

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

30 March 2023



*Readings for
this week:* Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

The Lord is my shepherd

The Shepherd has been an image of God in the Old and New Testaments and also an image of Christ in the Gospels. Judges, Kings and Elders are also at times given the title "Shepherd". From the creation accounts both cultivator and herdsman (Gen 4:2ff) are given complementary roles. This Sunday, cycle A, the responsorial psalm is 22(23) the Lord is my Shepherd (vv 1-4) but other texts also give other aspects of our Shepherd-God as a leader (Pss 77,78,80), carer (Ps 28), gatherer (Jer 23), protector (Jer 50) and healer (Ezek 34). Many of these roles are taken by Christ in John 10. He is the gatekeeper and protector to his flock (A), one who lays down his life for his sheep (B) and life-giver (C). Most comforting, Jesus as the Good Shepherd has a loving relationship with his flock.

Finally Jesus entrusts Peter with the role of shepherd (John 21) and now it is extended to the entire church and its pastors.

Looking at the Readings

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. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Francis' Easter Vigil Homily 2023

Brother, sister, remember Galilee, your Galilee, and your call. Remember the Word of God who at a precise moment spoke directly to you. Remember that powerful experience of the Spirit; that great joy of forgiveness experienced after that one confession; that intense and unforgettable moment of prayer; that light that was kindled within you and changed your life; that encounter, that pilgrimage... Each of us knows where our Galilee is located. Each of us knows the place of his or her interior resurrection, that beginning and foundation, the place where things changed. We cannot leave this in the past; the Risen Lord invites us to return there to celebrate Easter. Remember your Galilee. Remind yourself. Today, relive that memory. Return to that first encounter. (Abridged, part 3)


On the Lighter Side

A German Shepherd and a Sheep go out on a date.

German Shepherd: "What do you mean I'm too controlling?"

Sheep: "You herd me."



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|  | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving | Edna Young |
| | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time | Evan Jenkins, Angela Carrafa, Laurie Noonan, Peter Feehan |
| | Our sick and their carers | Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey, Bill Worm, Teresa Mutto, Vito Prinzi |

| DAY, TIME, DATE | COMMENTATOR | READER | GOSPEL PROCESSION | GIFT PRESENTATION | SPECIAL MINISTERS | SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN |
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| Sat 6:00 pm 6 May | Carol Coulston | Peter Crombie | Mary Vraca | J Caiafa J Hamilton | N/A | Mary Gale |
| Sun 10:30 am 7 May | Rob Miller | Anne-Marie Nihill | Anita Basile | Barry & Jan Lowe | Evert Worm | Debbie Worm Trish Warnett |
| Sun 10:30 am 14 May | Debbie Worm | Mary Vraca | Doreen Corrigan | D Bourke D Turvey | Connie Serra | Mary Gale Trish Warnett |
| Sat 6:00 pm 20 May | Carol Coulston | Peter Crombie | Shelia Gregg | J Caiafa D Hamilton | N/A | Mary Gale |
| Sun 10:30 am 21 May | Rob Miller | Rita Fairchild | Doreen Corrigan | A Basile M Sgammotta | Debbie Worm | Debbie Worm Trish Warnett |
| Sun 10:30 am 28 May | CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST | | | | | |

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 1st May

Weekday Mass

Mon 1st May No Mass
 Tue 2nd May No Mass
 Wed 3rd May 9:15 am Anointing Mass
 Thur 4th May No Mass
 Fri 5th May 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 6th May 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 7th May 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 8th May No Mass
 Tue 9th May No Mass
 Wed 10th May 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 11th May No Mass
 Fri 12th May 9:15 am Mothers Day School Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 13th May No Mass
 Sun 14th May 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation 6th May

Items for Sale

There is a beautiful assortment of Rosaries for sale in the Narthex. These will make a perfect gift for a confirmation or birthday. We also have rosaries bracelets and Christian medallions.

Sandhurst Scripture Talks 2023:

Acts of the Apostles: Making Decisions with the Holy Spirit

Join Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Dr Brian Boyle on a journey through Luke's "Acts of the Apostles" focusing on the elucidation of the Holy Spirit in the birth of the Church and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the process of discernment in the Council of Jerusalem.

