

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

4th Sunday of Easter - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by the late Fr John Thornhill sm

As we have noted, the readings for many Easter liturgies bring us the meditations of John's gospel upon what the life of the Word made flesh means to the world. Sayings of Jesus beginning with 'I AM' abound in this gospel – clearly intimating the Saviour's claim to the divine name itself (cf. Exodus 3:14). They come readily to mind: 'I AM the bread of life' (6:35); 'I AM the gate' (10:9); 'I AM in the Father' (10:38); 'I AM the way; I AM truth and life. No one can come to the Father except through me' (14:6); 'I AM the true vine' (15:1); 'I want those you have given me to be with me where I AM' (17:24); 'I AM he ... I have told you that I AM HE' (18:5, 8); and the momentous, 'Before Abraham ever was, I AM' (8:58).

The gospel reading of today's liturgy, 'I AM the good shepherd', heard against this background, takes us deep into the mystery of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ – and, as we shall see, it tells us of how God's initiative in the Paschal Mystery was conceived in the depths of the Trinitarian Life itself.

The Good Shepherd theme has had a great impact on Christian consciousness. One of the earliest and most repeated motifs of Christian art is the youthful shepherd carrying the lost sheep home on his shoulders. The image it suggests is so telling that it has featured prominently in the Church's preaching in every age. As so often happens with the best things in life, we tend to take this theme for granted. Today's text helps us to find a fresh appreciation of its implications. In it Jesus explains these implications by reference to the Paschal Mystery.

He says that he is the 'good' shepherd – in contrast to the unfaithful shepherds who have failed God's people, thinking only of their own interests – because, as he three times repeats, he 'lays down his life' for them. He lays it down, he explains, 'in order to take it up again'. In his Resurrection, he will be a source of life for them. And in this drama of his death and resurrection, he is carrying out and making clear to the human family what his Father wills for them – an enterprise so dear to the Father that he looks upon the Son's obedience with a renewed love.

It is a plan that works to bring all those who believe into unity. There are other 'folds', or pens, than the one the community that gave us John's gospel finds itself in. Through his Paschal Mystery, the Good Shepherd will lead them in the forming of a single 'flock', overcoming all the apparently

insurmountable barriers that divide the human family.

The other readings illustrate the blessings that belong to those who 'know' the Good Shepherd and 'listen to his voice'. We recall the faith and courage of Peter, as he works the Christian Church's first miracle in the power of the divine name – 'in the name of Jesus'. And we are told that we can become 'God's children', through 'the love that the Father lavishes on us', with a future which when it is fully revealed will give us a share in the intimate life of God.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5). This passage informs us that from the moment we were created, God has a special plan for each of us. So, we can ask ourselves, how are we following that plan? As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the ordained ministry, religious life, single life and married life.

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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

Welcoming & Naming

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Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

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Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

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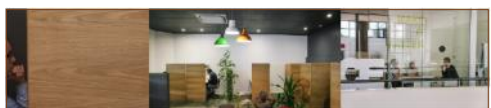
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ROSTER		Weekend of 24/25 Apr	Weekend of 1/2 May
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Shirley Whitfield	Maria Fernandes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

PARISH CALENDAR

Apr Sat 24	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B) Church
Sun 25	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B) Church
Mon 26	8.00am	Mass (Feast of St Mark) Church
Tue 27	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Easter) Church
Wed 28	8.00am	Mass (St Peter Chanel) Church
Thu 29	8.00am	Mass (St Catherine of Siena) Church
Fri 30	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Easter) Church
May Sat 1	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Easter) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church



Seniors Gathering
on Thursday 29th April 2021 - 12 to 2pm

If you are interested
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Thanks - Social Committee

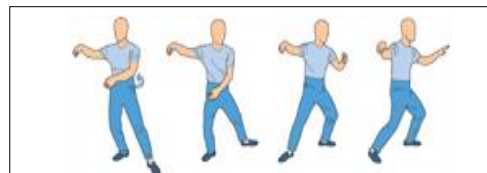
5 first Saturdays Devotion
At Fatima, Our Lady pleaded with us to offer this Devotion as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
See Notice Board in the foyer.
For additional information contact Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594 or Tony Pitchford on 0407 387 493



2021 Sacraments
Here are the Schedules for the celebration of the sacraments for 2021.
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.

Preparations for Confirmation
Children from non-Catholic Schools who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend classes being held on Tuesdays, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May from 4 to 4.45pm in the Parish Hall. Workshop for parents and candidates is also compulsory on Thursday 20 May at 6.00pm.

Parents please note these Classes are compulsory that your child/children attend before they receive the Sacrament.



Confirmation Workshop
6pm Thursday 20 May 2021
Confirmation
6pm Saturday, 29 May 2021
Commitment Mass Done

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 5 September 2021
Commitment Mass 6pm 24 July 2021

First Reconciliation
Saturday, 30 October 2021
Commitment Mass 6pm 11 Sept 2021

The Holy Rosary
Every Friday, during the month of May, the Holy Rosary will be recited in church at 7 pm.
Please join us in praying the Rosary.

Tai Chi Group
In Manning Parish Hall
Every Monday except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm

All parishioners are most welcome.
For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

First Reading

Acts 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.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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

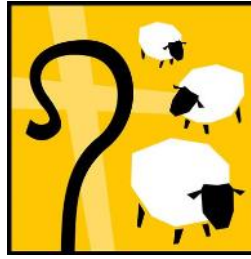
John 10:11-18

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 Year B
2 May 2021

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord.

The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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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?

