

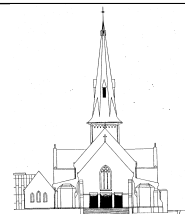
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6 & 7 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's Gospel [John 10:1-10] is part of a longer section from John's Gospel – 9:1-10:21, which has Jesus in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles, an agricultural feast celebrated before the new year. The section begins with Jesus' encounter with the man born blind, his subsequent healing and the debate with the religious authorities that follows the miracle [John 9:1-38]. John 9:39-10:21 constitutes an encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees. Based on 9:39-41 we have 10:1-21 unfolding. In presenting himself as the gateway to the sheepfold and as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name [10:1-4], we have the situation where the Pharisees fail to understand Jesus' message [v. 6]. Jesus continues nonetheless with more **'I am'** statements: **'I am the gate the sheepfold'** [v. 7 & 9] which is further enhanced (but is not part of today's Gospel reading) in v. 11 when he publicly declares **'I am the Good Shepherd'**. Announcing himself as the gate and as the Good Shepherd, Jesus here subtly announces that there are other gates and that there are bad shepherds. He suggests that those who enter through Him will find safety by being able to freely enter the pasture that he offers. In this proclamation, he presents the other shepherds – the bad ones- as thieves who have **'come to only steal, kill and destroy'** [v.10]. In opposition to this destruction and death Jesus states that his presence gives **'life to the full'** [v.10].



In presenting himself as the gateway to the sheepfold and also the Good Shepherd, we need to appreciate these images within first century Palestinian culture and not of the vast numbers of sheep that we have on our Australian farms. Shepherds at the time of Jesus had small flocks – of about thirty or so, unlike the many thousands that comprise the average Australian farm. Because of this there was a **close bond** between the **shepherd** and the **sheep**. He cared for them during the day, taking them out to good and wholesome pastures. But during the night, the various smaller flocks were brought together into one sheepfold – an enclosure that had only **one entry and exit**, and anyone other than a legitimate shepherd had to get in by devious means. In the morning, the respective shepherds would come and collect their sheep and take them out to the various pastures: the sheep would recognise the presence and voice of the one calling them and so would follow reassuringly.

With Jesus presenting himself as the **gate of the sheepfold**, he is placing himself as **the means** through which we have **life, nourishment** and **security**. Jesus in presenting himself as the gate to sheepfold is placing a **new dimension** to the image of the Good Shepherd. This new dimension allows us to see how this image can be adapted into our **spiritual lives** and our lives as his **disciples**. If we, his sheep, are to spiritually **flourish** and **grow**, then we need to **come** and **go through Jesus**, the gate to the fold. If we **stay in the fold**, we **diminish**, spiritually for lack of good pastures. If we **do not return to the fold**, but stay on the hillsides, then we are **at risk** of thieves and brigands. So **daily** we need to **go through Jesus**, the **gateway** for **growth** and **protection**. It is only through a **vital** and **continual interaction** with **Jesus** do we as members of his fold find **life** and **growth**. In this sense, Jesus has come in order that **'we may have life, and have it to the full.'** [v.10].

In a world that has many **different**, and often quite **dangerous voices** bidding for our attention, I can ask myself - am I **attuned** to the **voice** and **sound of Jesus**, the Good Shepherd? It is only through careful, continual and vital interaction with Jesus that we **'will hear his voice'**, **'will be safe'**; where we will be able to **'go freely in and out'** and **'be sure of finding pasture'** (v.9). Jesus is the gate that leads to life in its fullest expression and dimension. Do I hear his voice and am I prepared to follow it into the fullness of life?

