

GOSPEL

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

07 MAY 2017

THE GATE THAT LEADS TO SALVATION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year the Gospel reading on this Sunday is taken from the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. In the passage we hear in today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the *gate or door of the sheepfold*. Sheepfolds usually consisted of a circular stone wall that was attached to a house or located in a field. Several small flocks of sheep were brought into the sheepfold at night to protect them from predators, whether thieves or wild animals. Someone watched by the gate until morning when the sheep were taken out to pasture.

Bible scholar Fr. Raymond E. Brown gives us two interpretations of the gate imagery. The first is *Jesus is the gate whereby the shepherd approaches the sheep*. Jesus is the sole legitimate means of access to God's flock. This guarantees the safety and well-being of the sheep because the shepherds who pass by the gate are shepherds who have the heart of Jesus. The second interpretation of the imagery is *Jesus is the gate leading to salvation*, a gate not only for the sheep, but for the shepherds. The gate is not only for coming in but also for going out, and the sheep which go out through Jesus find the pasture of life, that is, the fullness of life.

Today fake 'shepherds' entice the sheep with promises of temporary happiness, pleasure, and self-fulfilment often through the internet and social media networking. Only Jesus, the true shepherd, leads us to the path that opens to the gate of eternal life.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**



4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

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

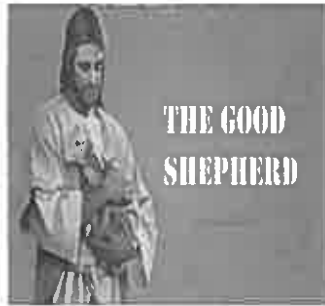


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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations—whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his

Letter for today, tells us 'There is no room for fear!' May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide—Why are we concerned?

Euthanasia & assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and suffering. Just as we accompany someone at the start of life, so we are called to accompany our loved ones at the end of life, ensuring a good death. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and the suffering, of older and dying persons. We should be assuring people that their life – even as it ebbs away – is precious. We should not be creating laws that intentionally cause death. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Please collect your copy of the Pastoral Letter available in the Foyer. Thank you.

Visit from Little Sisters of the Poor on 27th/28th May weekend
Masses 5.30pm & 9am : Sister Josephine and Sister Veronika from Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish and would like to speak about their mission and how we can assist them.

We are in URGENT need of the following volunteers :

- 1) Projectionist—anyone wishing to operate the PowerPoint & Music for the weekend Masses Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9am.
- 2) PowerPoint presentation writers. Typing up the Mass on to the slides for weekend Masses.

Training will be provided to anyone interested. Please contact Mariangela at the Parish Office or leave your details on the clip board provided in the Foyer. Thank You.

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

Please note, starting in May, a Clip board will be available in the Foyer. We ask that you place the names that you wish to be included in the bulletin and read out at the weekend Masses. All the names will be collected each week on a **Thursday** at mid day to be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

Si prega di notare, a partire da Maggio un appunto sara' disponibile nel foyer della Chiesa. Vi preghiamo di inserire i nomi di quelli che desiderate a essere inclusi nel Bollettino e da leggere durante le Messe. Tutti i nomi saranno raccolti ogni settimana di giovedì a mezzogiorno per essere inclusi nel bollettino. Grazie

PRIVACY: As a Parish we are obliged to follow a Privacy Policy. We always have to be respectful of one another's privacy and need from time to time to remind ourselves about good practice. Many groups in the Parish are given phone numbers so that they can carry out the ministry in which they are involved. The practice is that those numbers should **only** be used for that one purpose. The phone numbers should not be passed on without the permission of the person concerned or used for promotions.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.



Death Anniversaries : Guido Bortolin, Maria Mascaro, Franca Dalla Rosa, Angelo Pocaterra, Leonella Palmieri, Tonino Iacobucci, Cardamone Family, Chiodo Family, Costanzo Family, Serge Ferriere, Guy Ferriere

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 9th May @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Parish Office
Thurs 11th May @ 7pm—Scripture Studies in the Clifton Centre
Fri 12th May @ 9.15am—Mothers Day School Mass
Sat 13th May @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office
Sat 13th May @ 5.30pm—Sacrament of Eucharist (4R)
Sun 14th May @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 2,371
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,125
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program 2017

Enrolment for Confirmation 2017 for children attending state schools, is now closed. We cannot accept any enrolment for candidates until 2018.

Enrolment for first communion 2017: Last date for enrolment is 31 May 2017. We cannot accept any enrolment after this date, until 2018. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

CONFIRMATION :

Parents' Information Session: Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 7.30pm

Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 July 2017

Confirmation: 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Easter Offerings :

I would like to express our gratitude and acknowledgement to all those very thoughtful and kind Parishioners who contributed so generously to the Easter Offerings Appeal this year. The sum raised was \$1,718.00.

Blessings & Many Thanks

Monsignor Franco

Craft Sale

St Clement's Craft Ladies have organized a craft sale to be held at the Bulleen Plaza on Thursday 11th May from 9am—4pm. Please support. Please ring Marcella 98582369 for information.

Annual Mass Count

First week of Mass Count will take place this weekend at all Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank You.

Mario & Angela's Café

Please join us after 9am Mass next Sunday 14th May for a cuppa.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
6/7 May	Sacristan <i>John Bruce</i>	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i>
	COMMENTATOR <i>John Bruce</i>	<i>Jim Cowhey</i>
	Reader <i>Paul Sammut</i>	<i>Tim Landsberg</i>
	Special Ministers <i>Enza Wilcox Grace Canatelli</i>	<i>Pam Mitchell</i>
	<i>Linda Cultrera</i>	<i>Gloria Ng</i>
		<i>Maria Papalia</i>
		<i>Elsa Waters</i>
		<i>Chris Zordan</i>
		<i>Trish Atherton</i>
		<i>Grace Canatelli</i>
13/14 May	Sacristan <i>Elroy De Witt</i>	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i>
	COMMENTATOR <i>Paul Sammut</i>	<i>Tim Landsberg</i>
	Reader <i>May Teh</i>	<i>Rocco Gagliardi</i>
	Special Ministers <i>Rene De La Cruz</i>	<i>Anne Fusca</i>
	<i>Elroy De Witt</i>	<i>Rita Gagliardi</i>
	<i>Corinne Goh</i>	<i>Fulvia Gerasolimo</i>
		<i>Gabriella Grande</i>
		<i>Eleanora Mascitti</i>
		<i>Sylvia Mascitti</i>
		<i>David Mitchell</i>

2017 MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day), 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

The Life, Marriage and Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the 2017 Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition. **Registration:** 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Property Information Sheet

Unauthorised parking on Parish and College land

Please read the information sheet on the Notice Board, outlines the rights and responsibilities of Parishes (including their Schools) and Colleges when unauthorised vehicles park on Parish/College land.

Ministers of Communion to the Sick

Ministers of Communion to the Sick, the infirm, the frail aged and the house-bound represent both Christ and the faith community. This workshop explores the spiritual, liturgical and pastoral dimensions of the ministry for those engaged in this service of pastoral care. Thurs 11th May 2017 from 10am—2pm (Lunch provided) St Clare's 138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North. Info : Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation—9926 5761.