

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

07 MAY 2017

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.**

RESP 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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PRAY FOR US

Parish Secretary

Linda Roberts
Parish Office
Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 8am & 10am
Tue - Sat: 9am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy:
3rd Sunday of the
Month 10am Mass

Filipino Mass:

1st Sun 11:30am

Indian Mass:

4th Sun 5pm

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano: Il gruppo di
preghiera Italiano, si
raduna ogni giovedì alle
ore 10 nella sala
parrocchiale.

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 4:45pm or any time
by appointment

Baptism

4th Sun 11.15am
(by appointment)

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

Devotions

Every Friday Adoration
3-4pm

Rosary & Benediction

Sat after 9am Mass

Elsa George Rosary Group

Second Saturday of every
month at 2.30pm
9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

2017 Sacramental Program information can be found at
the rear of the Church OR **download** from the
Sacramental Weebly site at:
<https://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/> OR email to
Kathryn at: sacramentsspcdh@gmail.com

Due to the length and timing of the Program it is
important that Candidates attend all class lessons and
Masses. Make up classes are not able to be provided.

OVERVIEW - CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

INFO & ENROLMENT Evening was held on WED 3 MAY.
**If you have not enrolled and wish to be a part of this
Sacrament Program, please urgently contact Kathryn by
email as soon as possible as Enrolments have now
closed. Thank you.**

CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 & 4 JUN in
the Parish Hall and Parish Church.

Mass (compulsory), either- Sunday 8am or 10am.

CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP UMBERS, SUNDAY JUN 18 AT 2PM

OVERVIEW - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT- WED 2 AUG, 6pm in
the Parish Hall.

CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- AUG 6, 13, 20, 27, SEP 3 &
SAT SEP 9 (Rehearsal) in the Parish Hall and Parish
Church.

Mass (compulsory), either- Sunday 8am or 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MASS 1 - 10TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

MASS 2 - 17TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

Mass dates have been allocated. Please check your
emails and contact Kathryn if any further queries.

Sacrament information is updated regularly. Please
check your emails, access the Weebly link provided
above or contact Kathryn by email. Thank you.

PARISH/SCHOOL HALL HIRE

The Hall is for hire. Please ring the office during office
hours 9558 3257.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Rian on 0402 135 637.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Assistance provided by SVDP Conference in April: Homes
visited 9, food cards \$760, other assistance clothing and
furniture, storage \$400. Our next meeting will be 16/05 &
30/05/2017 at 7pm.

Volunteers Needed - Do you know anyone who might
be able to help us? Contact Filomena on 0413844943
or just come long and meet us for our meetings.

FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 33rd
Anniversary of the **Feast Of Our Mother of Perpetual
Help & Thanksgiving Filipino Mass** on Sunday, 7th
May, 11.30am. Followed by procession, lunch and
entertainment.

NOVENA in honour of **Our Mother of Perpetual
Help** will be at **7 pm** every night. Starts **Friday 28th
April to 6th May.** Refreshments to follow at the
Parish Hall. All Welcome!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This three day festival will be held in Sydney **7-9
December 2017.** The event will attract 15,000
young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30
years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth
Day! We look forward to the whole Parish
Community being involved. For more information,
www.acyf.org.au.

ACYF MUSIC MASTERCLASS

An initiative of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival,
the Masterclass is a fantastic opportunity for young
people aged between Year 9 and 30 years to
develop creative skills in music and performance.
Catholic industry professionals will lead workshops
in liturgy, praise and worship, song writing, vocal
training, band dynamics, music technologies,
recording and performance. **6-7 May 2017** at
Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College,
Burwood. Cost \$100. Includes morning tea and lunch
each day. See flyer attached. For more information,
www.acyf.org.au.

CWF PASTORAL APPEAL

This weekend is a great opportunity for you to help
out your parish in a meaningful way by supporting
one of its charitable appeals. The **Charitable Works
Fund (CWF)** is the premier charity of the Sydney
Archdiocese, covering social and pastoral services,
education and training, and advocacy services to all
sections of your community. Donations of \$2 or
more are tax deductible.

CATHOLIC CARE

Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years -

Interested in training to care for clients needing
support in their own home? Government support is
available for eligible applicants. Please call us to find
out more on **13 18 19** CatholicCare Sydney, email
connect@catholiccare.org or visit
www.catholiccare.org.



ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018

Enrolment packs are still available to collect from the School Office or you can download from School website – www.stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old before 31 July 2018 please contact the office to set up an enrolment appointment.

