

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

3 May 2020

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

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.)

2. 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.)

3. 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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

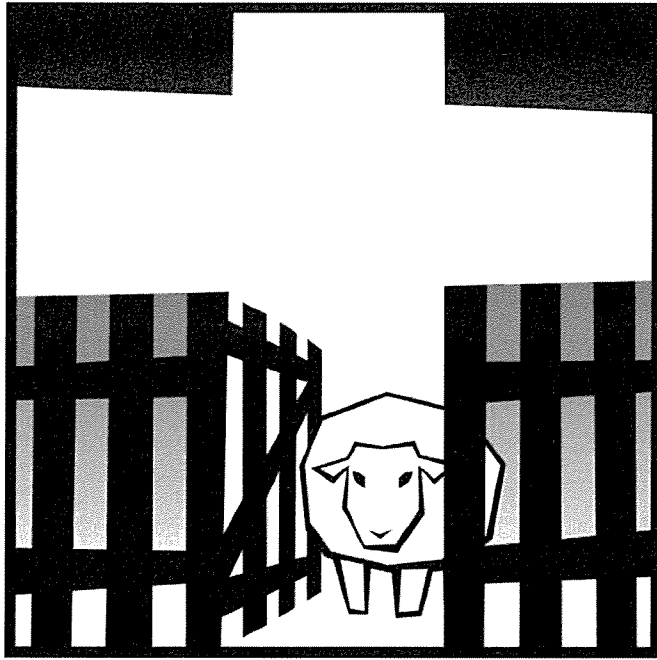
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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**** ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR TIME BEING ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

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

Thursday 7th May – Thursday of the 4th week of Easter

Friday 8th May – Friday of the 4th week of Easter

Saturday 9th May – Saturday of the 4th week of Easter

Sunday 10th May – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Recently Deceased: Louie Shearman

Anniversaries 3rd May to 9th May:

Lyn Brooke-Ward, Bill Welsh, Adelaide Upton, Tony Robinson, George Cook, Margaret Nott, Lois Peace, Patrick Costello, Maurice Harrington, Charlie Maher, Jack Blizzard, Colleen Dickeson, Josephine Carpenter, Eric McKee, Emily Stoneman.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Don Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Tracey Higgins, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Bill Laurie, Jack Loughnan, Kevin & Wilma Miller, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Jayden Pickett, Vera Pollard, Mavourneen Ray, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Hugh Tighe, Alby Trask, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

All public Masses, celebrations and gatherings are suspended indefinitely. All churches and places of worship are closed at present.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS **

- If you require Pastoral care & support, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.
- Please note: Ministry Rosters do not apply at present.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH STREAM ONLINE:

- <http://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au>
- Facebook page: *Holy Trinity Queenscliff*

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD *Mass for You at Home* Every Sunday at 6:00am.
- Foxtel 173, Aurora channel: Sunday Mass at 6:00am, repeated at 8:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:30pm.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Bulletin: we are now emailing out our bulletins. If you have an email address and wish to receive the bulletin this way, please email Daniella at queenscliff@cam.org.au to be added to our distribution. We aim to upload to our Parish website each week.

Project Compassion 2020: Please continue to support if you can. To contribute, please visit <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> or drop off your envelopes to the Parish office.

This year, **Caritas Australia** is running an urgent appeal as a Project Compassion extra wave. For the next few weeks, our **COVID-19 Crisis Appeal** will be asking for urgent donations to help those families living in poverty to access hygiene knowledge, health supplies, soap and clean water that will save their lives. The link below gives more detail as to the tasks around the world that will be supported through this appeal, and details as to how to contribute to the appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>

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Parish Contributions: please continue to support if you can.

To contribute:

1. Parish bank details:
 - BSB Number: 083-347
 - Account Number: 530 502 075
 - Account Name: Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account
 - Reference: Enter your Surname & Thanksgiving envelope number (if applicable)
2. Cheques:
 - Please mail cheques via post
3. Parish Thanksgiving envelopes:
 - Please contact Daniella for details.

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This insightful, hopeful and thought-provoking reflection of the other ways our students will grow and learn during these times was included in the Our Lady Star of the Sea School newsletter this week. We would like to share it with you.

COVID-19 Kids – what if?

When people say kids are going to be 'behind' I say, behind what?? Not each other – they're all in the same boat. Only 'behind' the age expectations of a curriculum that currently has limited context due to these extraordinary circumstances. In front on so many other more important fronts, I say.

What if instead of "behind" this group of kids is advanced because of this?

What if they have more empathy, they enjoy family connection, they can be more creative and entertain themselves, they love to read, they love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own backyard and sitting near a window in the quiet?

What if they notice the birds and the seasons and the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation is the one to learn to cook, organize their space, do their laundry, and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to stretch a dollar and to live with less?

What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

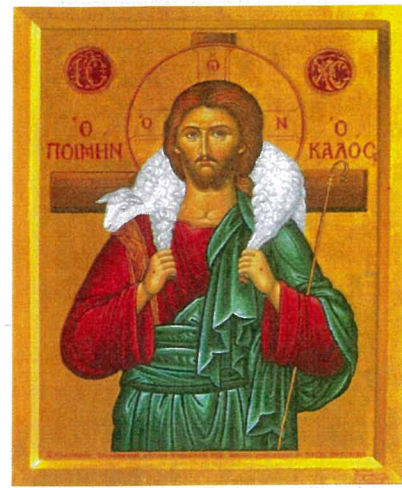
What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers like truck drivers, grocers, cashiers, custodians, logistics, and health care workers and their supporting staff, just to name a few of the millions taking care of us right now while we are sheltered in place?

What if among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life, who has a fine sense of empathy and care and concern for fellow humans?

What if he or she truly learns what really matters in all this...

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