Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

30 April 2023

Monty & Eltham The Catholic Parishes of St Francis Xavier & Our Lady Help of Christians

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Kulin Nation.

Gospel: 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 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:

In the scriptures, Jesus' "good shepherd: discourse follows immediately after the story of the man born blind (today's third connection with Lent and the Triduum). Jesus has just pronounced the Pharisees guilty of the sin of willful blindness. As they remain his audience, his discourse on good shepherding echoes the prophet Ezekiel's trenchant condemnation of the false shepherds of Israel and God's promise of a true shepherd (34:1-31).

> One of the features that distinguishes John's gospel from the synoptics is its lack of parables. Today's so-called parable is more in the nature of an extended figure of speech. The reading falls into two parts, the metaphor itself the and explanation Jesus gives. In part one, Jesus is doubly confirmed as the genuine shepherd of the sheep, firstly by the gatekeeper of the sheepfold, and then by the sheep who recognise his voice and follow him.

In the explanation that follows, Jesus elaborates on the image of the gate and identifies himself with it. Later on, he will tell Thomas "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" and that no-one could "come to the Father except through me" (14:6). The reading returns implicitly to the image of shepherd with Jesus' unforgettable declaration that he has come "that they may have life and have it to the full".

Jesus' creative use of images clustered around sheep-keeping invites us to explore them freely ourselves. That means letting go of our desire for logical rigour and enjoying the play of the Spirit. **Break Open the Word 2023**

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community. For more information visit <u>pol.org.au/eltham</u> or <u>pol.org.au/montmorency</u>. We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.

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<u>RECONCILIATION</u> available half an hour before

any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 9 & 16 April 2023					
	OL	OLHC		SFX	
Thanksgiving Cash Electronic		\$477.15 \$4,620.15		\$1,159.00 \$4,720.00	
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February	\$5,345.56	\$8,40	5.00	\$13,750.56	
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Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

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8:30am	Mass	Montmorency
10:00am	Mass	Eltham
Tuesday	2	
9:30am	Mass	Montmorency
10:00am	Craft Group	Montmorency
11:00am	Funeral: Maureen Cranenburgh	Montmorency
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Eltham
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6:30am	Meditation	Montmorency
9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	Eltham
10:30am	ASRC Food Collection	Montmorency
1:00pm	Small Church Community	Montmorency
7:30pm	Small Church Community	Montmorency
7:30pm	Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May	Eltham
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St Margaret's, Welcome to Eltham and Our Lady Help of Christians,

are holding a public meeting about the current Housing Crisis.

> Our aim is to increase public support, generate different ideas and. as a community, move forward together.

We are inviting politicians, councillors, St Vincent's Care representatives, and other groups in addition to the public.

Please see notice to the right:

PUBLIC MEETING Anticipated closure of St Vincent Care units

An invitation is extended to people of goodwill who would like to:

- get the historical facts;
- •hear the stories of residents who have been asked to leave St Vincent Care. Eltham: and
- move forward with some creative options.

Where: Our Lady Help of Christians 2 Henry Street, Eltham When: Monday 1st May Time: 7.30pm

Please come along to show your support!

Prayers of the Faithful for 30 April 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Leader: Lord God of mercy, please listen to our prayers offered humbly to you today.

For the Church: give the grace of wisdom to those of high station in the Church, that they will not yield to fear or flattery. Give your blessings to all preachers and teachers, that they may speak your words and persuade hearers to love you.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parish community: that this parish meets its future in confidence, filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit working within us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world: we pray for the safety and recovery of all those who suffer as a consequence of warfare, famine, social and religious conflicts, and for those afflicted by natural disasters. We prav too for anyone experiencing the pain of ruptured family relationships, family violence, or isolation or estrangement from their family.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For faith communities: we pray for all those seeking the light of your truth: let us believe as if we see you bodily present, our hidden but living God. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who are sick and whose names are in our bulletin. May God console, bless and support them. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, including *Giuseppe Alberti*, Arturo Bacani & Tania Inserra, and for Pauline (Moylan) Jones, Anthony Posar & Brian Sheehan, whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest eternally in the light of the Lord's face. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our praver.