School Principal Ms Frances Stewart

With St Paul of the Cross

we pray ...

For the sick

Sonia

- Rodolfo Estrada
- Domenic Capello
- Marlowe Jacutin
- Sonny Martinez
- Annette Rodriguez
- Onofrio Ferraro
- Salvatore Ferraro
- Lolita A Japtan,
- Felisa C Hao
- Antonio Pizzinga
- Betty Jackson
- Nolene Conn
- Anna Pezzuto
- Lucia Ferraro
- Lee Tilliam
- Fr. Kim

Death Anniversary

Dominic Beyrouthi

For the Souls of

- Nadim Sara
- Naim El-Etar
- Wadia El-Etar
- Foula Moubarak
- Salima Kazzy
- Rena Boutros
- Nunu Amosa
- Giuseppe Pino Frezza
- Raimondo Dolce
- Raffaella Dolce
- Getina Digregorio
- Marianna Tesoriero
- John-Louis M Roberts
- Giuseppe Nicotina
- Nicotina Family
- Roberts Family
- Souls of the unborn children
- All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Elizabeth Devlin

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Dear parishioners,

We welcome everyone to our Community Masses this week, the 4th week of Easter especially the many visitors coming to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Feast Of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This year we are also commentating 100 years of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady's call for Prayer and Reparation to restore peace in the world and holiness in family life.

The parish has been praying the 9 days of Novena in honour of Our Mother. I pray that these holy activities will help you come closer to Our Mother and her Son and love them a little more. I encourage you all to pray the Rosary to have more trust and confidence in God's love for everyone.

Please join Father Nards in a Procession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help after Mass, and then lunch and entertainment after in the parish hall.

Celebrating Our Mother of grace that extends to everyone who believes especially mother's who's special day is on the 14th May, Mother's Day next Sunday.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal is this weekend. Please give generously so that the Sydney Archdiocese can provide services essential to our Pastoral Care. Each Sydney Parish has a budget to raise to contribute to this cause. We have \$1800 to raise in this appeal, there are three appeals each year. This is an excellent way to contribute to the parish and get a tax deduction.

Fr. Kim



AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonour thee.

Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.

— St. John Berchmans

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 14 MAY 2017

- Acolyte: 5:30pm Ricardo
- 8am Andre
- 10am Philip
- Readers: 5:30pm J Sullivan & J Murphy
- 8am I & P Pinto
- 10am R Rita & T Lasala
- Music: 8am Sri & Choir
- 10am Beauti & Choir

Cleaning: Genaro & Lloyd Beltran

Laundry: D Cremona

Environment: Margaret

Counters: G Chew, A Di Donato, R Lazarus

STS NEREUS, ACHILLEUS AND PANCRAS, MARTYRS FEAST DAY MAY 12TH

Father, we honour Saints Nereus and Achilleus for their courage in dying to profess their faith in Christ. May we experience the help of their prayers at the throne of your mercy. St. Pancras, pray for all teenagers that their faith may be as strong as yours, strong enough to lead them through all the trials of their life. Pray for us O Holy martyrs of Christ, that we may always serve Jesus with a truthful heart.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be + Amen.



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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Reflections on the Gospel

THE GATE THAT LEADS TO SALVATION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year the Gospel reading on this Sunday is taken from the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. In the passage we hear in today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the *gate or door of the sheepfold*. Sheepfolds usually consisted of a circular stone wall that was attached to a house or located in a field. Several small flocks of sheep were brought into the sheepfold at night to protect them from predators, whether thieves or wild animals. Someone watched by the gate until morning when the sheep were taken out to pasture.

Bible scholar Fr. Raymond E. Brown gives us two interpretations of the gate imagery. The first is *Jesus is the gate whereby the shepherd approaches the sheep*. Jesus is the sole legitimate means of access to God's flock. This guarantees the safety and well-being of the sheep because the shepherds who pass by the gate are shepherds who have the heart of Jesus. The second interpretation of the imagery is *Jesus is the gate leading to salvation*, a gate not only for the sheep, but for the shepherds. The gate is not only for coming in but also for going out, and the sheep which go out through Jesus find the pasture of life, that is, the fullness of life.

Today fake 'shepherds' entice the sheep with promises of temporary happiness, pleasure, and self-fulfilment often through the internet and social media networking. Only Jesus, the true shepherd, leads us to the path that opens to the gate of eternal life.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP