



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

Sacred Heart & Maria Regina. Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.

Prayer during the coronavirus pandemic

God of Salvation,
We turn to you with a
prayer for protection and
healing as the coronavirus
is spreading. Help those
who are affected and have
become sick.
Grant patience to those
who live in quarantine.
Give strength to those who
care for the sick.
Inspire scientists in their
research.
Strengthen between us the
sense of togetherness.
Let no one be abandoned,
make everyone feel safe
together and with You,
because You are
compassionate.
Through the intercession
of Blessed Mary of the
Apostles and Fr. Francis
Jordan, we thank you,
present and faithful God,
You who live and love for
ever and ever.

Amen.

Salvatorians



Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Storm heaven with prayer! Do not let yourself be hindered by anything!



1 May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known in our Catholic tradition as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the Sunday on which we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Last month, the Salvatorians, together with the Diocese of Broken Bay, were blessed to have the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Paul Tran SDS, the first ordination of a Salvatorian priest in Australia. You may have had the opportunity to watch it or read about it in our bulletin on the Second Sunday of Easter. At the moment, we have Anthony, a Salvatorian Seminarian, on pastoral placement in our parish.

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I encourage you to read his beautiful vocation story in this weekend's parish bulletin at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/bulletins> He will also be speaking during our weekend Masses. You can watch our the livestream of our Masses at 5pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

So, I invite you this week to pray for vocations. I also ask that you pray for Bishop Bernard, who celebrates 25 years as a Bishop on the 15 May, Fr Richard and myself, the current priests of your parish, and for all those priests who have previously worked in our parish, that we may continue to be signs of God's presence and love.

Now that we are in May, which is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, Pope Francis has written a letter to the Faithful, encouraging us to pray the Rosary along with two prayers to Our Lady he will be praying in spiritual union with all of you throughout this month for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. You can read his letter in full in this weekend's bulletin.

In our Year of Prayer, I, too, urge you to get together with your families and pray the Rosary at home. As I asked in last weekend's Mass, please pray for the particular intention that we can come back to our churches as soon as possible, so that we can come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and enjoy the presence of our Lord at the Eucharist.

I pray that we will be able to unite again this month of May dedicated to Our Lady, even if it is in small groups. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the parish staff for support, assistance, to arrange a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick or to offer a Mass intention.

Some pastoral resources for you and your family can be found in this weekend's bulletin. Printed copies of the bulletin are available outside our Maria Regina Church, Avalon or the front of the parish office, Mona Vale and are available on our parish website.

Mass on Demand can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews> The Catholic Weekly can be read online at www.catholicweekly.com.au For those of you who don't have access to the internet, "Mass for You at Home" continues to be broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am.

Let us pray for each other as we seek to follow the Good Shepherd more closely in our respective vocations, and let us pray especially for those still discerning their vocation, that they may hear, and trust, the voice of Jesus calling them to fullness of life.

Yours in Christ, our Good Shepherd



Fr Bronek Pietrusewicz SDS
Parish Priest



Vinnies

Vinnies changes lives everyday.

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

For the needy, help is
available by contacting
the Brookvale Centre
9905 0424 during
business hours.

Did you know that if you are new to
our parish you can register your
details through our website or if
your contact details have changed
you can update them.
Simply go to
www.pittwaterparish.org, click on
the "Welcome" menu item and
select "Parishioner Registration"
from the dropdown menu.
If you have any problems, please
contact the parish office on
9157 0999.

LIBRARY

"Due to our Church being closed because
of the Coronavirus pandemic, we do not
have access to the Library books,
however you can still browse our full
collection of books and DVDs on the
website. Go to Resources>
Library>Our books and they can be
purchased through Amazon. Books and
DVDs will still be reviewed in the
Bulletin."

if you have an inquiry you may phone
me on 99183973 (Home) 0401613643
(mobile).

Trish Newman



BOOK REVIEW

**The Monastery
of the Heart**
By Joan Chittister

This book is an invitation to a
meaningful life. The author
explains the Benedictine Rule
and how it can
apply to our
everyday lives -
basic tenets of
prayer,
meaningful work
and service to
uplift us all.



We Pray *for*

Recently Deceased

Ross Perkins

If you would like the names of your
relatives or friends and offerings
included, please drop the envelope in
to the Parish Office by Midday on
Wednesdays. Thank You.