Leader: God our Father, you fill the hearts of your people with joy and peace, may you answer our prayers. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

All: Amen The theology and political philosophy of Jacques Maritain, who died 50 years ago this month, have an uncanny relevance to today's world / **by Nicholas Spencer**

Person of interest

"A warlike, various, and tragical age is best to write of, but worst to write in." So claimed the poet Abraham Cowley in the mid-Times of war, of 1650s. ideological uncertainty, of political upheaval are intensely disruptive. But they can spawn new ideas, directions. fresh strange allegiances. Jacques Maritain might have agreed.

Maritain was born in Paris in 1882, only a few years after the death of Pope Pius IX, whose "Svllabus of Errors" famously denied that the Church should "come to terms with progress, liberalism and modern civilisation". When Maritain died he left a Catholic Church which had not only come to terms with modernity but was actively shaping it. At least some of the reason for that change can be put down to Maritain himself.

Maritain served briefly in the Great War, and lived much of his adult life under the shadow of totalitarianism, fascism, communism, national socialism, global depression, and two world wars. From those shadows he developed an approach to the modern world that embraced its potential without abandoning the Church's historic humanism.

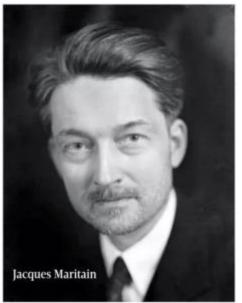
He was not a cradle Catholic. The child of intellectuals, he was raised in a vaguely Protestant culture. and studied natural sciences at the Sorbonne, where he met Russian Jewish émigré Raïssa Oumançoff, whom he married in 1904. the two felt philosophically homeless, disenchanted with the positivism prevalent at the time. They made a pact to commit suicide together within a year if they had been unable to find a meaning to life. Rescue from a premature death came, first, from the philosophy of Henri Bergson, and thereafter from Thomas Aquinas. Thev converted to Catholicism in 1906, the year after the French state became officially secular.

Jacques and Raïssa were intellectually voracious, and Jacques would go on to write more 60 books, than covering epistemology, metaphysics, aesthetics, scholasticism, political philosophy, philosophy of education, philosophy of science, theodicy, and ethics. He was clubbable, and active beyond the walls of the academy. Appointed French ambassador to the Holy See after the war, he led the French delegation to UNESCO, and was involved in the drafting of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He proved to be an influence, or a friend, or both, to popes John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II, as well as to Thomas Merton, Saul Alinksy, Martin Luther King Jr and Charles de Gaulle, among others.

It is impossible to box or summarise Maritain without doing him an injustice. For many, however, his most important legacy was his development of a vision of Christian humanism, which helped create a brand of post-war politics that embraced pluralism, liberalism, human rights, and democracy.

It didn't start like that. In an early book, he vigorously denounced modernity, firmly laying the blame for its sins at the door of Luther. Descartes, and Rousseau. These **Reformers** Three had reconceptualised the human as a detached, egocentric individual and shredded the seamless humanising philosophical social fabric of Christendom. and

In his denunciation of this "bourgeois individualism and liberalism", however, Maritain did not go to the opposite extreme, as did so many intellectuals of his generation. Although he supported nationalistthe monarchist movement Action



Française in the 1920s, he moved away completely when it was condemned by Pope Pius XI. Fascism was no solution to the problems of his age, and divinising the state, let alone the race, was to undermine rather than serve God. In a similar way, for all that communism recognised the importance of human mutuality, it was no more humanising that the ills it sought to cure, eviscerating people of their agency, and denying their yearnings for the transcendent.

shadow of these In the towering, ideologies, violent Maritain wrote Humanisme intégral, published in English as Integral Humanism in 1938. Humanism, at the time, had little of the anti-religious baggage it acquired after the war. It affirmed the inalienable freedom, equality and dignity of the human, rather than evicting religion from public life. The question was how.

