

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

| GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. |

30 April 2023

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

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.

The Word of the Lord. R. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(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 1 Pt 2:20-25

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.

The Word of the Lord. R. THANKS BE TO GOD.



Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, 'I am the good shepherd'.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

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:
they 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.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Sebastian Mission, Syro-Malabar Community (Malayalam language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

COLUMBARIUM

Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Recently Deceased: Sharon Hayes.

Anniversaries 30th April to 6th May: Robyn Meaker, Antonio Staltaro, Patrick Reid, James Patterson, Ian Stoney, Johanna Verheyen, Adelaide Upton, Tony Robinson and Tony Cassar.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 7th May at 9:00am:

(C) Maureen Earls (L) Frank Nelson (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Nan Calnin, Brenda Bissinella.

QUEENSCLIFF: 7th May at 11:00am:

(C) Jenny Rafter (L) Margaret-Mary Flynn (SM) Terry Philp (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 2nd May at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

SAFEGUARDING – NEW INFORMATION, 17 MARCH 2023

To comply with our "Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy", we need to have complete, accurate and up to date information for all our volunteers. Over the coming weeks, if you volunteer in our parish, you will receive a document outlining the information we are currently holding and ask that you confirm the details or provide up to date information in the event of either incorrect or missing details. Volunteers must have:

1. A current Working With Children Check
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct
3. Done the Safeguarding Essentials 30-minute online training **
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)

***A group training session is currently being planned. Date to be advised.*

To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au or call the parish office on Thursdays.

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

Holy Family (Barwon Heads) community morning tea: Thursday 4th May at 10:00am. Please bring a small plate to share. All are welcome.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) thanks everyone who has donated Groceries, Vouchers and Money so far this year. We will resume rotating the collection boxes in a few months. In the meantime anyone wanting to give support could email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au or donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066.

Holy Trinity Sunday Afternoon Musical Concert: it is proposed that a Sunday afternoon concert be held this year, possibly November. A Planning Team of 10 people approximately, is needed. Seeking interested and enthusiastic people to join a team in bringing our 3 church communities including our 2 schools together – to bring this opportunity to fruition. Barwon Heads seeking 3 people; Queenscliff, 1, needing 2 others. Ocean Grove has 3 people on board. Please contact Maureen Earls (OG) on 0407 513 856.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

**We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, joyous
Term 2 as students returned to school this week.**

Hospitality Sunday: will take place next Sunday, 7th May, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Ladies Social Group: Lunch at The Leopold Sportsmans Club on Wednesday 3rd May at 12-noon. All welcome. Please call or text Julie 0411 578 285 to book.

The Faith Development and Spirituality Group is planning three mid-winter reflection group meetings on the following Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm: 25th June, 2nd July and 9th of July to be held in Ocean Grove. More details to follow. Topic: *Reflecting on the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): 'From the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986...' 'At the beginning of time, as God's Spirit moved over the waters, he began to communicate something of his goodness and beauty to all creation... and to all human beings throughout the ages God has given a desire for himself, a desire which different cultures have tried to express in their own ways.'

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal: This Sunday, 30th April, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood. *Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College, Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.* Supporting the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>. Please support and donate if you can.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Tuesday 2nd May** – *Teilhard de Chardin: the man, his message and its significance for today's planetary world.* Presenter: Sr Madeline Duckett rsm.
- **Tuesday 9th May** – *Mysticism: a beginner's guide.* Presenter: Drew Lawson.
- **Wednesday 10th May** – *The Quaker approach to prayer.* Presenter: Drew Lawson.
- **Friday 12th May** – *Reading Matthew's Gospel with Ecological Eyes.* Presenter: Sr Elizabeth Dowling rsm.

To register: contact Sr Lizzie at Santa Casa via phone 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au.

Full 2023 schedule: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

Geelong Catholic Dinners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our dinner for April. Date: Tuesday, 9th May 2023. Time: 6.00pm. Venue: The Bistro Belmont Hotel (cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont). Cost: Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to attend, please phone or text John 0409 165 943 by Friday, 5 May.

St Bernard's Book Fair: Sunday 7th May from 8am to 2pm at Clairvaux Hall, (Reynolds Rd, Belmont). Over 10,000 preloved books; all genres from Fiction, Biography, Sport, Cooking, Politics etc, plus DVDs, CDs & jigsaw puzzles.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 1st May – St Joseph the Worker (Memorial)

Tuesday 2nd May – St Athanasius (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 3rd May – Sts Philip and James (Feast)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 4th May – Thursday of the 4th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 5th May – Friday of the 4th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 6th May – Saturday of the 4th week of Easter

Sunday 7th May – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thought for the Week:

The best and most beautiful things in the
world cannot be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the heart.

- Helen Keller.



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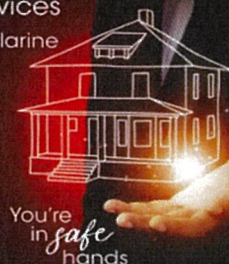
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