

**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.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

30 APRIL 2023

## FULLNESS OF LIFE

The readings for today invite us to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus and its consequences for us. As Peter concludes his preaching on the day of Pentecost, he reminds the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem that Jesus' brutal and wrongful death has been reversed by God raising him as Lord and Christ. That is not all, because the resurrection provides them with the possibility to think again and so accept the gracious forgiveness that God is unexpectedly offering. In the midst of human frailty, misunderstanding and violence God's love will find a way to bring life out of death.

In the second reading the focus shifts as Peter pays close attention to Jesus' manner of dealing with his own suffering and death as a model for disciples as we confront suffering and injustice. As the shepherd, Jesus goes before us carrying our weakness and brokenness on the cross, transforming them by the power of his healing love. In our turn, we are called to follow his example of forgiving and life-giving love.

The Gospel today invites us to accept Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls, protects, and enlivens us. Jesus is the Shepherd who gave himself for the sake of the sheep, the one who still calls us to hear his voice and follow. He has come so we might have life and have it to the full. In Jesus, we have the sure hope that whatever struggles lie before us he will lead us safely home if we listen to his voice and follow where he leads.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## 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 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 Alleluia!)**

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

1 Pet 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 are 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!**



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### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

**Weekday Mass:** Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

**CCC Mass:** Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4pm-5pm

**First Friday Devotion:** Monthly at 4pm

**First Saturday Mass and Devotion:** Monthly at 9am

**Exposition and Benediction:** First weekend of the month at all Masses

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

30 April 2023

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Recently Deceased:** Julian Micallef

**Death Anniversary:** Ellen Mary Broderick, Jonathan Ellsmore, Antony and Mildred Hogan

**Deceased:** William and Kathleen Harris, Darcy Boyle, Suzanne Seah, Selwyn Jackson, Jan Wiczorkowski, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Marie Cummins, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayon

**Sick:** Dante Jr, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Lyn Crown, Burkhardt Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



THANK YOU FOR THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY & SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PRAYED WITH US AT BEN'S REQUIEM MASS AND FOR THE MANY MONTHS OF BEN'S ILLNESS BEFORE HE DIED. - CARMEL ISAACS & FAMILY

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Athanasius 2nd May, Saints Philip and James 3rd May

### A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS:



We congratulate Lou and Sally Youssef on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! May this special day, and the years to come, be filled with love, joy, and happiness.

May God bless you and your family on this momentous occasion.

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Thank you for your generosity. We have raised \$3,230.60 towards the Zambia Appeal held last weekend.** Dr Mark Hanley appreciates the support you have extended to St Joseph Lumezi Nursing School and Provincial Hospital in Zambia.

• **Sacrament of Confirmation Information Evening for Parents/Guardians** will be held on Tues, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 7pm in the church. **Next weekend we will have the Presentation of Candidates at the Sat 5:30pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 9:30am Mass.** For more information visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/confirmation/>.

- **Congratulations to Juan Miguel S. Concon for receiving the sacrament of Baptism!**
- **We will have First Saturday Mass and Devotion on Sat 6th May at 9am. All welcome.**
- **Next weekend will be the Charitable Works Fund MAY APPEAL.** Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Donate using the CWF envelopes or via: [www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf/](http://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf/)
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's)** Morning Tea outside the Church on Sunday 7th May. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

**UPCOMING TRAININGS** to be conducted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office, Venue: St Kevin's Parish Hall. Copy of Baptism Certificate required. COST: FREE. To register go to: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC), Wednesdays, July 19, 26 and Aug 2, 6pm-9pm All current EMOHC and Senior Altar Servers who haven't done this course from the Liturgy Office are **strongly encouraged to participate**. This course is a pre-requisite to all Senior Altar Servers who wish to take the Acolytes course.
- Acolytes (Senior Altar Servers): Saturdays August 5, 12 and 19, 9am-12pm
- Readers: Saturdays October 7 and 14, 9am-12pm

**Parish Men's Ministry** (For more info contact Lou: 0400 303 733)

*Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast: 7am Saturday May 6th in the Parish Hall*

*Weekly Men's Prayer Hour : 7pm Every Tuesday in the Church.*

*Monthly Parish Working Bee: 7:30am Sat 13th May for one hour*

**St Kevin's Men's Choir** (NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED Contact 0400 303 733)

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil - May 6th

Sunday 9:30am May 14th Mothers' Day

Sunday 6:00pm May 28th



### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** Presented by Charbel Raish of Parousia Media, starting 7th May—25th June at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Parish School Hall) 191, Cox's Rd. North Ryde. This 8-week Bible study will commence after the Sunday 5pm Mass (6:15pm-7:45pm). See poster for details. Scan the QR code to register. Enquiries: Rico Rivera 0422 526 458



### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: [safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.