Maritain drew an important distinction between the individual and the person. Humans were individuals, as material as the rest of creation. But they were also persons, and a person, by contrast, had his or her face turned to God. The person existed dint of communion. by of relationship with the divine. rather than independence and The separation from others.

person had her own final good, her and human rights that had Paul VI referenced own end, which was freedom, not in the sense of licence or absolute moral autonomy, but in the sense of the capacity to realise her own transcendent personal nature. "By its liberty, the human person transcends the stars and all the world of nature."

The task of the state, the nation and the economy is to serve that "theocentric serve end. to humanism", as Maritain called it. He rejected political arrangements that put the good of the collective (such as communism), or the country (such as nationalism), or the accumulation of wealth (such as capitalism) before the good of the person. As he memorably put "Man is by no means for the it: State. The State is for man."

It was from this insight that the pluralism, liberalism, democracy,

frightened and repelled Catholic thinkers only a generation earlier could be accommodated. With state and market subservient to the good of the person, neither could compel obedience and both were mandated to respect the material and spiritual good of citizens. Hence Maritain's willingness both defend democracy, while to criticising the way in which the former was too often wedded to capitalism, and to advocate for provision, state-based welfare while retaining reservations about the capacity of the state to usurp the human inclination to the good.

Maritains, Christian humanism, better known by the rubric of inspiration. Personalism, would have an influence on post-war European politics through the Christian Democratic movement, and on post-war social encyclicals: Pope

Maritain directly when talking about "fullbodied humanism" in Populorum Progressio.

The towering ideologies of our own age may be different but they also cast shadows over the frail human person. Hyper-capitalism, atavistic ethno-nationalism, shallow and manipulative populism, and techno -utopian transhumanism: each in its way offers an earthly salvation and each, in its own way, risks dehumanising the person. The twenty-first century needs a robust intelligent Christian and humanism every bit as much as the twentieth did. Perhaps it is time for us to turn to Maritain for

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SYNODAL REFORM

PASTORAL COUNCILS ARE THE WAY FORWARD

Slowly but steadily, Pope Francis' synodal reform of the Roman Catholic Church is moving forward. The carping of those who are opposed to it is being swept aside. All over the world, local churches are grasping what is at stake. The Catholic laity in particular is starting to feel more listened to and included in decision-making, and the synodal machinery in Rome is responding appropriately, as last week's media briefing at the Vatican indicated. The time has come when these local churches must begin to look to their own devices to take the next steps forward.

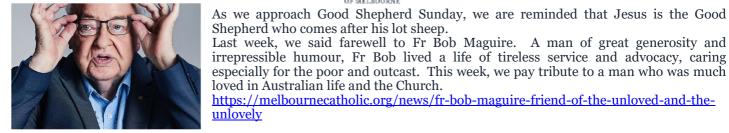
Time and again in the past the Church seems to have reached this point, but then moved no further. The history of the demand for a pastoral council in every diocese, for instance, is broadly a narrative of failure. Whether it is called lay participation or collaborative ministry, the theoretical framework is well rehearsed and has a solid foundation in the decrees of the Second Vatican Council, in canon law, in papal pronouncements and other authoritative in documents. The theology has been done. But what progress has there been in 60 years? Had diocesan synods been established as the Council proposed, the reforms now being promoted by Pope Francis would hardly have been necessary.

The only bodies that can move things along, in Britain and Ireland as in the rest of the Catholic world, are bishops' conferences. Some dioceses have taken the bull by the horns; some have had diocesan pastoral councils that have ceased to function; some have hardly started. There are already many examples of highly successful lay-led initiatives, such as the Catholic schools system, Cafod, Sciaf and Trócaire's national networks, and the spread of diocesan Caritas networks of which Caritas Southwark is the latest. Episcopal leadership is usually necessary on the launching pad, but many lay -led initiatives generate their own momentum.