"Its emphasis on discernment, prayerful reflection and indeed synodality makes Acts a topical and engaging work for study and reflection." (Fr Brian Boyle)

Online via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 9, 16 and 23 May.

These Talks are free, but you must register to attend.

These talks are eligible for maintaining accreditation for teachers in Catholic Schools.

Go to our website for more details.



Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Ladies Cuppa and Chat

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Date: Wednesday, 3rd May

Time: 2pm.

Venue: St Mary's Hall - Please bring a plate

Rosario italiano

Il Rosario italiano si terrà venerdì 12 maggio alle ore 14 in Chiesa. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare.

Italian Rosary

The Italian Rosary will be held on Friday 12th May at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Pentecost with Sandhurst Youth Ministry:

Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. We will also celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass as part of the evening.

Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages so make sure you follow us to find out more.

Saturday 27th May

Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta Sth,

5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)

Netflix Recommendation from

Netflix is currently showing a worthwhile doco-series entitled "Stories of a Generation - with Pope Francis". In this series the Pope is encouraging the younger generation to listen to the aged people of our society and world. The series consists of a variety of people from around the world sharing their life experiences and Pope Francis reflecting on their experiences.

It really opens up the dynamic wisdom that the elderly hold as well as giving an inspirational insight into the Pope himself.

This could be valuable to individual parishioners, groups or senior school teachers and students. It could be used in a variety of formats and locations from homes to classrooms or parish centres.

Regards Fr Tony Shallue



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We are delighted to announce the return in May 2023 of our popular online lecture series, Engaging Your Faith. Eighteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff. For full details please see the attached flyer.

These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development. Topics include:

- Explorations in the Bible
- Vatican II, the Catholic Church, and being a Catholic
- Spirituality, mysticism, poetry, and meditation
- Science & faith issues
- Interfaith relations

Cost: \$25 per session or \$40 if seeking teacher accreditation.

Book and pay directly through our [website](#).

Baptism



We congratulate the Maxine Maree Hockey on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our Parish family.

Maxine is the daughter of Georgia and Brayden Hockey.

More Thoughts for 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

Jesus the Good Shepherd

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A invites us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?

Protection and Perseverance

The Good Shepherd offers us protection from those who would lead us astray. He guides us to the gates of heaven. But we must hear his voice and follow. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what he asks. And we will probably encounter some suffering along the way.

We are invited to reflect on the promise of eternal life, which is a key aspect of this Sunday's readings. As believers, we have the hope of sharing in the resurrection of Christ, and of being united with him forever. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life, knowing that we are not alone and that our ultimate destination is with Christ in heaven.

A Community of Believers

At the same time, we are reminded that we are not alone in our journey. We are part of a larger community of believers, the Church, which is led and guided by Christ himself. As members of this community, we are called to support and care for one another, just as the Good Shepherd cares for his sheep.

We are strengthened for this task through baptism and by the Holy Spirit. Our Christian community also supports us. And we can find comfort in our Good Shepherd who suffered for us. Let us remember as we reflect on the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A.



Reflection Questions for 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) Year A

- How well do I recognize the voice of Jesus as the Good Shepherd? Do I take the time to listen for his guidance in my life?
- In what ways do I rely on the protection and guidance of the Good Shepherd? How can I deepen my trust in him?
- What does it mean to me to be part of a community of believers, led and guided by Christ himself? How can I support and care for my fellow believers in the Church?
- What suffering or difficulties have I encountered on my journey of faith? How have these experiences helped me to grow closer to the Good Shepherd?
- How does the promise of eternal life and the hope of salvation give me strength and courage to face the challenges of life? How can I share this hope with others?
- What changes in my life might I need to make in order to more fully follow the path of the Good Shepherd? What help or resources might I need to make these changes?

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

On Friday 28th April, Fr John celebrated his 12th Anniversary for his Priestly Ordination.

Your holy service to the Lord touches so many hearts and inspires so many lives. May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life. God bless you and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand. Congratulations and best wishes on your 12th Anniversary of Priesthood.

Please keep Fr John in your prayers.



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Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>