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# at a glance

#### **Today's Readings**

Acts 2:14,36-41 1Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10 In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through his wounds we are healed Jesus uses the images of shepherd sheepfold to show his love for us



#### Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 6/7 May 2017

#### In a Nutshell

We are not sheep, but we can make a choice to follow Jesus and be part of his flock. Jesus promises us his life and love, to be shared with others. We are not asked to be mindless imitators of another person or to be swayed by specious arguments. Jesus is the gate through which we enter into the fullness of life he came to bring us.



In today's Gospel Jesus gives us warning about people who have no care for others except to take advantage of them and to exploit them for their own selfish purposes. He says anyone who gets into the sheepfold and does not use the gate is up to no good. The gate is the open entrance into the fold where sheep safely graze. The gate is the pathway of honest approach. If you approach people in a sly or sideways manner you are up to mischief and people will have every reason to mistrust you.

A true shepherd uses the gate. The sheep see the shepherd and know they are safe. The shepherd's voice is familiar and to be trusted and the sheep feel secure. Every good parent or guardian knows this. Children look to those who care for them. Vulnerable people look to their carers to feel secure and safe from harm. They stay close beside them to guide and to encourage.

The story Jesus tells is especially suited for people in positions of pastoral care. Sometimes we find pastors who are simply career people, out for themselves and with no real concern for the sheep in their charge. But what applies to priests and pastors in the Church equally applies to any of us who have roles of responsibility towards other in life. Jesus sometimes had occasion to remark on religious leaders, whose only interest was in taking the best seats in the synagogue and in being greeted obsequiously in the marketplace, people who liked to wear the gear and secretly robbed windows. In such cases Jesus could be as straightforward as any man.

The Living Word 2017

## Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Response to the psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. **Or:** Alleluia. **Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Readers

Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator)

May: Janet Neenan, Sr Jan O'Neill

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

May: Carol Miller

Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Sunday 9.30 am

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Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Maria Wilson, Denise Haylen

May:

**Church Cleaners** 

May 7th: Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas May 14th Pilar & Esteban Ovelar May 21st: Jim & Rhonda Uglow May 28th: John & Margaret Betros

**Money Counters- Parish Office** 

(more help required)

May 7th: Group 4 May 14th: Group 1 May 21st: Group 2 May 28th: Group 3 **Ministers of the Eucharist** 

Saturday Vigil Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)

May: Leo Carroll, June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel

Sunday 7.00 am

May: Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost

Sunday 9.30 am Paula Hudson (Coordinator)

> May: Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl

Graham, Erin Docherty Volunteers needed each week

Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

> May: Paula O'Connor,

Therese Compton, Denise Haylen

Gardeners Susan & Kevin Bradley

If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts—Sat 6th May: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass.

Bernice Ralston

Offertory Gifts—Sun 7th May: 7.00 am Mass

Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

Margaret Morgan, Lia Fracchia, Fr Jim McMahon, Dennis McMahon, Nancy Frost, **Recently Deceased:** 

John Cornish, Shirley Campbell,

Members of the Fitzpatrick Family, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson Kit & Bill Sanders Other Deceased:

Bonnie Nichol, John Harding, Jack & Shirley Michael, Roy & Ella MacDonald, Tom, Nell &

Ken Lynch

**Anniversaries:** Jack & Alma Saidey, Daphne & Jack Bourke, Moya O'Sullivan, Jack Zucco,

Marc Crothers, Noel Hudson, Joan O'Keefe, Norman Lyons

Sick: Mary Kerrin, Fr John Rate msc Fr Mark McGuinness msc, Jack Azar, Bill Jack,

Sr Kathleen Conlan, Fr Frank Perry msc Sandra Sadlier, Kath McDonald, Nola Ryan,

### **Baptism**



We congratulate the following children received into our Parish Community this Sunday

Angus Furlong son of Benn & Katherine Amelie Moustacas daughter of Anthony & Claire Billy Blundell son of Barry & Elyse

#### Sacrament of First Communion

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 17th and 18th June.

The Commitment is taking place at the Vigil Mass at 5pm Saturday 6th May.

Rehearsals for First Communion will take place on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of June.

#### St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm **Morning Tea** Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)

**Weekday Masses** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am

**Communion Service** Wednesday 9.30 am **Reconciliation** 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month **Sacrament of Anointing** 

By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month **Baptisms** Marriages By appointment arranged at least six months in advance **Parish Office** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)

#### At St Brigid's This Week

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the celebration of my birthday. I'm not used people making such a fuss over me—but it's really nice occasionally! I'm very grateful too for the stamps that have come in. A great present and really appreciated. God bless all benefactors. Fr Peter Wood

#### **EASTFEST YOUTH NIGHT**

Friday 12 May
Holy Family Parish 214 Maroubra Road Maroubra
6.30pm Pizza Cappuccinos with the Capuchins
7pm Praise + Worship with the Come Alive Youth Band
Guest Speaker—Steve Angrisano



We have been asked to inform you of the Vinnies Northern Rivers Flood Appeal. Envelopes are available and any donations will be greatly appreciated. Your generosity to Our Parish appeals has always been great and you thank you for your past efforts. Our Winter appeal will be closer to June.

Thank You Gerard Walker

#### **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal**

This week it is the CWF appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs through it's 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and we encourage you to give it your generous support. Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much which can be done with your donations, so please give generously.

#### **Christianity across the Ages**

A Journey of Faith Through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj—music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries.

Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132 When: 9am-12 midday Friday June 2 Entry by voluntary donation.

**St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass** St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on Sunday 21 May 2017 at 10.00am, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au: Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary.

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