What would a national rebirth of the diocesan pastoral council idea look like? It would require a timetable, and an authoritative support and supervisory body to see it was not ignored. It would require the shaping of a structure and a draft model constitution. It would also require a modus operandi. Taking a lead from the business would, a diocesan pastoral council would reasonably expect to receive and consider annual reports from the various areas of Catholic life that the diocese is engaged in: safeguarding, education, welfare, finance. evangelisation, social justice, priestly training, property management, and so on. The diocesan bishop would preside, but not necessarily as chair.

None of this is particularly difficult or particularly new, but it requires a firm push from above. Pope Francis and the synod office in Rome are making all the right noises. Bishops' conferences are beginning to realise that the incoming tide is unstoppable. Some bishops are already welcoming it and taking practical steps to express it. The others should follow. Better late than never.







Corpus Christi Seminary seeks to form men with the mind and heart of the Good Shepherd himself, and this week we share the stories of four seminarians who have made the bold decision to discern their vocation to the priesthood.

https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-courage-to-discern-seminarians-share-theirstories



We also hear about the important work of the Serra Foundation, a grassroots Catholic organisation that has been offering prayerful and financial support for priestly and religious vocations for over 40 years. <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-serra-foundation-raising-awareness-about-</u>

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Many of those who answer the call to priestly or religious life end up serving the Church far from their homelands. The Small is Beautiful network was established to provide friendship and spiritual and practical support for religious women who have come from overseas - leaving their family, friends and culture behind to join small congregations in Melbourne. More than 20 years later, it is still going strong. https://melbournecatholic.org/news/small-is-beautiful-group-supporting-religious-serving-in-melbourne



Finally, last week we celebrated the feast day of St Anselm of Canterbury. We reflect on why this 11th-centurey bishop is more relevant than ever - especially when it comes to his reflections on how faith and reason might lead us to fall in love with God. <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/news/to-fall-in-love-the-point-of-faith-and-reason-in-st-anselm</u>





menALIVE Men's Weekend

Saturday 29 April, 2023 (All day event)

When was the last time you felt fully alive? Hosted by the Brunswick-Moreland Catholic Community, the menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. During the weekend, the menALIVe team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God. For more information: https://melbournecatholic.org/events/menalive-mens-weekend

Melbourne Catholic Professionals Luncheon

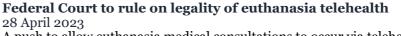
Wednesday 3 May, 2023 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Join us for the first Melbourne Catholic Professionals (MCP) event of the year! MCP creates opportunities for Catholic professional men and women to network and support the life and mission of the Church in Melbourne. Through its program of luncheon events - hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli - MCP draws people together from a range of different industries. For more information: https://melbournecatholic.org/events/melbourne-catholic-professionals-luncheon-2









A push to allow euthanasia medical consultations to occur via telehealth will be decided by a Federal Court judge next month, unless the Albanese Government acts sooner. Source: The Australian.

https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/federal-court-to-rule-on-legality-of-euthanasiatelehealth

Less than one per cent of rentals affordable for Aussies on minimum wage 28 April 2023

Less than one per cent of available rental properties across the country are affordable for a person earning the minimum wage, a new Anglicare Australia report has revealed. Source: 9news.com.au

https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/less-than-one-per-cent-of-rentals-affordable-foraussies-on-minimum-wage



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Catholic Mission's sixth biennial Mission: One Heart Many Voices conference returns for a face-to-face event in Sydney next week. https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/mission-conference-to-take-place-one-year-after-

Mission conference to take place one year after Plenary Council

plenary-council

28 April 2023



Albanese Government to ban use of credit cards in online gambling 28 April 2023

Gamblers will no longer be able to use credit cards to punt online under a forthcoming ban that anti-gambling advocates say must be the first step in a broader crackdown on the industry. Source: Sydney Morning Herald.