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them
O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them.**

**May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
May Their Souls And The Souls
Of The Faithful Departed,
Through The Mercy Of God,
Rest In Peace. Amen.**

Deceased Anniversary

**Ack van Balen
Jack Favaloro
Jela Vozzo**

Prayers for the Sick

Tayla Riddle
Giovanni Returra
Bill Eyre
Manny Zarb
Philip Maddrell
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Eric Domagas
Vicky Villaluz
Ben Castillo
Maira Howie
Carol Brennan
Jomar
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
Mary O'Connor
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
Joe Romeo

The names on this list will be
removed after four weeks unless
otherwise requested or advised.
Thank you

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse
victims, survivors and their families, the failures of
the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond
justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the
consequent breach of community trust.

Special Mass Intentions

**Schadel families
O'Hanlon Families
Ennis Families
Fr Lauro Rufo**

**All people in our
world suffering in
the pandemic
All medical and
essential workers
during this time**



**Weekend Masses from
our parish will be
live-streamed :**

**Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm and
Sunday Morning Mass 10am**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCBpLC9Gn8yp4qW-TU0GDzsw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpLC9Gn8yp4qW-TU0GDzsw/videos)
or search **Pittwater Parish**
on Youtube

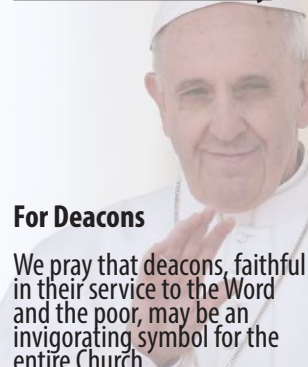
or follow the link on our Parish
Website

Please check our website for
links to the other celebrations
www.pittwaterparish.org or
our facebook page
for updates.

Join us on our live
stream weekend
Masses on 10 May
2020, as we celebrate
Mother's Day. Receive a
special blessing for
Mother's Day.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For May



For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful
in their service to the Word
and the poor, may be an
invigorating symbol for the
entire Church.

**Watch the daily Mass on
Demand at**

**[https://www.youtube
.com/user/cathnews](https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews)**

**We hope that this will
help the faithful to
celebrate the Holy Mass
online wherever they are**



**If you are experiencing
Domestic Violence.**

**Ring 1800 RESPECT
1800 737 732**

PLANNED GIVING

The money contributed to
our parish via our second
collection helps us to meet
the running costs which our
Parish incurs, including wages,
electricity, telephones,
insurances, rates, building and
equipment repairs and
maintenance, to name but a few.
As we are unable to donate via
our second collection at present,
our parish will not receive the
funds which are truly needed to
cover our relentless stream of
expenses. Whilst you are unable
to attend Mass, if you are able to
make your regular donation by
way of automatic direct debit
from your credit card, please
complete the form included in
this bulletin. **Or donations can**

**be made on our website:
www.pittwaterparish.org
through the donations and
giving tile. If you would prefer
not to give by credit card, please
contact the parish office,
9157 0999 for other ways that
you can contribute.**



SAFEGUARDING

**We the people of the Catholic Diocese
of Broken Bay and the Catholic Parish
of Pittwater are committed to
fostering communities of safety and
care for all people, especially for
children and others in the community
who are vulnerable. Our commitment
is underscored by our faith in Jesus
Christ.**



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Planned Giving Direct Debit Agreement Form for Contributions Via Credit Card

☐ I am an existing Planned Giving contributor

☐ I am new to Planned Giving

Or Donate at
www.pittwater-parish.org
Donations and
Giving Tile

Full Name			
Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	

Payment Agreement

<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
Debit Amount:	\$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Until Further Notice

Debit from Credit Card

Card Number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Card Holder Name:					<input type="checkbox"/> Visa				<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard						
Expiry Date:					/				CCV:				<input type="text"/>		

This authorisation is to remain in force until notice is received in writing for it to be changed.

Signatory of Nominated Account:		Date:	/	/
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Thank you for supporting our planned giving programme.

Please return the completed form to the parish office or email to office@pittwaterparish.org

Terms and Conditions

I/We hereby authorise The Catholic Parish of Pittwater to debit my/our credit card account. Monthly debits occur on the 15th day of each month or the next business day. Weekly and fortnightly debits occur on the Monday of each week or fortnight accordingly. The administration of this agreement is conducted by The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will not change the amount or frequency of drawing arrangements without my prior approval. It is my responsibility to ensure that I/We have sufficient clear funds in our nominated account to enable the direct debit to be honoured by our financial institution. If the Debit request falls on a weekend or public holiday, it will be processed on the next working day. I/We are advised to verify account details against a recent bank statement and if uncertain to contact our financial institution or The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. If our Direct Debit is dishonoured or returned by our financial institution, for any reason, The Catholic Parish of Pittwater reserves the right to re-present the Direct Debit for processing again on the next business day. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will keep the information about our nominated account at the financial institution private and confidential unless this information is required to investigate a claim made in relation to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debt, or otherwise required by law. I/We may stop, cancel, alter or defer your Direct Debit Request at any time, by contacting The Catholic Parish of Pittwater I/we agree to notify The Catholic Parish of Pittwater if the account is closed.

