

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

GOSPEL

Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John’s Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus’ teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd’s job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John’s Gospel, one hears in this passage John’s particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.



Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

20/21 April 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

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.’

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:1,8-9, 21-23,26,28-29

Response:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

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 cornerstone. 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

We shall see God as he is.

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.

The word of the Lord

SAVE THE DATE - 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

June 14 and 15

Further information and invitations will be sent out soon.



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us.

It reminds us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App

You can now make your donations to the first and second collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to Tranmere Parish from a pc, laptop, or tablet. Thank you for your donations!



<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on

Sunday 28th April

We appreciate your support!



\$3.00

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

| Rosters—27/28 April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter | |
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| Time | Commentator/Readers |
| 6.30pm Vigil | Josh Page Michelle Page Giulia Giuliani |
| 9:30am | Antonetta Bartley Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hooglan |
| Children's Liturgy | Holiday |
| Count team | Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers |
| <i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i> | |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 13/14 Apr 2024 |
| Planned Giving | \$523.00 |
| Open Plate | \$517.00 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$1,045.00 |

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$522.00

Volunteer Dinner

Our Parish volunteers and their families are invited to dinner, to be held in the Parish Hall on **Friday 26th April at 7:00pm**. A list of your names are posted at each entrance of the church. Please tick or cross to confirm your attendance by Monday, 22nd April. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER BRIEFINGS

Three 90-minute volunteer briefing open sessions will be held at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide. The dates are: Tuesday 30th April, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Wednesday 26th June, 10:30am – 12:00pm and Wednesday 30th October, 10:30am – 12:00pm
Please note this briefing is for volunteers who do not have a direct role with children. Please directly contact the Child Protection Unit to register for the Briefing Session via e-mail or phone at: childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au
Ph. 82108159

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Garang kak Deng

Death Anniversary:
*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His Cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt prayer.

PARISH NOTICES

Annual House Blessing
Our annual house blessing event could be scheduled from Tue to Fri evening. This cherished tradition is an opportunity for all interested individuals to have their homes blessed. If you would like to have your house blessed, please inform the Parish office or Fr Roy. Your participation enriches this meaningful tradition. Any inquiries, kindly reach out to Fr Roy or the office staff.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Invitation for New Catholics to attend the Mystagogia Mass - Saturday May 11 2024
An invitation is extended to those newly baptised and received into full Communion in our church, together with their sponsor and families to attend the Mass for new Catholics (Mystagogia Mass) with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. This will be at the 6pm Mass in the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday May 11, followed by tea/coffee in the Parish Hall. Our new Catholics are asked to wear white, symbolising their new life within our church and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance through the following [link](#) or phone 8210 8130 or E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au to RSVP.

Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace
First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady on Saturday May 4 and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am after the 8am Mass. All welcome. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod - Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635

Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy Unit - May 2024
All are invited to attend. The "Word of God" series is presented by Dr. Jenny O'Brien over five Thursday evenings starting on May 2 in the Cathedral Hall (and online via Zoom), 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, with free parking available. Cost is \$50 with resources supplied. Contact Pastoral Services - Community Life & Worship, worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 8210 8130 to register.

Marian Procession
The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Marian Procession Volunteering
The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

Adult Confirmation
For the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed, this celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. For further information and to register, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Orla Wright P: 8210 8166.

The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21st, 2024



Help the sheep find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!

Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.

Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus
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