



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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30 April 2023 - 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

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"I Am The Gate For The Sheep."

ONE OF THE OLDEST paintings of Christ can be found in the Roman Catacombs. Here Christ is depicted as the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one lost sheep and, upon finding it, carries it on his shoulders back to the flock. This image, I would argue, is one of the most-loved and best-known illustrations of Jesus which is evident through numerous depictions of the Good Shepherd from various artists throughout the history of the Church; this image was

used during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. In more recent times the image of Christ the Good Shepherd has been used to emphasise the compassionate heart of God. Our Lord does not seek the destruction of sinners - rather he does his utmost to save his children. Whilst I love and completely agree with this notion, one aspect that is lost is the reality of Jesus as the Gate of the Sheepfold. Jesus as the gate certainly sounds strange and doesn't really register with our idea of the Good Shepherd, however when examined through an ancient Jewish lens, it speaks volumes of the Our Lord's love for us and the expectation of the ordained priesthood to imitate Jesus Christ.

If you search 'Ancient Israel sheep pen' in Google Images, you'll find a variety of strange stone structures in the middle of the field. At a cursory glance one can undoubtedly see the practical and defensive applications of the stone wall - it keeps the sheep together and defends them from malicious bandits and wolves. However, it does have one serious issue... there is no gate. There is no structure to deter potential assailants from harming the sheep. It would be similar to a house without a door; the house would be open to intruders. Here, however, is where ancient Jewish context is needed. In ancient times sheep pens were purposely built without a gate as the shepherd of the flock acted as the gate. He would stay with the sheep at all times and guard them with his life. Why? The sheep were his livelihood, without them he could not provide for his family. As such the shepherd would do all he could to defend his sheep from harm and to ensure their overall flourishing. This reality makes the image of Christ the Good Shepherd more beautiful as Jesus, through his preaching, teaching and, most importantly, the Paschal Mystery, lives out the vocation of the shepherd. Christ both defends and gives vitality to his people as he is the Gate to the Sheepfold.

Dear friends, as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday let us keep in mind two things: 1) Christ the Good Shepherd continues to defend his flock against the foe. Our Lord promised that he would be with his people till the end of the age. Throughout our lives let us continue to call on Christ, especially in times of strife, as the Good Shepherd does not desert his flock. 2) Pray for the clergy. It is an honour and privilege to be an ordained minister, however it does come with the expectation to imitate Christ. As Christ died for the Church so too his priests are tasked with imitating his loving example. Pray that all the clergy imitate the heart of Christ the Good Shepherd so that all people may encounter the love of God.

Wishing you an abundance of blessings throughout Easter,

Fr Chris



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LITURGY GUIDE

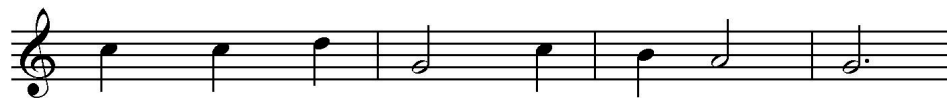
ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession

O flock of Christ



1. O flock of Christ, your ho - mage bring
2. Peace has come down from God on high.
3. Christ is my hope, who rose for me!
4. Christ has in - deed a - ris - en then



1. to Christ the Lamb, your glo - rious King.
2. The King of peace in death did lie.
3. Soon will you all his glo - ry see!
4. as Lord of life, to reign a - gain!



1. His Eas - ter praise in tri - umph sing!
2. To save the sheep the Lamb did die.
3. Christ bids you go to Ga - li - lee!"
4. On us have mer - cy, Lord! A - men.

Refrain

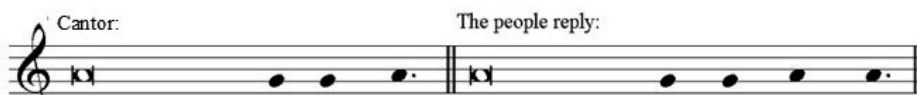


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Cel: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.



Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a - gainst you.



Show us, O Lord, your mer - cy. And grant us your sal - va - tion.

The Priest gives the absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

Kyrie 11:00am

Mass of the Good Shepherd

J. Turner OSB

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

4TH SUNDAY

EASTER YEAR A



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
- The sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.
- The sheep follow because they know his voice.
- I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.
- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- God has made this Jesus both Lord and Christ.

to the point

The sheep face a number of threats: thieves, robbers, strangers. Against all these the sheep find their safety and pasture by hearing, recognising, and following the voice of the shepherd. Surprisingly, as the Easter mystery makes clear, to reach the safety and pasture of abundant life we must first follow our Shepherd through the 'valley of darkness' (responsorial psalm) of suffering and death.

Connecting the Gospel

to the second reading

Although Christian discipleship entails hardship, the Shepherd doesn't lead us anyplace that he hasn't gone first: 'Christ suffered for you' and 'to follow the way he took.'

to our society

Today there are many competing voices vying to take us in many directions. This gospel challenges us to become familiar enough with the voice of our Shepherd to be sure of our direction in life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Kyrie

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith

The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.



Gloria

Mass of the Resurrection

R. deBruyn



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Gloria 11:00am

Mass of the Good Shepherd

J. Turner OSB

Sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest,

*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

We praise you, we bless you,

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

we adore you, we glorify you

Gratias agimus tibi

we give you thanks

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

for your great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Lord God, heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

O God almighty Father.

Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

you take away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis.

have mercy on us;

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

You take away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

receive our prayer;

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis.

have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.

For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu solus Dominus.

you alone are the Lord,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Cum Sancto Spiritu,

with the Holy Spirit,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,

lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,

so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 36-41)

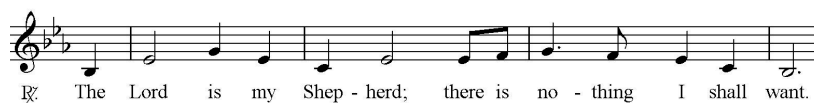
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

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)



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2:20-25)

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.**



Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



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

(All repeat the Alleluia)

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:1-10)

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 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.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Universal Prayer



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Motet

Surrexit Pastor Bonus H.L. Hassler

The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and for his flock deigned to die, alleluia,

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death O Lord un - til you come a - gain.

Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

A - men, A - men, A - men.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei Mass of the Resurrection R. deBruyn

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer cy on us. us. grant us peace.

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Communion Antiphon Ego sum pastor bonus Jn 10:14

I am the good shepherd, alleluia.
I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia.

Communion Hymn The Lord is my shepherd

Verses

1. The Lord is my shep - herd, and I want to fol - low,
2. And while on the jour - ney to where we are go - ing,
1. wher - ev - er he leads me, wher - ev - er he goes.
2. he pro - mised to be there to help us a - long. And
1. O - ver the moun - tains, the wa - ters and by - ways,
2. o - ver the moun - tains, we'll walk on to - geth - er, to
1. val - leys and high - ways he's wait - ing for me.
2. know all the won - ders he's giv - en to me.

Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay my-self
down in his love. The Lord is my shep - herd and I want to
fol - low, wher - ev - er he leads me, wher - ev - er he goes.

