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All masses and liturgical gatherings are suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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Sunday 3rd April 2020 4th Sunday of Easter– Year A



In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence. In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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MAY GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU SAFE

Fr Ian Ranson – Private Mass



I will be running a daily private mass by myself.

If you have any special intentions please call or place a note in the parish letterbox anytime or email to BrightonEast@cam.org.au.



What I am grateful for in my life

The longer I live, the more I find to be grateful for. Every day is a gift, and I'm grateful that I am aware of it.

A few of the many things we may be grateful for:

*A good night's sleep.
 Being able to remember something different each day.*

The loving attention of my family.

Be able to tie my own shoes.

My appetite for life.

My taste buds.

Getting to the bathroom on

time!



For those whose anniversaries occur around this time

*Patrick & Christine Fardy, Adam O'Brien,
 Br Peter Peart, Aidan Bloink, Melody Kenne,
 Leo Smith, Salvatore Francischelli,
 John & Dulcie Heffernan, Salvatore Francischelli,
 Fr Daniel McMahon, Bruce Gee,
 Marie Kuca, Alistar Avallone*

MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



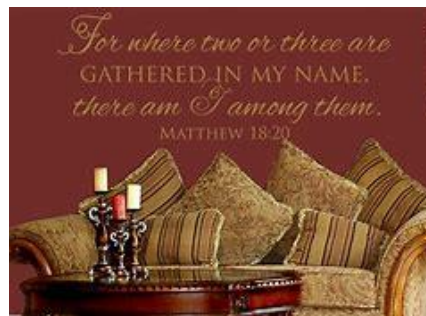
3rd St Philip & St James, Apostles
 12th St Pancras
 13th Our Lady of Fatima
 14th St Matthias, Apostle
 21st St Christopher Magallanes
 22nd St Rita of Cascia
 25th St Bede & St Mary Magdalene De'Pazzi
 26th St Philip Neri
 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Easy online thanksgiving payments can now be made via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635700>

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES, PHARMACY COLLECTIONS ETC....?

Please call the parish 9593 2122 as we have some generous volunteers who are willing to assist.



For where two or three are GATHERED IN MY NAME, there am I among them. MATTHEW 18:20

HOW TO CONTINUE MASS AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Follow this link for weekday & weekend masses

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Live telecast of Mass on TV and online

We are happy to share that during this time of physical isolation, the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised free to air on Ch 44 and live streamed on our YouTube channel and website.

Mass For You At Home

Channel 10 – 6am Sunday morning or on demand via

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori, recited this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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gospel focus

Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

scriptural context

Psalm 22

Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that the Lord is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