Sunday 3 May 2020



WELCOME TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus knows each of us personally and calls us each by name. We are invited into relationship with him to know and follow him. When we know him, we recognise his voice and are able to respond to his call. To truly know Christ is to choose to follow him and his ways; he leads us to the Father and we are assured "to have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).



GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:3-4

"The sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out...he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice"

Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

REFLECTION:

"It is not by domination that one can approach the sheep to have a relationship with them, but rather by the attitude of one who gives his life for them. His words are an invitation to change mentality, the way of thinking, and way of relating."

<https://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-divina-john-101-10>



PRAYER:

Psalm 23: 1-3

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.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. Amen



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Hear God Speaking to You – Fr Killian J. Healy:

<https://catholicexchange.com/hear-god-speaking-to-you>

The Good Shepherd – Loyola Press:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/jesus-and-the-new-testament/who-do-you-say-that-i-am-names-for-jesus/the-good-shepherd/>

SONG:

In the Silence – Sarah Kroger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F2VxxP1JR8>

THIS WEEK:

Each day spend 10-20 minutes with Scripture. Allow time to listen to what the Lord is speaking to you. Journal what you hear.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Hosanna – Mladifest Medugorje Choir & Orchestra:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUxZpLm5Sa0>

Good Shepherd Learning Activity – Catholic Icing:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/good-shepherd-learning-activity-and/>



<http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/jesus-is-the-good-shepherd>

MORE RESOURCES AT: bbcatholic.org.au/connected



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY



A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Monday 27 April 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It was my privilege to greet you all through my online video message at Easter. At the time, I spoke about how we do not ignore the sufferings and burdens of others and that we accompany them with love, hope and joy. I mentioned that we are the twenty first century disciples of Jesus and that we share the Easter joy with everyone that we meet.

In times where we are required to protect our loved ones and our communities by staying home, we are challenged as to how we might share the Easter joy.

I would like you to reflect on your Parish communities and our Diocesan Charity, The Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Giving is an act of joy – sharing what we have with our Parish community and people in our Diocese is one way to ensure that the love of Jesus Christ is available to us all. For many in our hospitals, particularly with the restriction on hospital visitors, this can be a time of anxiety and loneliness. While our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are not able to sit at the bedsides as they would normally do, they are on the phone to patients, praying with them and providing the support of our faith. Our health care workers in the hospitals are also calling our Pastoral Care Practitioners, as they are on the front line dealing with the consequences of the pandemic on a daily basis. We are grateful that this service, funded by your donations, is available to patients and hospital staff in our community providing this much needed connection and support.

Your donations to our Charitable Works Fund provide financial assistance to five charities in our Diocese. Information can be found here <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Your Easter Gift to the people in the Diocese of Broken Bay can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf or by contacting your local Parish.

I am deeply grateful for your support and generosity and pray that God may bless you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

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Vocation Story: A Journey Starts with Curiosity by Seminarian Anthony Thai SDS

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Fr Bronek and Fr Richard, for your fraternal support and to your guidance which makes me feel very much at home here. I'm very thankful to many of you because of the caring support you have shown towards us here in the presbytery of Pittwater, especially in this difficult time.

Dear brothers and sisters, last week, we heard the story of two disciples who recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. Moving on from the Emmaus Walk, we are now on the 4th Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday. This celebration reminds us of Jesus as the brave Shepherd, who laid down his life for his flock. On this particular occasion, Fr Bronek asked me to share a little bit of my vocation journey as a religious, particularly in Salvatorian Religious Order.

I was born in Vietnam in 1988 in a family of eight children. On 31st May, 2011, I entered the seminary and began my formation in the Philippines. Many people whom I encounter ask me about my vocation story and what made me decide to choose this way of life. When I think of the answer, there is one word that always pops up in my mind. That word is curiosity! Why curiosity? Looking back on my vocation journey, I see the importance of being curious about discovering God's message and His call. Gradually, as time goes by, I understand that it does not just the answer the question, "What is my calling?" but the journey itself towards that answer gives meaning to my life.

