

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14. 36 - 41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: 1-6

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.** 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.** 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.** 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 PETER 2:20 - 25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

SENDING FORTH HYMN: SERVANT SONG (RICHARD GILLARD)

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born to all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony



**Next Sunday's Readings
Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A**

First Reading: Acts 6: 1 - 7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4 - 9
Gospel: John 14: 1 - 12



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6 - 7 APRIL 2017

Gospel: John 10: 1 - 10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

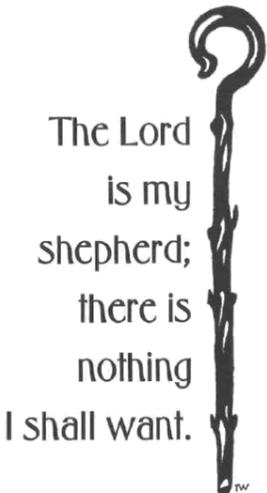
Reflection

Farmers with large flocks and people with a few sheep both care for their sheep with passion and skill. What we don't really know is whether it makes a difference being a sheep in a small flock, known by name, and with an individual relationship with the carer, compared to being a sheep in a large flock whose primary relationship is with other sheep (and possibly a sheep dog). The metaphor Jesus uses relates to the small flocks of his time, each flock looked after by a shepherd who knew the sheep individually. The personal relationship with the shepherd carer is at the heart of his message, and it reaches deep into our human psyche. Each of us needs to be known by others, because that is the foundation for the relationships which sustain us and enable us to "have life to the full". One of the fears the elderly may have when going into a rest home is that they will lose their identity; that after having built up a network of relationships in the community over a lifetime, no one will know who they are among the many elderly in the home. Being known is not just about our name being known. We are truly known when people are aware of our life history, our family connections, our community networks, our accomplishments and even our failures. P.T.O >

GATHERING HYMN: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (BRIAN BONIWELL)

Verse 1
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me. I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Verse 2
And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.



Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9am, 9:30 - 10am
Reconciliation & 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am, 5pm

**Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.*

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Reflection continued...

That is the kind of relationship Jesus is offering us, with an even deeper dimension. Our true self is completely known to him, in a way we may not even know ourselves. This is the "knowing" he means when he talks about the sheep being called "one by one" by one by the shepherd.

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The relationship we have with Jesus the Shepherd has the potential to be the most honest and transparent relationship of our lives, the gate to "having life and having life to the full".

Catholic Enquiry Office - NZ

A few words from Fr Bernie



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND PASTORAL APPEAL MAY 2017.

This weekend and next weekend it is time for the first of three Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. You will find the envelopes on the pews this weekend and you are invited to return them this weekend or next weekend into either of the collection baskets. Unlike other appeals, the parish has already been given the amount it should find for this appeal and the total each collection throughout the year May, August and November is \$8000 - (\$24000 per annum). If we don't raise this money from the collection, we have to pay it from our ordinary collection income. As you are aware we have a huge cost this year to repaint the exterior and repair and repaint parts of the interior of our church building. We are fortunate as a parish to have investments that help to cover some of the cost of the painting, but it does still impact on the amount we have to spend in other areas of the parish. Very little is spent on Social Justice and assisting the poor. The CWF appeal is one way we as a parish can help those in need. The Benefiting Agencies for the CWF appeal are; **CATHOLIC CARE:** strengthening families and empowering individuals to create better lives for themselves through better opportunities; The **EPHETA CENTRE:** promoting inclusion and dialogue between the hearing and deaf and hard of hearing communities through equal access; The **ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY:** creating a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and promote reconciliation; The **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):** educates children in state schools NB our St Clare's students lead the CCD at Waverley Primary School; **CHAPLAINS:** providing hope and spirituality in our hospitals, universities and aged care facilities; **SEMINARIES:** educating our future priests.



Did You Know?

- ◆ In ancient times, shepherds and their sheep wandered in search of pasture, often travelling many miles. At night the shepherd would build an enclosure to keep his sheep together and safe from predators. Often he would form a human gate by sleeping at the entry to the enclosure.
- ◆ The words 'pastor' and 'pastoral' come from the Latin word for shepherd.
- ◆ This is one of seven sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel known as the 'I am' sayings. In John, this is an indication of the divinity of Jesus because it echoes the sacred name of God revealed to Moses: 'I am who am' [Ex 3:14].

Let Us Pray For...

Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Kim Roper and Ian Godby

Anniversaries at this time

Anglo Vella, Agata Salvo, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca and Haggett Family,

Those recently deceased

Edward McBride, Frederico Evangelista and Mary Patricia Flanagan

Those recently baptised

Lucas & Stephanie Shizas-Rosi and Maverick Jayden Gavin



News and Notices



CATHOLIC CARE SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY FOR 75 YEARS

Our compassionate counselling team help families struggling with relationship issues, separation, addiction and mental health concerns to develop new ways to manage their lives... To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I ask parish communities, associations, and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send works to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love."
Pope Francis - Message for 54th Day of Prayer for Vocations

If you are aware of a young man or woman whom you think might be open to considering a Franciscan vocation to priesthood or religious life, please invite them to contact the Franciscan Vocations Office on email: vocations@franciscans.org.au or contact our Parish Priest, Fr Bernie at bthomas@franciscans.org.au



CEMETERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED

The Cemetery Mass for the deceased will be celebrated in the South Chapel, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium, Botany on Saturday, 13 May 2017 at 11:00am.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS IN MEMORY OF ALL MOTHERS

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria invite you to join us for Mothers Day Masses being held at Rookwood, Liverpool and Kemps Creek Cemeteries. If you require any further information please contact us on 1300 114 997 or email at enquiries@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

FIRST RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE - 7:00PM

All parents wishing to enrol their child (Year 2 or above) to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church should contact St Charles Primary School on 9387 3845 or the Parish Office 9369 9399 or email marywave@bigpond.com to obtain an enrolment form. Enrolment forms can be submitted at the Parent Information Night which will be held in the Parish House Hall at 7pm on 10 May. Important information relating to your child's preparation for Reconciliation will be provided at this session. All candidates will be presented at our monthly Family Mass 10am on Sunday, 28 May followed by a training session. Please collect a form at the back of the church or from St Charles School.



MASS TIME CHANGES

As mentioned in the Easter Bulletin, there have been a few requests to change the Sunday Evening Mass to 5pm for the winter months. Having announced this possible change a couple of times at the Sunday Evening Mass and, also publishing the possibility of a change in the bulletin, no objections have been received, so from the 7th of May the Sunday Mass time will be changed to 5pm. Please inform anyone you may know who occasionally comes along to the Sunday night Mass. The Saturday Vigil will remain at 6pm.

ST CLARE'S MOTHERS DAY MASS

Will be held on Monday, 15 May at 9:15am in the church during normal morning mass.

WAVERLEY WATERFOR JUNIOR SCHOOL - MOTHERS DAY MASS

This will be held on Friday, 12 May at 12:00pm in the church.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 7 May 2017

This week on the Journey, we have Peter Gilmore talking about Living the Gospel, Sr Hilda sharing her wisdom from the Abbey and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy inspires us with his piece on Lighting a Fire. Our music is carefully selected to complement our guest speakers and to help us create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life.



"INTO THE DEEP"

ONE DAY SILENT RETREAT

A day of prayer on the Christian Following, given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday, May 21 (9am to 4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Held at the Centre, Randwick. For more information contact Kylie on 0403 453 620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

MUMS' PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group consisting of Mums from St Charles will meet once a month commencing next month. This group will meet in the Parish House for 45 minutes of prayer and reflection. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Laura by email laura@habitatmedia.com.au