



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

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First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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WEEKDAY MASS: Monday Communion Service 8:30am, Tuesday 7pm,
 Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am **Public Holidays 8:30am**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon – Fri

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Next week 5th Easter: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35.

From the Parish Office ...

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. In our relationship with Jesus, we know Jesus' voice and are called to follow. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. For us that means that in knowing Jesus we know the Father.



For Catholics, the month of May is set aside for devotions to Mary. We would like to encourage you all to do something special in this month to honour Mary, the first and true model of discipleship. As we honour all mothers on this special day, let us not forget to give thanks to God for Mary, the mother of Jesus and of us.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

THIS WEEKEND – 7/8 May

Please note that it's the last appeal for this financial year.



We welcome into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism, Derek Chan, Audrey and Christian Luk and congratulate their families



The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the **World Apostolate of Fatima** invites you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 14th May, honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in prayer, especially for this recent outbreak in Ukraine. Further enquiries please contact us on - [0403578994](tel:0403578994).

Vinnies West Ryde Call Centre - Volunteers Needed

Nearly all Vinnies cases start with a telephone call to our West Ryde Call Centre (next to our Vinnies Shop). We need volunteers to help us with this very important work.



You will take telephone calls, assist with filing or other admin, you may progress to entering cases on our computer system or interviews. The hours are arranged to suit you. All training is on the job. To get started please call our Regional Administrator, Jenny on 9809 2757. The poor need your help.

PRAYERS for HEALING: Gerard Watts

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Tony Bietola, Lois Seet, Miguela Aguirre, Minerva Santos recently deceased.

Also, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Nemesio Biason Sr., Antonio Sison, Marie & Jim Hyde, Denis Wonderley, Paul Hicks, Polocrispo & Rosalinda Romagos, Esmenia & Rufino Acosta, Eleno Etor, Vanessa Juresic.