https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/albanese-government-to-ban-use-of-credit-cardsin-online-gambling



Duo hits the road to spread the word about Caritas

28 April 2023

Caritas Australia's chief executive Kirsty Robertson and advancement director Richard Landels have completed an epic 700km bicycle ride from Cairns to Townsville, touring and greeting Catholic schools and parishes along the way.

https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/duo-hits-the-road-to-spread-the-word-aboutcaritas





New podcast brings faith to students

20 April 2023

Religious education will be greatly enhanced in Catholic schools through a new podcast exploring key areas covered in the primary and secondary curriculum in ways that are readily accessible to all students whatever their faith background. Source: The Catholic Weekly.

https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/new-podcast-brings-faith-to-students

Ukraine Prime Minister asks Pope to help bring back children taken to Russia

28 April 2023 Ukraine Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal told journalists on Thursday that he has asked Pope Francis for help getting back children forcibly deported to Russia. Source: CNA. <u>https://cathnews.com/2023/04/28/ukraine-prime-minister-asks-pope-to-help-bring-back-children-taken-to-russia</u>

Let us pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith ...

Montmorency

For the recently deceased: Giuseppe Alberti, Arturo Bacani, Tania Inserra

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Pauline (Moylan) Jones, Anthony Posar, Brian Sheehan

For those in need of healing, remembering especially: Gay, Gayle, Helen, Maurice, Edwinda Bacani, Perly Bacani, Rita Bevanda, Maria Bredle, Kim Brisbane, Feliksa Chwasta, Pat Collins, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Ysabelle Fanlo, Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Cindy Morrissey, Anne Pearce (nee Callahan), Andrew Pighin, Aquatha Spina

<u>Eltham</u>

For those in need of healing, remembering especially: Violetta, Bill Boyce, Shannon Donahoo, Jade McAlear, Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully, Ian Sturman, James Sutton, Sarah Thompson

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office 9435 4742 or <u>eltham@cam.org.au</u>.



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Baptism Baptism

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Saturday 29 April 2023

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm Lily Antonia Brennan Romeo Iaquinto Wyatt Jack Money



PHILIPPINES AND THE COMMUNITY OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

<u>Kadasig Aid & Development Inc</u> is a totally voluntary notfor-profit organisation working to assist children and families in Cebu, Philippines.

Since 1985 the Parish of St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, has supported a relationship with the Philippines. The primary schools, St Francis Xavier and Holy Trinity, have had <u>Friendship Schools</u> in Cebu since 2008. This program has developed a great understanding by our children to the needs of their student friends in the Philippines who have so little. In Cebu the basics are needed. Our child sponsorship program assists a child and their family to obtain an education. Sponsors are able to visit their sponsor family with a planned visit.

To maintain our many programs we are having a vital fundraising event on Sunday May 21^{st} in the SFX hall – a **Grazing Lunch** with drinks & some fun games. A Filipino band is donating their expertise to assist us.

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If you have been to the Philippines please bring &/or wear something related to your connection.

Contact Glenys Gayer for information: 0411 196 395

Roster for THIS WEEKEND): 29/30 April
Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Azzopardi, Michael	R10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Beckford, Peter	PRYR
Bowyer, Darrell	ASRC
Bowyer, Rosemary	ASRC
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	H10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	H10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
Heyhoe, Margaret	C10:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Ryan Family	PRSE
Scully, Greg	E10:00
Scully, Helen	E10:00
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Hannon, Genni Hannon, Kevin Jones, Marion Kenny, Michael Scannell Family Sullivan, Frances	ASRC ASRC W6:00 W6:00 PRSE W8:30
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ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham; C = Commentator; E = Euch. Minister; H = Hospitality; PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham; W = Minister of the Word; R = Reader

