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### 3 May 2020 –Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Following direction from the Government, all public masses are suspended until further notice.  
The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed  
with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.  
We invite you to join in Masses that are available online, as listed below,  
and to continue to pray from home.**

#### **Mass Online:**

#### **Corpus Christi Mass Online.**

**Sunday** mass will be available on Saturday afternoon.

**https://  
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Links to this YouTube channel will be available on our website and on our FaceBook Account.

#### **Mass on television:**

*Mass for You at Home:*

6am Channel 10 every Sunday morning.



*Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Sheep have relatively poor eyesight. Because of the shape of their heads they have mainly lateral vision and limited forward vision. However, sheep compensate for their poor vision with excellent hearing. Put simply, sheep rely more on sound than on sight,

which is why they engage in a lot of bleating. So voice-recognition is very important for sheep which is why Jesus stresses in today's Gospel that the sheep follow the shepherd 'because they know his voice. They will not follow the stranger because they do not know the voice of stranger.'

It is very important for us also to know the voice of the Good Shepherd, who is among us though we cannot see him. We have to learn to recognise his voice and listen to him. This is not easy as there are many voices out there, some of them attractive and enticing, that claim to be the voice of the Good Shepherd but are not. In this regard the Gospels are very important. In them we meet the Good Shepherd who proclaims the great command of love, who forgives, who is challenging and merciful, and who reveals himself not only in his words but also in his actions of reaching out to lepers and the outcast, to the sad and needy, bringing healing and hope into their lives. We should only listen to shepherds whose lives and teaching are consistent with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

### Bishop Anthony's Homilies

Watch on the YouTube channel of Hornsby Cathedral Parish. Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>) for the community to read.

### LITURGY BRISBANE

Sunday Readings and Family Prayer Week by Week. The resources can also be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/Sunday-readings-and-family-prayer> and will be updated each week.

### LITURGY HELP

Liturgy Help is offering free individual and family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation. Resources can be found at <https://www.liturgyhelp.com>

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office has now been closed, however our staff are still working from home, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



#### Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please note that due to the current circumstances, the Sacrament of Confirmation programme, that was due to commence now, has been postponed until further notice.

## Prayer Zone



### Please pray for the ill:

Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

*If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.*

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Antony Vijayaraj, a former parishioner of Corpus Christi, St Ives will be returning to Sydney after working in Chennai, India for the last 12 – 18 months. He would like to live in St Ives on his return and has asked if there is any interest among parishioners in renting him a “granny flat” on his return. He arrives in Sydney on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 and will be in quarantine for 14 days. During this period, he may be contacted on his mobile phone on 0404 632 472. Please call Antony if you can assist him.

Good Shepherd Sunday  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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2020

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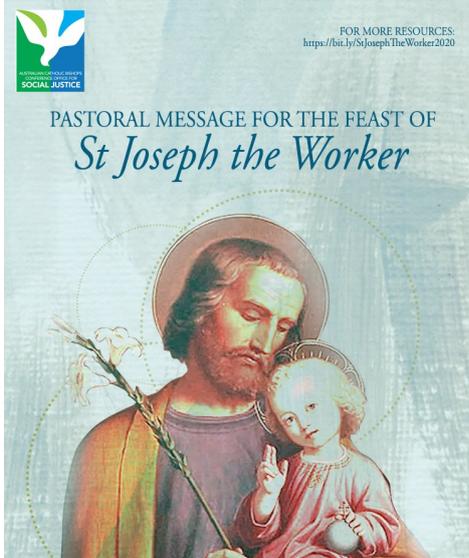
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## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

### Feast of St Joseph the Worker – 1st May 2020

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has issued a Pastoral Message for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Message and accompanying video focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our work lives. As Bishop Vincent



explains: *“This major shock to our community, and our economy, could provide an opportunity to reset our thinking about how we support the poorest, most marginalised, and most vulnerable members of our community.”* Both the video and the Pastoral Message *“Social Solidarity in a Time of Social Distancing”* are available from the Office of Social Justice website: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/04/17/feast-of-st-joseph-the-worker-pastoral-message-2020/>

### Update on the Impact of COVID-19 on People Seeking Asylum, Refugees and Migrants

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia is organising an online event on how COVID-19 is impacting people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations in our community. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from JRS Australia staff who have been working on the front line and learn how they can make a difference during this crisis. The online zoom event is on Wednesday 6 May from 5:30-6:30pm. To RSVP go to <http://jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au>

### Reflection

In this time when we are reflecting on not being able to participate in the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion, we can remember the words of St Edith Stein, a German Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism in the 1920s and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. On the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1942, Edith wrote from a Nazi transit camp, just 5 days before she was gassed at Auschwitz Concentration Camp:

*“We are very calm and cheerful.*

*Of course, there has been no Mass and communion; maybe that will come later.*

*Now we have a chance to experience a little how to live purely from within (our heart).”*



### The Charitable Works Fund -Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

**The CWF works** every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre. When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

You can donate online at [www.givenow.com.au/cwf](http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf) (**please ensure you nominate your Parish as St Ives Corpus Christi**) or you can post a cheque to the Parish office.

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# The Word

Sunday 3 May 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter

## First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14, 36-41

*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.*

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

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25

*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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 10:1-10

*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.