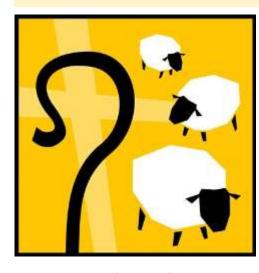
BULLETIN St Pius X Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year B 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024



#### Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



The story in Acts follows a familiar biblical pattern: someone faces a challenge; at first the challenge is not met; a miraculous event occurs; a second chance is given. Here, the claims made by Jesus constitute the trial; the rejection is at the hands of the leaders of the people; the wonder is the healing of the crippled man; although rejection calls down judgment, God's judgment never precludes ultimate salvation. At the heart of Peter's message is the fundamental gospel formula: 'whom you crucified, God raised from the dead.' Jesus' resurrection became the fountain from which springs salvation of every kind. For the crippled man, salvation took the form of healing; for others, it can take the form of spiritual transformation.

The psalmist reminds a group of believers of God's faithfulness and calls them to give thanks. Two proverbs in the 'better ... than' form insist that trust in God far exceeds trust in mere human beings, even powerful princes. Next is a testimony of God's goodness addressed to the community. In it, God's attentiveness and saving intervention are acknowledged. In a reversal of fortune, the rejected stone becomes the most important stone. The psalmist claims that the one who comes in the name of the Lord is blessed or happy, regardless of what the surrounding society may think. The psalm ends with the

# I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and mine know me

summons to give thanks. The goodness of God has been profiled. Gratitude is the only fitting response.

The point of the short reading from the Letter of John is the love that God has for believers. This love (agápe) is generative; it makes believers children of God. As God's children, they are a new reality; they no longer belong to the world, the old reality. The implications of this are clear. Believers should be prepared for the same kind of rejection, even persecution and death, that befell Jesus. A second theme, eschatological fulfilment, flows from the first. As a consequence of God's love, believers have already been reborn as children of God. However, their transformation is dependent upon a future manifestation. The 'now but not yet' of Christian eschatology is clearly seen.

With words that suggest some kind of divine revelation, ('I am' ego eimi [cf. Exod 3:14]), Jesus identifies himself as the 'good shepherd'. He sketches the external behaviour of a good shepherd, and then he explains the reason for such unselfish attention. This becomes guite clear in the second section. Jesus is not like the shepherds condemned by the prophets (cf. Ezekiel 34). They failed their responsibilities and actually took advantage of their charges. On the other hand, Jesus is willing to protect his flock even to the point of risking his own life for The universality of them. lesus' shepherding is clearly stated. He is willing to care for and die for other sheep who, though they are not yet included in his flock, are nonetheless his.



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### SCHEDULES

Confession Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm Or anytime by appointment

**Normal Weekend Masses** 

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Chinese Mass

#### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Saturdays at 10.30am **No Baptism during Lent Other Time** Negotiable with Father Patrick

#### Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Patrick At least 6 Months before wedding Marriage Preparation Course Enrolment Website: www.cmfs.org.au Email: enquiries@cmfs.org.au



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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Mitchelle Cota	Jim Kelly
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Tony Pitchford
Counters		Colleen & Pat Lowry	H & F Tay

#### **St Pius X Church Masses**

Apr Mon 22	8.00am	
Apr 101011 22	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 23	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Wed 24	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Thu 25	8.00am	Mass (Anzac Day) Church
Fri 26	8.00am	Mass (St Mark) Church
Sat 27	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
Sun 28	7.30am	Mass (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
	9.00am	Mass (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
	1100am	Chinese Mass (Fifth Sunday of Easter)



Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 12noon \$6 per session All proceeds go to the Parish This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay All are welcome; no age limits

## Life in the Spirit' Seminar

The Spiritual Renewal Ministry (in Riverton parish), along with Catholic Charismatic Renewal, invite all to a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar conducted in the Queen of Apostles parish, Riverton,

#### Over 7 Thursdays April 18 – May 30, 2024 7.30 – 9.30pm per session

Through this seminar the Sacred Scriptures will come alive, and the reality of God's presence will be made manifest! Attendance is free. Further info or registration, contact Dan 0409849049 or Sue (text) 0434840133."





### Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm All parishioners are most welcome For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

# Farewell Party for Fr. Pat

A Farewell party will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 11 May 2024, after the 6pm Mass, to thank Fr Pat and to wish him well as he will conclude his time here on 22 May after serving the parish since January 2018

All parishioners are invited to attend

If you wish to attend, please fill in your details on the form on the clipboard in the Church foyer. This information is required for catering purposes for this event.

> Thank you Social Committee

Lifted Up for Mother's Day A violin & piano recital Sunday 12th May from 3pm Braham Auditorium Trinity College, East Perth

Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of other mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness at the House of Mercy refuge in Mongolia. To book online visit https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU Online bookings are essential because seating is limited.

For further details contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au



# 2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/ sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

#### Confirmation 5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024 Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April For those who are not St Pius X students

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 30 April 2024

First Holy Communion 9am Sunday, 25 August 2024 Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April For those who are not St Pius X students Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 6 August 2024

First Reconciliation 5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024 Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April For those who are not St Pius X students Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 8 October 2024

Commitment Liturgy 5pm Fri 26 April for St Pius X students in their school

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm.

Please join us this Sunday

# First Reading

#### Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

- (R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
- Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

# Second Reading

#### 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

John 10:14

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

## Gospel

#### John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.

#### Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever taken care of sheep, horses, cattle or any other animal? Describe the experience.

Have you ever been to a farm or station? If so, what are the responsibilities of the farmer or station owner? What sacrifices must they make?

In what situations have you felt like the responsible one, the one in charge? In what situations have you felt more like the one who is cared for and led around? What are the good points and bad points of each situation?

What do you think Jesus is talking about when he says he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep? What do you think Jesus wants us to do as followers of a Saviour who lays down his life for those who depend on him?

# Next Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28 April 2023 First Reading: Acts 9:26-31 Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel: John 15:1-8

CHILDREN'S CORNER

As followers of Jesus we are never alone; Jesus is always there to help us and take care of us. What are some of the ways that the Good Shepherd takes care of his sheep?

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