe from evil.

Will you allow yourself to be open and transformed by the example of The Good Shepherd?

Fr Shaju John

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Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, **OSH Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

EASTERTIDE

Monday 04/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday 05/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 06/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 12: 24–13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 07/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 08/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 09/05

Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

How many

sheep can you find in this bulletin? Hint: There are at least one quarter of 100.



Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & prayers for...

RECENTLY DECEASED:

K J John, Gerald McCulloch, Patrick (Pat) Read, Patricia Clough, Don Matheson, Clare Daley, Greg Cooper.

ANNIVERSARIES: C J John, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Kerrin Enright, Patricia O'Malley, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you.

Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made,

by giving whatever you can. As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

BSB: 062 784

Account: 1238 8001

Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish—Church Account.

When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections. Perhaps send us an email with your wishes clearly indicated, so we may honour your intentions exactly.

1st Collection: Goes to Pastoral Revenue and is used to support the welfare of our priests, both active and retired.

2nd Collection: Donations are retained in the parish and used to pay regular outgoings and honour commitments to maintain and improve parish life. *For example...*

1) An improvement would be the new storage shed at Asquith (ordered and deposit paid prior to Covid-19) to be installed next week and to be used to store garden needs and get all sorts of things out of the roof cavity! like the crib etc. This will also rectify a WHS issue.

2) Insurance premiums, whilst hefty to pay, it is money well spent - we are at last getting a new church roof at Berowra following the **2018 hail storm!**

3) Regular bills; maintenance of our churches, priest's petrol & car instalments, wages, office expenses etc.

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony Monday 27 April 2020]

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It was my privilege to greet you all through my online video message at Easter. At the time, I spoke about how we do not ignore the sufferings and burdens of others and that we accompany them with love, hope and joy. I mentioned that we are the twenty first century disciples of Jesus and that we share the Easter joy with everyone that we meet.

In times where we are required to protect our loved ones and our communities by staying home, we are challenged as to how we might share the Easter joy.

I would like you to reflect on your Parish communities and our Diocesan Charity, The Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Giving is an act of joy – sharing what we have with our Parish community and people in our Diocese is one way to ensure that the love of Jesus Christ is available to us all. For many in our hospitals, particularly with the restriction on hospital visitors, this can be a time of anxiety and loneliness.

While our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are not able to sit at the bedsides as they would normally do, they are on the phone to patients, praying with them and providing the support of our faith. Our health care workers in the hospitals are also calling our Pastoral Care Practitioners, as they are on the front line dealing with the consequences of the pandemic on a daily basis. We are grateful that this service, funded by your donations, is available to patients and hospital staff in our community providing this much needed connection and support.

Your donations to our Charitable Works Fund provide financial assistance to five charities in our Diocese. Information can be found here <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Your Easter Gift to the people in the Diocese of Broken Bay can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf or by contacting your local Parish.

I am deeply grateful for your support and generosity and pray that God may bless you,

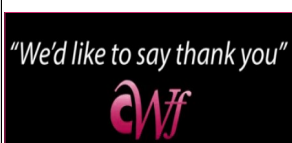
Sincerely yours in Christ, + **Anthony Randazzo**



Charitable Works Fund ~ The CWF takes place THIS WEEKEND the 2nd and 3rd of May 2020. This is the final appeal for this financial year and we need to raise \$11,948.75 to meet the quota set by the Diocese.

This year parishes are fortunate to have the support of the Catholic Schools Office who will be promoting the appeal through the school newsletters. This will widen the audience that has access to the videos and the ability to contribute via online donations to these vital initiatives run by the Diocese. When Donors give online you are required to select your church/Parish and donations will then be allocated against the quota each parish is accordingly asked to raise.

1. To make an online donation please go to: <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> or visit our parish website and use our Bpoint link by selecting from the drop down menu "CWF Diocese of Broken Bay" and following the prompts. If you prefer you may ring the parish office who can accept your donation using a credit card over the phone. Cheques can also be accepted by posting to the Parish office at P O Box 335 Berowra Heights NSW 2082, however this year, we will not be taking cash payments.



2. The latest May CWF video is a "thank you" video featuring those who were in the August 2019 and November 2019 appeal videos as well as Bishop Anthony Randazzo. The "thank you" can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/NIVvTxTsDTw> and gives a great insight into where your donations go to and how they are used for the benefit of many less fortunate than others.

3. Below explains how charities that are supported by the CWF are still operating during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Donations to the Charitable Works Fund of \$2.00 and over are tax-deductible.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: HOW CAN WE HONOUR MARY THIS MONTH?

Simple, pray the rosary. In all the hundreds of apparitions of Mary she has constantly called us to pray the holy rosary for the salvation of souls. It has been said that each time we pray the rosary, a rose is added to the crown of Mary. This isn't something that needs to be done alone or in private. Pray it as a family and allow Mary to wrap her mantle of peace around you.

Above all, just talk with your mother this month. Tell Mary everything that is on your heart and ask her to bring you closer to her Son. She loves each one of us immensely and will do anything to get us to heaven. Show her how much you appreciate her love, care and sacrifice for you. This goes for both your earthly mother who brought you into this world, as well as your heavenly mother who will carry you to the next.