Fr Robert Bossini,
Dean and Parish Priest



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE	LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
SUNDAY ♦ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass ♦ 7.30am Morning Prayer ♦ 8.00am Mass ♦ 9.30am Mass ♦ 11.00am Solemn Mass <i>with Cathedral Choir</i> ♦ 6.00pm Mass MONDAY TO FRIDAY ♦ 6.30am Morning Prayer ♦ 6.45am Mass ♦ 11.15am Exposition ♦ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm) Rosary after Angelus at midday ♦ 12.30pm Mass ♦ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church SATURDAY ♦ 7.30am Morning Prayer ♦ 8.00am Mass ♦ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form <i>Latin</i> ♦ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am) ♦ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm) PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)	May Sun 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10</i> Fri 12 St Patrick's Primary - Mother's Day Mass - 9.15am Sat 13 Holy Mass - Our Lady of Fatima, 100 Yr Anniv - 11.00am - Cathedral Sun 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Download our App: SPCPP on Android or Apple Facebook—St Patrick's Cathedral Website: www.stpatscathedral.com.au Weddings by appointment only. Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400 or visit our website	NON LITURGICAL EVENTS May Mon 8 RCIA - 7.00pm - Cathedral Hall Tues 9 Christian Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House Wed 10 Playgroup - 9.30am - Cathedral Hall Fri 12 Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel Sat 13 Our Lady of Fatima Celebration in the morning Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 11.00am - Murphy House Mother's Day Concert - 3.00pm-4.00pm - Cathedral <i>(followed by refreshments in hall)</i>	
Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. Download baptism form at www.stpatscathedral.com.au	May –The Month of Mary Today we focus on honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Regina Caeli. The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century. The Regina Coeli is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted, often as seen below, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart. Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost. <div data-bbox="531 1160 1029 1574"> <p><i>Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.</i> <i>For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.</i> <i>Has risen as He said. Alleluia.</i> <i>Pray for us to God. Alleluia.</i> <i>V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.</i> <i>R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Let us pray <i>O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1209 1144 1533 1585"> </div>	
Credo Ministries Facebook: Credo Young Adults Email: credostpats@gmail.com	More Marian Prayers available on the Cathedral APP-SPCPP	
St Vincent de Paul Society Family Assistance - 1800 606 724	For the sick: Filomena Nubla, Breda Jackman, Clem Gallagher, Lisa & Margaret Farrelly, Mich Lenihan, Halley Avery, Jennifer Abdullah, Keith Mathews, Yvonne Malouf, Thomas Cook Special Intentions: Thanks to Jesus, David Pigott, Naleen, Anon, Raveen, Group Int. Dadic, Newman family, Cesar Valverde, Jackson, Valverde, Smith, Merino & Narayan families. Wade Smith, Peruvian families, Lopez family, Carmen Whitty, Darryl D Carbonell, Paul Elogious, Members Love family, Joseph Senn, Leo Coleman For those recently deceased: Sang Hai Wong, Emery Burgess, Derek Beamish, Pet Banga Herrera, Neville Wilson, Norma Glanville, Marie Melide, Marie Buhagiar, Barry Anderson, Rosalia Ferrer Datuin, Spiro Giannaklis Deceased: Victorio Gavilla, Y.T. & Deanna Hsu, Francisco & Rustica Manalo, YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Elizabeth & Lawrence Fernandes, Grimaldo Guiptous, Pat Rea, Lourdes Pablo, Rufino Nubla, Bob Gebrael, Aaron Bannatney, Deanna Hsu, Lucy Udovcic, Nikola Rastegorac, Carlos Jose Taula, Yang Suk Anniversary: Marie Tuoi, Paul Phuoc, Philomena Martis, Anthony Martis, Joseph Teuma, Eustachiusz Szczpilewicz, O. Helen Reddy, Eustachiusz Szpilewicz Perpetuals: Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Norm Hector, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Don Andrews, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Sally & Frank Martlew, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Royan & Andrews Families, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.	

Saturday May 13 - Parish Celebrations

May 13 this year is extra special. It is the 100th year anniversary of Our Lady's apparition in Fatima as well as the eve of Mother's Day.

Details for the celebration are as follows:

Our Lady of Fatima Procession

The procession will start from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Harris Park on Saturday 13th May at 9.00am and then conclude with Mass at 11.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

There will be a bbq lunch after Mass.

Please come along and help celebrate this special day in Our Lady's honour.



Mother's Day Concert in the Cathedral

Thinking of a gift for mum this Mother's day? Why not take her to a music concert at St Pat's Cathedral led by members of the Cathedral music ministry.



Enjoy the pastoral sounds of a string ensemble, sacred music featuring the Cathedral's magnificent Pipe Organ, and an assortment of musical treasures. End the afternoon with a cup of tea and some sweet and savoury delights. Bring mum. Bring the whole family.

Date: Saturday 13 May 2017.

Time: 3pm Concert followed by Afternoon Tea at 4pm (*no extra cost*).

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

Cost: \$20 per Adult, \$15 concession, \$5 per Child - (12 years and under). Free entry for children under 5.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

Preparation for First Eucharist 2017

Please note the calendar of sessions of preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist below:

Tuesday 16th May, 7:30 pm - Parents session

Saturday 27th May, 4.30pm - Parent and Children Session

Practice for First Eucharist: Saturday 10th June, 4pm - Parents and Children Session.

CREDO MINISTRIES

Connecting with our Youth

Credo Young Adults (18 to 35 yrs -)

If you would like to connect with 'like minded' young adults, think about coming along to our 'get together' every first Friday of the month. We begin with First Friday Devotions in the Chapel at 6.30pm followed by a social gathering.

Credo Young Adults or Email: credostpats@gmail.com



	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month - 4pm
	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

Good Shepherd Sunday - 7 May 2017

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us 'There is no room for fear!' May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

Position Vacant — St Patrick's Cathedral Receptionist - Part-time – 20hrs per week

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is seeking a part-time receptionist to work in their busy office Monday to Thursday.

The Receptionist is the central point of contact for all groups within the parish and provides office support for the parish team, administration and ministerial groups within the parish. As the Receptionist you will be the first point for enquiries from parishioner, newcomer or from the wider community in regard to parish activities and services.

If you would like further information please email admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

Application Process:

Please mark your application "Receptionist" and enclose your **Resume and a Covering Letter** addressing the selection criteria and nominating **3 referees** (one of whom is preferably your Parish Priest).

To view the Job Advertisement and to download the Position Description visit the Diocesan website www.parra.catholic.org.au and go to the 'About' tab then 'employment tab'.

Send your application to:

Email: admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

Post to:

The Dean, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta NSW 2150

Applications close Monday 22 May at 5pm.

Only Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia are eligible to apply.

Cloister Function Room Hire:

Have you seen our recently renovated Cloister Function room? We now have two spaces available for hire. The larger function room can comfortably seat 150 people for a sit down meal or 200 people for a theatre style conference or cocktail function.

The Cloister Café space can hold up to 50 people and is only available Mondays to Saturdays.

Corporate and private functions are welcome but please note that most night functions are restricted to a 10.00pm finish. Terms and conditions apply at time of booking.

Annulment Information Seminar

Date: Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** Arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start, finishing at 9pm.

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$7.00.

Registration Essential: Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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