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A MOTHER'S LOVE -There are times when only a Mother's love, can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love, can share the joy we feel, when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way, and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above. ~Author Unknown~

MASS COUNT— In the month of May we will be conducting the Mass Count for the Catholic Archdiocese. There will be people walking around counting the number of worshippers at each mass, please be a little tolerant of those who need to do this job.

PROJECT COMPASSION— Thank you for your kind donations. The parish has raised a total of \$2065.00, for Project Compassion. Project Compassion receipts will be distributed for those who have asked for them.

Congratulations to the raffle winners. Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize - 32in Smart TV (Purple B97), 2nd Prize - Bamboo Hall Table(Purple B63), 3rd Prize - Winged Clothes Airing(Black B33), 4th Prize - 2 x \$25 vouchers at the Glengala Hotel(Red C39), 5th Prize - Picnic Table(Green F26), Thank you for supporting our parish.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Steven Martin, Anne Martin, Mazrie Edwards, Marie Reynolds, Martin Reynolds, Matthew Hurt, **Recently Deceased:** Jason Micallef, Pauline Vella, Apolinario Bunda, Carolina Muscat, Steven Tot, Trinidad Napoles, Rita Buhagiar, Angelo Raffaele, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 8th May 2022)

Saturday 7th/8th May Baptism: Aiden Vaccaro

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Baptisms: Aiden Vaccaro

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Caleja, Calleja & Grima Families

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Sylvia & Rose Pace, + Christina Grasso, Angela Viscio & Carmela Basile

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

Monday 9th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 10th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

11.00am Funeral for Angelo Raniolo

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 11th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 12th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

11.00am Woorack

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 13th May

8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

Saturday 14th/15th May

 Baptism: Allison Nucaza, Hushaely Le

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Baptisms: Allison Nucaza

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Caleja, Calleja & Grima Families

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

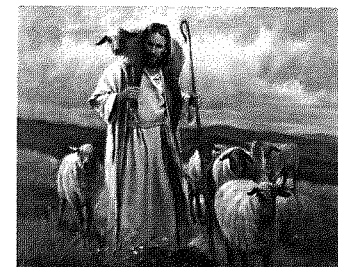
8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Sylvia Pace
50th Wedding Blessing - Louis & Nancy Cheny

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

Happy Mother's Day



persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION In 10:14

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

GOSPEL In 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

8 MAY 2022

HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers.

Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. R.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. R.

SECOND READING

Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great