As a young altar server, I was always fascinated with what the priest was doing during the celebration of the Eucharist. After I finished high school, I worked for a few years before I decided to join the seminary - this period of working enriched my experience of life. Every encounter, indeed enables me to discover more about myself, the calling which God wants me to respond to His invitation. As I go through formation training, I learn new things from school, grow deeper in relationship with my fellow seminarians, with our Founder, and especially with God. I came to realise that being a seminarian is not a status; it is a calling to be humble like Jesus, the Good Shepherd!



In the Salvatorian way of life, every gift is treasured and put into good use for the community and the people whom they come to serve. I used to be a gardener for four years during my philosophical studies. I love to do gardening, which I believe cultivates both the garden itself and my patience. In the ups and downs of the journey towards priesthood, aside from the support of the community, words of encouragement, prayers from the people whom I meet daily are vitally important for my growth. Thus as Fr Jordan says: Prayer is the most powerful weapon on earth! We, too, are in need of prayer! We pray for one another; particularly today, we offer our sincere thanks and prayers for shepherds of God's flock in our parish like Fr Bronek, Fr Richard and those who came before them who accompany you on your journey of faith. In the Celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, they make visible God's loving presence among His people.

Let us continue to pray and support each other in different ways and means, especially in this challenging time of Covid -19. May Jesus our Good Shepherd, protect and bless us always. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us!





Letter and Prayers of the Holy Father

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
FRANCIS

First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously
on our journey as a sign of salvation
and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health
of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and
celebration
may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the
will of the Father and to do
what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself
our suffering, and burdened himself
with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in
our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



Second Prayer

**“We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God”.**

In the present tragic situation, when
the whole world is prey to suffering
and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of
God and our Mother, and seek refuge
under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes
towards us amid this coronavirus
pandemic. Comfort those who are
distracted and mourn their loved
ones who have died, and at times are
buried in a way that grieves them

deeply. Be close to those who are
concerned for their loved ones who
are sick and who, in order to prevent
the spread of the disease, cannot be
close to them. Fill with hope those
who are troubled by the uncertainty
of the future and the consequences
for the economy and employment.
Mother of God and our Mother, pray
for us to God, the Father of mercies,
that this great suffering may end and
that hope and peace may dawn
anew. Plead with your divine Son,
as you did at Cana, so that the
families of the sick and the victims
be comforted, and their hearts be
opened to confidence and trust.
Protect those doctors, nurses, health
workers and volunteers who are on
the frontline of this emergency, and
are risking their lives to save others.

Support their heroic effort and
grant them strength, generosity
and continued health.
Be close to those who assist the sick
night and day, and to priests who, in
their pastoral concern and fidelity to
the Gospel, are trying to help and
support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds
of men and women engaged in
scientific research, that they may
find effective solutions to
overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that
with wisdom, solicitude and
generosity they may come to the
aid of those lacking the basic
necessities of life and may devise
social and economic solutions
inspired by farsightedness and
solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences,
so that the enormous funds invested
in developing and stockpiling arms
will instead be spent on promoting
effective research on how to prevent
similar tragedies from occurring in
the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that
we are all members of one great
family and to recognise the bond
that unites us, so that, in a spirit of
fraternity and solidarity, we can help
to alleviate countless situations
of poverty and need. Make us strong
in faith, persevering in service,
constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted,
embrace all your children in distress
and pray that God will stretch out his
all-powerful hand and free us from
this terrible pandemic, so that life
can serenely resume its normal
course.

To you, who shine on our journey as
a sign of salvation and hope, do we
entrust ourselves, O Clement,
O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.



Youth are invited to a

SALVATORIAN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Live on  zoom

Saturday 16th May
7pm (NSW) / 5pm (WA)

GUEST SPEAKER
MICHAEL TOBIN

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
ST PETERS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ADORATION

MUSIC

PRAYER

FRIENDSHIP

SALVATORIAN CHARISM



The *Living* Word

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 your 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

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

(R.) Alleluia!

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)**

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)**

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)**

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 Pt 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 were 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!

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.



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My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

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04/05 **Monday Fourth week of Easter**
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18


06/05 **Tuesday Fourth week of Easter**
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

07/05 **Wednesday Fourth week of Easter**
Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn 12:44-50

08/05 **Thursday Fourth week of Easter**
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

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Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1

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