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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, for the Gospel is always taken from St John, where Jesus speaks of himself as the 'Good Shepherd'.

A shepherd leads his flock and Jesus is the shepherd who leads his followers. The sheep know his voice, trust him, and will follow only him. In the same way, we also keep today as World Day of Prayer for Vocations, when the Church prays for new 'good shepherds' to lead our Christian communities, especially at this difficult time.

In the First Reading, Peter proclaims to the crowd that Jesus is both Lord and Christ. They are invited to have faith in Christ, and by repenting and being baptised, they will be forgiven. Peter reminds them that God's promise is for everyone.

The familiar Psalm of "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" demonstrates the hope and trust of the psalmist in the Lord who is our shepherd, and who cares for us, providing guidance, comfort and rest.

In the Second Reading, Peter continues encouraging the people to follow Christ's example and to put their trust in God, particularly when times are difficult or unjust. By dying on the cross Jesus has healed us and brought us back to God.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – that he is the gate of the sheepfold; it is in following him that we can have the fullness of life.

In your prayer this week, take time to speak to Jesus as your shepherd and reflect on what that means for you. On this Vocations Sunday, perhaps you can also consider how you are responding to the way Jesus is calling you, and pray that others also hear his invitation.



Planned Giving: Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the parish financially. These are tough times for everyone, and we understand that for various reasons, including isolation, financial, and safety reasons, that some parishioners are unable to make their usual offerings at this time.

However, we are people of hope and we look forward to the time when we can gather and celebrate our faith together again as a community.

The current Planned Giving Envelopes cease at the end of May. We will endeavour to deliver the new envelopes safely and contact free over the coming weeks. Those who wish to continue use of the envelopes during this time of Covid 19 are welcome to deliver the envelopes to the parish office (9am to 3pm Monday to Friday). However if this is not possible, you can simply wait until such time as Masses commence again.

If any envelope users would prefer to change from envelope giving to Direct Debit, Credit Card, or EFT, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

For anyone in the parish on Planned Giving, regardless of how you donate, if your circumstances have changed, and you do not wish to continue with Planned Giving at this time, do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is upon us, 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 family group, an online group (Skype or Zoom) or individually; you can decide according to your own situations. The key to doing this is always simplicity.

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.

Pope Francis

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

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 Roman 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 distraught 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.

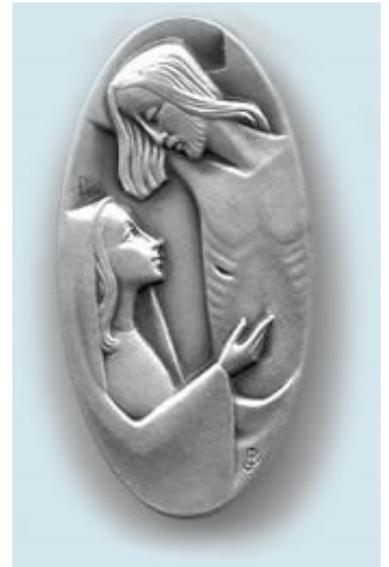
Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

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.



We invite you to pray with us....

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Good Shepherd. The sheep recognise his voice as one by one he calls them and they follow him. Jesus describes himself alternately as the 'gate of the sheepfold' and as the 'shepherd of the flock'. As we entertain these distinct but complementary images, that of "gate" might remind us of Jesus' claim to be the one and only Way to the Father

For Pope Francis and all those who serve and lead in the Church: that they may follow the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace on earth: that those in authority may follow the example of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II who worked for peace and love for all. Let us pray to the Lord.

For Mothers: That Mary, our mother, support and encourage them in their special vocation of love and care for others. Let us pray to the Lord.

