



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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4th Sunday of Easter

Year A

April 29th/30th, 2023

... the gate of the sheepfold

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he is almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It is the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world, there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-2

READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

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 your 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

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.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

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 were 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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: '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.'

Parish Diary

Friday, May 5th

Funeral Mass – Bryan Fitzpatrick

11:00am St Joachim's

Saturday, May 6th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, May 7th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

This week we welcome

6:00pm Sat Fr John Gillen

7:30am Bishop Brian Finnigan

9:00am Fr Frank O'Dea

6:00pm Sun Fr Regi Gervasis

Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese

**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities
for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need – sensibly and over time – to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."

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PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Bryan Fitzpatrick. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. You may register your attendance by ringing the parish office.

FUNERAL MASS – BRYAN FITZPATRICK

The funeral Mass for Bryan Fitzpatrick will be held on Friday, May 5th commencing 11:00am at St Joachim's Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We invite all primary school children to attend CLOW next Sunday, May 7th at the 9:00am Mass at St Agnes' Church.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality next weekend after the 9:00am mass.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our next Youth and Family Mass is being held on Sunday, May 14th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, followed by dinner and refreshments.



ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to become an
Altar Server
at St Joachim's or St Agnes?

Have you received the sacrament of First Communion
and are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

**Join us for a training session at St Agnes' church
on Friday 5 May from 5.00pm.**

To RSVP or for more information please contact

Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

or call the parish office on 07 3349 2280



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COMMUNITY NEWS

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

On Friday, April 28th from 9:00am to 10:30am, this event will provide a comprehensive insight into the life of the college. Please register online at www.cvxmck.edu.au via the Enrolments tab or by calling 3347 9275.

QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER - PASTORAL SKILLS TRAINING COURSE

Learning the Language of Healing – Skills for Pastoral Care
Our culture does not teach us to listen. This 36 hour course is aimed at developing skills to be more effective in our relationship with those who we minister to. This course is being held over 2 weekends, Fri – Sun at St Mathews Anglican Church, Holland Park. If you would like to know more there is an introductory Zoom meeting on May 2nd commencing 7:00pm. To register go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYldumtqjkvEt3T-EzNOLCFY9V8a2I5EMUa#/registration>

For dates and cost there is a brochure on the noticeboards. For further information you can contact Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher: 0417 017 704 or email marian.z@bigpond.com or Rev David Baker, 0418 880 601 or email gensec@qct.org.au

THE 'SPIRIT OF HOPE' PRAYER MEETING

St Stephen's Chapel, next to the Cathedral, on Wednesday 3rd May from 10.45am – 12.15pm (commences after 10am Mass)
A Morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship.

Contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL WINTER 2023

Saturday, June 10th at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End.
A good ol' fashion dance for young adults, 18-39 with profits supporting Emmanuel City Mission. Full details on the noticeboards.

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ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

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HEALING MASS - BARDON

Monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon, Friday, 5th May, 2023 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered during Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For information, contact Len Airey, 0421 977 849 or email lenpatairey@gmail.com

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12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Meeting ID: 885 9061 9139
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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY



We are committed to the
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... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.