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Communion Hymn 11:00am Shepherd of souls

1. Shep - herd of souls, in love, come feed us, life - giv - ing
2. Sin - ful are we who stand be - fore you, worth - y of
3. Fol - low - ing you, O Lord, who led them, mul - ti - tudes
4. Fa - ther, who fed the He - brew na - tion, giv - ing them
1. bread for hun - gry hearts! To those re - fresh - ing wa - ters
2. you are you a - lone; yet in your name we do im -
3. thronged the moun - tain - side; filled with com - pas - sion, Lord, you
4. man - na from the sky, give now the bread of our sal -
1. lead us where dwells that grace your peace im -
2. plore you, rich are the mer - cies you have
3. fed them, fed them with loaves you mul - ti -
4. va - tion, that we who eat shall ne - ver
1. parts. May we, the way - ward in your fold, by your for -
2. shown. Say but the word, your heal - ing word, then are our
3. plied. Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray: life - giv - ing
4. die. We are your peo - ple, God, in need; may we on
1. give - ness rest con - soled.
2. hearts made pure, O Lord.
3. bread give us this day.
4. liv - ing bread now feed.

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LITURGY GUIDE

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Dismissal



Go forth the Mass is ended.



R. Thanks be to God.

8:00AM MASS PROPER

Entrance Antiphon

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

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

Music Ministry

This week we highlight the work of the Cathedral's Music Ministry. The ministry is made up of talented vocalists and organists who play and sing as cantors or as members of the Cathedral choir at various Masses on weekends and at solemnities and other major celebrations.

Thank you to the choir for enhancing the liturgies here at St Pat's Cathedral!

A few photos of the choirs at the Easter celebrations



THE BULLETIN

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

HIRING of ROOMS

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

Parramatta Diocesan Synod - October 2023

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from **12-15 October 2023**.

Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains.

From **May to July 2023**, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue.

Submissions from these consultations and conversations will be collected and can be provided online, in person, or via mail.

The submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group, and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod.

www.parracatholic.org/synod2023



Food Assistance



Food assistance is available in the Parramatta local area. If you, or someone you know, is struggling to put food on the table, here are some options which may be of assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre at 72 Harris St, Harris Park (8861 9757) offers food parcels. They are open Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Karabi Community Services have a foodbank which operates on Wednesdays from 12:00noon - 2:00pm. Bookings are required prior to visit on 9631 6575 (9:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday). They are located at 41 Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville.

Turbans for Australia are located at 14 Martha St, Clyde (0432 017 000) and run a food bank where they provide hampers every Sunday - arrive at 10:00am.

The Salvation Army has commenced a 'Second Bite' program, based at 426 Church Street Parramatta (9635 6870), running Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00am - 12:00noon, across bakery items, frozen meat and veggies.

Parramatta Mission - located at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta (9891 2277) offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays. Their hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:

Preparation for First Eucharist - 2023

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who have completed Reconciliation will be continuing in Term 2 2023.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Eucharist 1: Tuesday 02 May @ 7:30pm - Parent Session

Eucharist 2: Tuesday 16 May @ 7:30pm - Parent Session

Eucharist 3: Saturday 27 May @ 4:30pm - Parent & Child Session

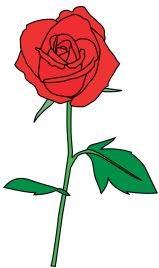
Practice for First Eucharist: **Saturday 3 June 2023 @ 4:00pm** (followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Presentation of Lord's Prayer and Mass Book).

Please keep in mind that all sessions are **mandatory**.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral team at secretary@stpatricscathedral.com.au

First Holy Communion - Sunday 11 June

To encourage participation of all members of our parish family in liturgy in the parish, Family Mass is celebrated on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. At this Mass, on 11 June, a number of children of the parish will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. It is hoped that this will be a great way of encouraging young members of our parish to actively participate in parish liturgies and other activities.



Mothers' Day roses

Mothers' Day is not too far away (14 May) and so we want to let you know that this year, as a small fundraiser for our three World Youth Day pilgrims, we will be selling single roses for **\$5.00** as a beautiful gift for mothers. Please support this beautiful enterprise and bring a smile to our mothers' faces, to say nothing of the smiles we will also bring to our WYD pilgrims!

Legion of Mary

Many of you may not be aware that the Cathedral parish has a small Legion of Mary group which meets on Tuesday evenings in the Cloister Cafe. In order to make themselves better known, and to build up a larger, more solid group, the Legion will be having a promotional stand on display over the weekend with members there to answer questions and chat with you about their activities. Say hello to them!