The latest from the Diocese: A Message from Bishop Anthony ~ Bread of Life Discourse

"As we do each year in the third week of Easter, we are reading from the Sixth Chapter of Saint John's Gospel (John 6:22-69). It is traditionally known as the Bread of Life Discourse. I can recommend breaking it up over several days, simply because it is packed with spiritual treasures which are worth savouring a little at a time..."

Bishop Anthony's Homilies: are now available on the Diocesan website for the community to read and can be viewed at: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/bishop/homilies-and-reflections/homilies>

The latest information from your own parish:

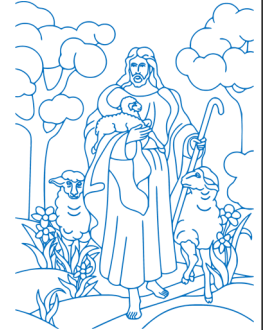
Our apologies for those watching our live-streamed Vigil Mass last weekend.

The issue was technical, not operational, and more than likely network related,

However, whatever the cause, it was sad to have mass interrupted in the way it was...

but wasn't it great that you had another opportunity to go to Mass on Sunday morning !

(come on, give us some points for trying to keep the glass 1/2 full here folks!)



Please join other parishioners for Mass live-streamed to your home via our Facebook page at your choice of time and venue.

5pm Saturday evenings @ St Bernard's // 9am Sunday mornings @ St Patrick's

To live-stream Mass from our parish, simply 'like' our Facebook page and you'll be all set.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

Towards the end of our bulletin you will find the Readings and various responses to this Sunday's Mass so you can following along whilst watching on Facebook.

Please stay in touch with us ~ we miss you! Contact us via: **Email:** parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; **Phone:** 9456 2450

And we will stay in touch with you ~ using our: KCCP Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp>;

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Friday mailouts: If you are not receiving an email from us on a Friday afternoon/evening, then we don't have your most current email address. Please send us an email so we can add you to the list of 840+ parishioners who receive this mailout each week. Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au and insert **"Please add this email to the Friday Mailout List"**, in the subject line. *We're in this together and we're still here for each and everyone of you! KCCP Staff.*



ART SPACE:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ~
c AD 425, Mosaic, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italy.

In this week's Art Space, we continue to reflect on the Easter miracle and the gift of knowledge through knowing Christ. This lunette (above a doorway) in the Mausoleum next to an early Christian Church (now destroyed) is remarkable in that it is created to shimmer and reflect light to Christ's faithful. Created by positioning small pieces of coloured glass (tesserae) in plaster (and gold leaf) at a slight angle to the surface.

The image of the Good Shepherd, seems to capture the moment where the sheep, recognising Jesus,

turn to Him. Christ, in the centre of the composition, is seated upon three steps, holding a cross instead of the Shepherd's hook.

The rocks in the composition are highlighted with gold reflecting Christ's divine light and anchoring him to the earth.

In the background, on the left, is a hill from which rivers flow, suggesting the four rivers of Paradise (Genesis 2:10-14).

Dressed in gold, and illuminated by his halo, Jesus tenderly reaches out to the sheep on his left, as if to feed or lovingly caress.

As you reflect on this image remember that Jesus also knows each of us personally and invites us into relationship with him.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RESPOND TO HIS CALL?

The 250 Club!

Week 03: 27/04/2020 ~ Number: 359 ~ Winner: John Mitchell ~ Amount: \$25.00

The new Series is now entering Week 4 but it isn't too late. Contact the office to ensure you're financial.

You can pay by credit card over the phone - just call the office on 9456 2450. Thank you for your support of this parish fundraiser.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2020: 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.



Webinars for parents and carers

Learning Hub: Australian eSafety Commission – Child Protection and online learning webinars

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has produced the following advice and resources eSafety in light of the current COVID-19 situation we all find ourselves in.

They have produced a new suite of live webinars that are suitable for the staff, volunteers, parents and children in the Parish.

In particular they have prepared Child protection and online learning webinars in response to a range of questions about how child related organisations can promote and maintain child safety and wellbeing while delivering online instruction.

This rapid transition to online learning may increase and intensify online safety risks and harms for young people and adults involved. All resources are available from the eSafety website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19>

Webinars topics:

- * Child Protection and online learning
- * Helping kids thrive online
- * Tech, teens and time online
- * Keeping safe and healthy online
- * Keeping your sanity and supporting your kids online
- * My house, my rules

To register for the Webinars go to: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>.



Ladies With Typewriters:

These funnies were actually printed in Church Bulletins or announced at church services.

Thanks to Sue & Chris N. for sharing with us a bit of 'Corona' light relief.

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 3 May 2020
4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

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

Penitential Act:

(All.) I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(and, striking their breast, they say):* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; *(then they continue):* therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(P.) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

(R.) Amen.

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 ~ **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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: (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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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.)



Second Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 ~ A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 24:32

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

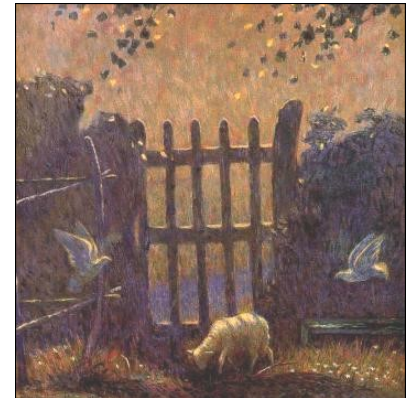
Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep 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.



The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow).

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

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

Prayer after Communion:

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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