For the gift to discern, and the faith to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd in our daily lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick... May they receive your gift of wholeness and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

For family members unable to grieve together for loved ones who have died, that they will find ways of comforting and supporting one another through this time of loss. Let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, Bernard Robinson, Br Robert msc, Joan Henry, Sr Faulknan olsh, and all who have died from the corona virus. And those whose anniversary occurs: Darryl Lynch, Fr Louis Durrell, Madeline McLaughlin, Veronica Platzer, Nolan Winter, Hazel Phillips, Harry McKee. May they live in the glory of God in everlasting peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

EASTER TIME

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

SUN, 3 MAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10
MON, 4 MAY	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
TUE, 5 MAY	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
WED 6 MAY	Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn 12:44-50
THU, 7 MAY	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
FRI, 8 MAY	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
SAT, 9 MAY	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

SUN, 10 MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
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Need the Care Army? If you're a senior and need community support, there are many Queenslanders who'd love to help – to have a chat over the phone, to help you with groceries and medications. Call your Care Army on 1800 173 349

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Fraser Ainsworth, Imogen Atkins, Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Alannah Berman, John Burgess, Dexter Butler, Trevor Butler, Alan Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Lina Daddow, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Robyn Dodd, Trevor Fanton, Chris Ferguson, Jack Gabler, Fr Gianni ofm, Nash Giles, Gerard Gillespie, Carl Girgenti, Kendall Hammond, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Anne-Marie Hollier, Monica Lampe, The Lip Family, Anthony Lupi, Derek MacLean, Kathryn Matheson, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Laurel MacIntoch, Colin McLeod, Damien McMeniman, Maureen McNamara, Fr Ron Mollison, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Sr Valerian O'Brien olsh, June O'Callaghan, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Neil Scott, Mary Shand, Jenny Simpson, Lea Tate, Philomena Van Brunschett, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Roseen Wode, Frank Zubeldia. *We pray for all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities*

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Bernard Robinson, Br Robert msc, Sr Faulknan olsh, Joan Henry, Tom O'Brien, Br Ted Merritt msc, Sr Majella Foster pbvm, Sr Mary Foster pbvm

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Darryl Lynch, Fr Louis Durrell, Madeline McLaughlin, Veronica Platzer, Nolan Winter, Hazel Phillips, Harry McKee, Joseph Cook, Terence Lawless, Laurie Pattison, Jill Horrocks, Ivan Carmichael, Patrick McMahon, Christopher Cain, Frank Doherty, Betty Hillman, Robert Montocchio

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Cancelled until further notice.

DEVOTIONS

Cancelled until further notice.

SUNDAY MASSES

Cancelled until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

By appointment only.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

All enquiries to the Parish Office.



The Church's Social Mission in the COVID-19 Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our church doors are shut, but we are still called to reach out to each other in our parishes and schools and to the most vulnerable members of our community with love and compassion. Some in our community will be very isolated. Others will be struggling because they have lost their jobs as a result of pandemic restrictions. Here are a few ways you can help your community to stay connected and reach out to vulnerable people in your community:

*Ring 1800 863 643 to volunteer to work alongside members of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** who are still providing support to people in the community who are struggling (including those who have lost their jobs) or make a financial donation to help the Society to cope with the increased demand for their support – <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-qld/covid-19-emergency-appeal-qld>

* Support **FareShare's superkitchen** in Brisbane which is providing tens of thousands of meals a week to charities providing vulnerable people with food - <https://www.fareshare.net.au/brisbane/>

*Register to provide support to seniors and other vulnerable people as part of the **Queensland Government's Care Army** - <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/carearmy> or ring 1800 173 349

*Join a **local community mutual aid group** offering support to people in your neighbourhood - www.viralkindness.org.au/

*Take part in Multicultural Australia's **Culture of Connection Campaign** which gathers and shares video stories of connection, resilience and hope during the pandemic - <https://www.multiculturalaustralia.org.au/coronavirus>

* Refer people with mental wellbeing concerns who are in need of support to **Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care** which is running a telephone pastoral care program for anyone who needs support during the pandemic - 3252 5461.



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