Children's Liturgy - Sundays @ 9:30am

If you are a regular at this Mass, then you are familiar with seeing the children being called up to attend a liturgical session directed specifically to children.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents, for their children to join this group. Simply follow the children when the celebrant calls them up.

It is a wonderful sight to see a 'leader parishioner' take the children to help them engage with the Gospel in 'child speak'.

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank Kirrily and a very dedicated band of parishioners who take on this role each week, encouraging the future leaders of our Church.



First Friday Holy Hour - 05 May

Come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer and adoration.
6:30pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Pentecost Retreat Day

You are all invited to share and join with us in a day of REFLECTION, RENEWAL and CELEBRATION. It is a reminder about the importance of sharing our faith with others.



Date: Saturday 27 May

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Place: Cathedral Hall



Refreshments will be available. Please note any dietary requirements by email.

RSVP by **Wednesday 24 May** to: secretary@stpatricscathedral.com.au or 8839 8400.



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Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."*

Recently Deceased: Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long, Colin B Linwood, Tony Dahlen, Nancy Perry, Jack McCarthy, Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log, Aloma Pospischil, Robert Redoblado, Zakie Baysari, Joseph J Perrottet

Deceased: YT & Deanna Hsu, Vincent Monteiro, Deanna Hsu, Dr Armando & Dr Jacinta Reyes, Doyle D'Costa, Lauretta Reid, Rita Bayliss, Newman & Phua families, Filomena Nubla, Josefa Manubay, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Purification Guillermo, Maria Villodelgado, Barbara Wood, Ma Maurice Briganza, Abe & Abe F Nozoula, Ab & Abe E Graciers, Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa

Anniversaries: John & Danny Doolub, Lucy D'Mello, Baptist Coelho, Fernando Guillemma, Marietta Pasquin Tumabini, Anna-Lena Lopez, Eddy Chung, Susana Evening, Vincenza Debono, Teadora, Merinessa Salvacion, Juan Montesco

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We also pray for...

Sick: Cyril, Angela & Ostelio, Lilly Risk, Jerome Nyambane, Mary-Ann B. Frani, Jeffrey Mousley, George Abela, Patrick Marion, Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughty, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Richard Gosling, Lester Dunnetio, Renish & Rita Pasanah, Maria Lipek, Mounira Epenian, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: All mothers living & deceased, Antonio Gatmaitan, Victoria Antonio, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Bozo & Stephen Senjak, Chmielewski Ruzica, John Anare, Rafael Senjak, Melina & Joe, Santos family, James Attard, Sayed Epenian, Sayed Khalil, Mounira Epenian, Eddie Epenian & family, George Epenian & family, Rita Eerz, Frs Robert, Chris, Joseph and Bishop Vincent, Bernadette, Sarah, Clara & Joseph Khalil

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...



**Phillip Barry
Olivia Ta**

Please pray for them and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May



For Church movements and groups

"We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 25 April*

"We discover we are children of God at the moment we discover we are brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. This is why it is essential to be part of a journeying community. No one goes to the Lord alone."

Saint of the Week

04 May - St Jose Maria Rubio (1864-1929), Priest

Jose Maria Rubio was born in Dalias, Spain. He joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) as a priest and was ordained in 1887. In 1911, he was appointed to the Professed House in Madrid, where he remained for the rest of his life. Rubio was fully engaged in preaching, spiritual direction and hearing confessions. He chose to work primarily among the poor. He built up teams of Catholic laity, founded on a strong Eucharistic spirituality, who collaborated in his numerous initiatives in the city's slums and suburbs. He is acclaimed as the "Apostle of Madrid" and "Father of the Poor."



