

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John

3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so, it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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4th Sunday of Easter – Year B

24th / 25th April, 2021

Lord God,

Attune our ears to the voice

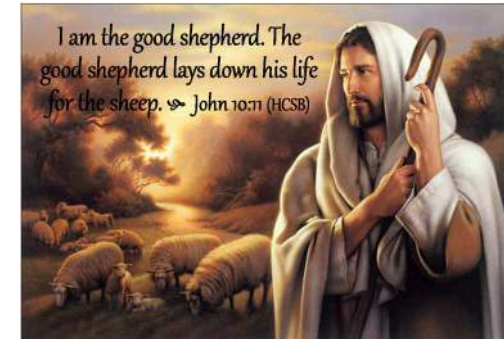
Of the Good Shepherd,

Who leads us always to You,

***That we may find under Your
tender protection,***

Life in all its fullness,

***We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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FEAST DAYS: Mon 26th April St Mark

Tue 27th April St Louis Crignion

Wed 28th April St Peter Chanel

Thu 29th April St Catherine of Siena

Fri 1st May St Pius V

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently



Rosa Ranaudo, Theresa Raina D'Mello

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Orlando Luciano, Kevin Doyle, Judy Brown, Nel Philips, Dante & Lidia Segato

The sick., Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Cosimo Petracca, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.



WEEKDAY ROSARY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the Weekday Mass. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *first Saturday each month; 10.30a.m.*
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: is on Thursdays between 10am and 12.00pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a chat, play cards or knit. New members welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will resume on Tuesday 13th April, at 10.15am in the Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone again for prayer and praise.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS. Meets in the Parish Office Meeting Room on Tuesday morning at 9am. If you would like to join us, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

PROJECT COMPASSION Thank you for supporting us this year **PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, or you can give at: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion or call: 1800 024 413

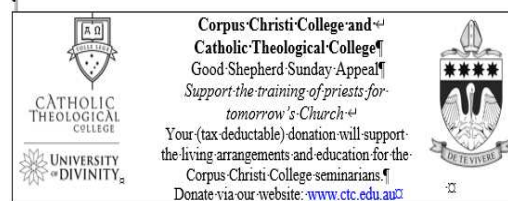
QR CODE: On Friday 26th March, Victoria moved to a more relaxed COVID safe setting. As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Therefore, registering via **QR CODE WILL BE MANDATORY**. We ask all parishioners to please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass and **Remember to Bring your Mobile Phone** to allow time for registration using the QR Code. If you do not have a smart phone, you will receive assistance.

THE 2021 COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES PARISH RAFFLE We thank everyone for your support in the Combine Catholic Parish Raffle ticket sales. Now it is time that all raffle books **sold/unsold MUST** be returned to the parish representative selling tickets at the mass you attend. Your help would ease our follow up phone calls. Thank you for your assistance.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."

Pledge to Pray The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

Your tax deductible donations can be made via -



We warmly WELCOME BACK all teachers, staff and school children, to Term 2. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time over the Easter and holiday break and now have returned to school with renewed energy and joy.

MASS COUNT National count of Mass attendance will take place during the first four weeks of the month of May



Today We Commemorate Anzac Day which is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Observed on 25 April each year, Anzac Day was originally devised to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who served in the Gallipoli Campaign, their first engagement in the First World War.

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*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them*

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM INVITES AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS TO THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF CONVOCATIONS VIA ZOOM Sunday 2 May 2021. 9.00- 10.30am (AEST) Convocation 1. Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations Guest speaker Sr Joan Chittister OSB **FREE REGISTRATION For further information contact: Kevin Liston auscathcoalition@gmail.com Ph. 0411197829 www.acccr.com.au E. auscathcoalition@gmail.com**

ROSTERS: Mon 26th April to Sun 2nd May	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Susan O'H
Welcomers	6pm: Help needed 9am: Help needed 11am: Help needed
Lectors	6pm: Trish Magee 9am: Pamela Edmunds 11am: Phuong Breisch
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S and Guil W
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R