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Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
 Monday to Friday
 8am Saturday
 & Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
 5.30pm - 6.00pm
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Spread the Word

Vol. 35 No. 17**4th Sunday of Easter****3 May 2020****Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Accompanied by the other apostles, Peter addresses a large crowd of Jewish people. He declares that God has made Jesus Lord and Christ. Lord (kýrios), a term of respect, was also the Greek word used as a substitution for YHWH, the personal name of God. Christ (christós) is the Greek translation for messiah, anointed one. The people who hear Peter are cut to the heart with remorse. They realise that they put to death the Holy One, God's anointed. Peter calls them to repentance (metánoia), a total change of heart, an interior disposition that will call for a new way of life. The Spirit is the promise of this change, and baptism is the rite that marks it.



The psalm opens with a metaphor that sets the tone of the entire song. It is the responsibility of the shepherd to find pastures that will provide enough grazing and abundant water for the entire flock, to lead them there without allowing any of the sheep to stray and be lost, to guard them from predators or dangers of any kind, and to attend to their every need. Such a characterisation of the Lord implies trust that God will discharge all of these responsibilities. The psalmist is confident of the Lord's protection. This image also suggests a host who prepares a lavish banquet. The psalmist has been under the loving guidance of the Lord and will remain there forever.

The author of 1 Peter discusses the implications of following Christ. First he exhorts the disciples to imitate Jesus' manner of suffering. He knows that it might take a special grace from God to be patient when one suffers for having done good, but he believes that the Christian calling requires just such a disposition. The innocent suffering of Christ is then described in terms that recall a passage from one of the Suffering Servant Songs of the prophet Isaiah. Finally, the image of the shepherd is used to indicate that Jesus is the shepherd and his Christian disciples are the flock. Although at times they wander away from him, they will be safe and will prosper only if they follow his lead.

In the gospel, Jesus uses several features from sheep herding to characterise the relationship between himself and his followers. First he identifies himself as the shepherd and contrasts the way he guides, guards and nurtures the sheep with the way others might regard the sheep only as potential objects of immediate ill-gotten profit. For their part, the sheep will recognise the sound of their shepherd's voice and will follow him. Jesus then uses the technical phrase 'I am' in his characterisation of himself as the gate. Those who go through this gate will be safe within the pen. As both shepherd and gate of the sheepfold, Jesus is concerned with the welfare of the sheep.

Mass from Our Lady of Graces Parish via Live Stream

Mass is live streamed from Our Lady of Graces Parish every day at 7am. To view, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and find the Facebook news feed on the home page. You do not need Facebook to view the Mass.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Patricia Varney, Mark Blake and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Una Kenny, Rita Marshall, Frances Long, Leone Taylor, Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby and the recently deceased Nigel Westhorp, Joseph Kingsley Perera, Ruth Harvey.

Church Roof Update – Week 2

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week has involved the removal of asbestos from the roof area at the four corners of the church, as well as the front entry and the exterior wall beside the sliding glass doors opposite the sacristy.

Following the asbestos removal, the builders are working on their part to repair and recondition these parts of the building. White ant damage has also been discovered in these areas of the church building.

You can see from the below picture, the pillars at the entrance to the church have been stripped back to the concrete. The plan is these pillars will be rendered once repair work has been completed.



The entrance to the church on Thursday 30 April

St Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of Graces

St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces is experiencing an increase in requests for assistance from a number of international students who are currently studying at various tertiary institutions across Brisbane and living within our Community (private rental).

As you may be aware these students do not receive any government Centrelink support. The students have lost their part-time jobs due to COVID restrictions. These students are going to require ongoing financial assistance primarily for purchasing food.

If you can assist, please donate to St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces via electronic banking –

- BSB: 064 162
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The reference of 2303 is important, as this ensures funds are allocated to the St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces, Carina Conference. All funds donated are tax deductible and receipts can be provided. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Barbara Dougherty, SVdP Carina Conference

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this time we pray for vocations, including to the priesthood and religious life, and in particular to our Dominican Family.

If you know a young man who may be called to the vocation of a Dominican Friar, he can go to www.facebook.com/DominicanFriarsAustralasia or email vocations@op.org.au for further information.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Monday, 4 May, for the Labour Day Public Holiday. Mass via live stream will be at 7am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Dominican Fathers are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. The Sacrament is being held under the big tree outside the church or in the parish library. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977.

Stay Connected

Our parish website has a page called 'Stay Connection' www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html

Each week, this page is updated with resources to help all parishioners nurture their faith. This includes the Sunday Readings, Family Prayer Resources and Activity Sheets. You can also access Spread the Word, The Catholic Leader and other resources from the Archdiocese. Please check it out.

COVID-19 Outreach Initiative to Parishioners

We continue to contact more parishioners through this outreach initiative. If you know of someone who would like a phone call, let Shelly or Chris know at the parish office and we will add the person to the list.



Small Blessings

The Archdiocese of Brisbane have developed a campaign called 'Small Blessings'. Parishioners are welcome to go to the website to share their small blessings. *Small Blessings make a big difference.* Visit www.smallblessings.com.au

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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Mary: the Month of May



The Memorare of Our Lady of Graces

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your aid, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother.

To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me.

Amen.

Our Lady of Graces pray for us.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

SUNDAY READINGS

First 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 - Psalm 23 (22):1-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

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 an ever. (R.)

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 - John 10:14

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.'

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