(Information: Universalis)

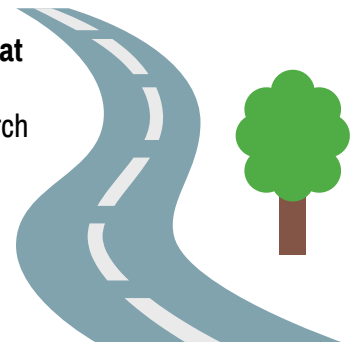
"Quote of the Week"

"Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going."

Pope St Gregory the Great

(c.540-604)

Pope & Doctor of the Church
Homily on the Gospels

A poster for the Diocese of Parramatta Synod 2023. It features a large white circle on a dark blue background. Inside the circle, the word "SYNOD" is written in large, bold, white letters. Above it, "DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA" is written in smaller white letters. Below the word "SYNOD", there is a white silhouette of three people walking on a path that leads into the distance. At the bottom of the poster, the text "Behold, I am doing a new thing" is written in white, followed by "Isaiah 43:19" in smaller white letters. Below that is the website "www.parracatholic.org/synod2023" and a QR code.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

SYNOD

"Behold, I am doing a new thing"
Isaiah 43:19

www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

O God, who always walks with us
on the journey of life, we call upon you
to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called
to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue
the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local
Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit
continues to guide your Church, to the
fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

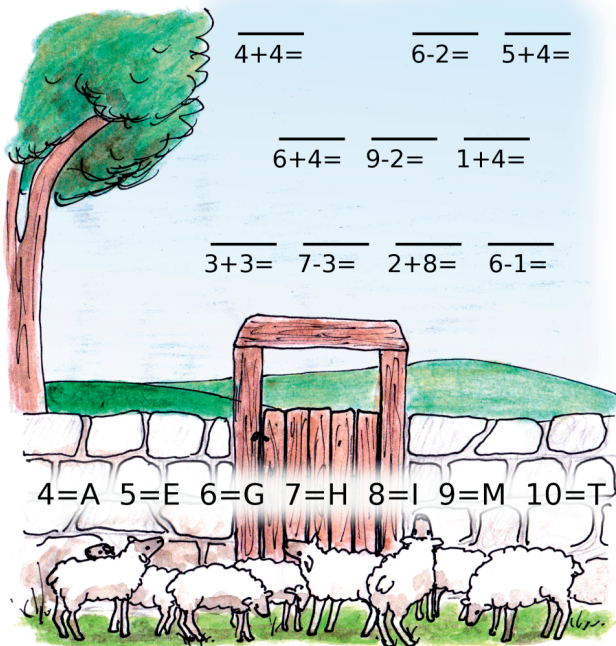
Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²□, I say to ⁹□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹□ over elsewhere is a ⁵□ and a robber. But whoever ²□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³□. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷□, the Pharisees did not ⁶□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

The Good Shepherd

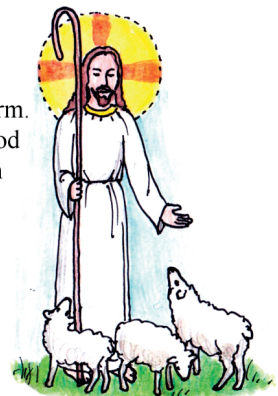


The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

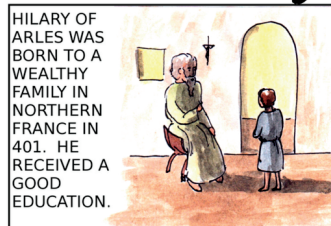


Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.

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Saint Hilary of Arles May 5

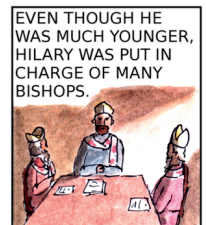
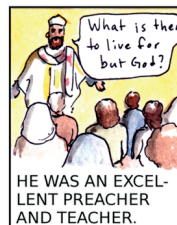
HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.



WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.



HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.



ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

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