



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

2 - 3 MAY 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14, 36-41

When the days of Pentecost had come. Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:1-6

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.**

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:20-25

Brothers and sisters: if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

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

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."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord:
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*

On 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.*

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 4 May Acts 11:1-18
John 10:11-18
Tue 5 May Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30
Wed 6 May Acts 12:24-13:5
John 12:44-50
Thu 7 May Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20
Fri 8 May Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6
Sat 9 May Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14
Sun 10 May Acts 6:1-7
Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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REFLECTIONS

In the Gospel of John, we do not find parables in the traditional sense. They are not a literary device that John employs, but this text is as close an approximation to a parable as we have. The contrast he draws between the shepherd who enters the fold by the gate and the thieves and brigands who seek to enter another way is really about leadership. There are good leaders and bad leaders. The good leader of God's people must come to them through Jesus, who is the gate. The thieves and brigands will only lead the people to fear and confusion, where they will be scattered. Perhaps John is addressing a situation in his community where those who are seeking leadership are not following the voice of Jesus but seeking their own aggrandisement or following their own agenda. Such people will ultimately lead the flock to destruction, but Jesus gives life in abundance to all who know his voice and follow him as shepherd. ©<http://www.cam.org.au/>

WORD FROM FR CHARLIE

"The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth."

We hear these words resonating on this fourth Sunday of Easter, in our minds, hearts and souls as we celebrate another virtual Eucharistic prayer, behind the screen. However we hold a stronger faith and aspiration that we are able to live this merciful love of the Lord in all circumstances, and wherever we are found.

I thank the Parish Priest, Fr Bernie, my brother, for allowing me to share with you a humble reflection written from my homeland Lebanon, but enriched with love to my second home Australia and particularly to all the parishioners at Mary Immaculate Church.

The first big moment of vocation in our Christian life is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation. The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life or consecrated life. Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives and how to practically implement his merciful love.

We take the example of the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel of St John, where Jesus uses rich images from daily life to illustrate the depth of his desired relationship with us through his abundant love which is full of life, which was his vocation. On the one side, he speaks of shepherd and sheep, gatekeeper and gate, pasture and life, recognition and salvation. The contrasting words are: strangers, thieves and bandits, killing, running away in fear instead of following, climbing in rather than walking through the open gate.

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.

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In these challenging times we might ask ourselves:

- How can we practice this calling to enter the gate of the sheepfold when the churches' gates are closed because of this pandemic?
- How can we be part of the wider community in the midst of no major gatherings being allowed and ways of travel are almost reduced? And how can we practically live this merciful love of the Lord and share it with others and have life and have it abundantly?

As we all know, churches' gates are closed but we are the church, the community of the faithful. How we act and who we are brings us and others to Christ the gate. We are able to enhance God's merciful love through the practice of the virtues of hope and patience that will help us form a solid community led by the love of our saviour Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd.

Secondly, to be part of the wider community, gives us the initiative to apply some practices based on the merciful love that we share with others. For example to check on people, spread love, dedicate time of prayer for our self, families, people and the world around us, follow safe practices, and other practices that will bring us back to live the fullness of life.

Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation as baptised Christians. We witness love in marriage, in family, extended family, consecrated life and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the merciful love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will! I unite my prayers to yours during this season of resurrection, and as a community of believers we aim that our lives and prayers reflect this prayer:

*Halleluia! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!
Lord, I offer You profound thanksgiving that I may join in the celebration of Your Resurrection! I thank You for loving me so much that I have been invited to participate in the new life won by You.
Dear Lord, the path to the Resurrection was one of exceptional pain and suffering. It required of You the total sacrifice of Your life.*

Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering and death were not the end. You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same. Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferers united to You.

*Halleluia! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!
Halleluia! May the glory of Your Resurrection be loved, embraced and proclaimed until the end of time and forever more! Amen*

Blessings, Fr Charlie

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word advocate means 'called to the side of' and thus is often used to describe a mediator or assistant in a lawsuit.
- Some translations of the Bible use the word paraclete instead of advocate; others use the word counselor or comforter.
- In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself (14:17, 26), recalling things the earthly Jesus taught or revealing things he was unable to convey. In John's view, this spiritual knowledge or insight, unavailable until after Jesus' death and resurrection, makes Christian faith and understanding fully possible

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher OP, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Lisa Roper & Cathy Murray

Those recently deceased: Graham Leslie Evans, Dr James Blundell & Manuel Guerreiro

Those with anniversaries at this time: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca and Peter Justin Foley.

NEWS & NOTICES

KIDS CORNER

LIFE KNOW SHEEP	LEADS STRANGER ROBBER	NAME THIEF GATE	PEN LISTEN SHEPHERD	VOICE FOLLOW SAVED
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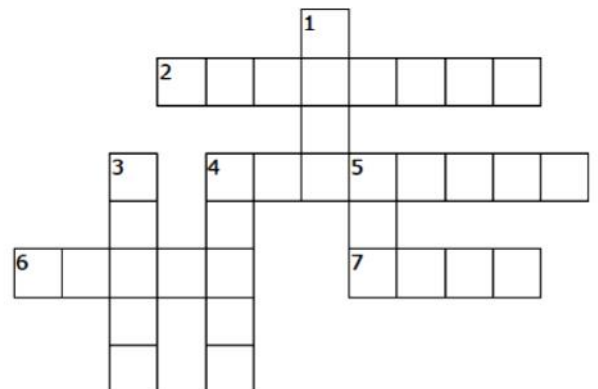


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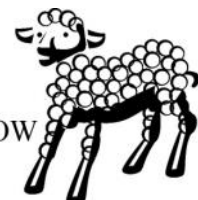
- Someone not known or not familiar
- A person who takes care of sheep
- The sound made when people speak or sing
- The word or words by which a person or thing is known

DOWN

- An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
- Someone who steals
- A farm animal with thick curly wool
- A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept



MY SHEEP KNOW



MY VOICE

SHEPHERD THIEF	PEN NAME	SHEEP GATE	STRANGER VOICE
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